

CHURCH GROUPS ANNUAL REPORTS

Worship Committee

Although the Gloucester Uniting Church is without a Minister in Placement, this has not impacted on the quality and enthusiasm of our Sunday Worship services. We are very fortunate to have excellent Worship leaders and preachers who faithfully serve the congregation and their God, by bringing us God's word.

The Rev Judy Caldwell has continued to take regular services which we appreciate greatly and in addition we have been very much blessed by the preaching of the Revs John Hoskin and Lindsay Sheppard. A number of visiting preachers, and of course many of our lay people have also ably led us in Worship. We appreciate their commitment in this and thank them all for their thought-provoking and inspiring messages throughout this past year. A second Lay President, Hilary Kite has been approved and now joins Claire Reynolds in leading the congregation in Communion.

Sue Thomas faithfully leads the annual Frontier Services Service and also organised the BBQ in the park to support this work. Anne Farley led us in an enjoyable Music and Hymn Service and a new innovation this year has been the sharing in two services by the Christian Motorcycle Association. Thanks to Sam and Megan de Witte for organising this.

What would a service of Worship be without praising our God in song, and we are able to join in the wonderful hymns and songs week by week thanks to the musical leading by our fine musicians. We thank Helen Parsons and Fay de Witte on the

organ, Ann Farley on the piano and Tom on his trombone.

There are also those who faithfully carry out essential jobs that enhance our Worship experience. Claire who makes sure the Worship space is ready; the stewards and greeters, the Bible readers, Communion stewards, projectionists and those who lead in prayer. Kerry Chisholm and Peter Hazell for putting out the Messenger.

Those who organise the various rosters, and to Ray Creek for the announcements and making sure the Bible readers are ready. And we cannot forget the tea makers, servers and washer uppers, and those who count the money. All jobs that need to be done - thank you all.

As we come to the end of this year, we look forward as a congregation to the challenges ahead. We are confident that God will continue with us, to lead and guide, so that as we fellowship together we will ever be faithful to His word and renewed and revitalized to do His work.

List of preachers 2017: Rev Judy Caldwell, Rev John Hoskin, Rev Lindsay Sheppard, Rev Paul Swadlin Revs Nerida and Malcolm Drake, Pastor Uriah and Karishma St Just, Collett/ Tebbet team, John and Anne Williamson, Ty Soupidis, Laurie Selby, Ann Farley, Newman Patmore, Collister and Claire Reynolds, Colin Charles, Sue Thomas, Hilary and Jeff Kite, Christian Motorcycle Association (Sam and Megan de Witte)

MEMBERS of the Worship Committee: Hilary Kite, Helen Parsons, Marg Collett, Collister Reynolds, Megan de Witte. — **Hilary Kite.**



The Messenger

Then I heard the Lord say, "Whom shall I send? Who will be my messenger?" I answered, "I will go, send me!"

18th March, 2018

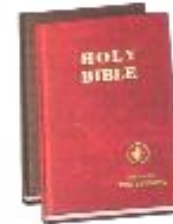


A warm welcome is extended to everyone worshipping at our Church today.

If this is your first experience of worship at the Uniting Church in Gloucester we ask that you allow us time to greet you over a cup of tea or coffee after worship.

Women of the Bible

Ladies Bible Study is planned to commence on Friday, May 18 in the church at 11am (10.45 for a cup of tea first).



All welcome

No obligation to speak

Come and enjoy fellowship as we learn together

For more information contact Judy Caldwell 0400 403 179

Gloucester View Club's International Women's Day

Jodi McKay, daughter of Colleen, is the guest speaker.

Organisers are inviting ladies to join them to hear Jodi, morning tea 10am, cost \$12, in the hall

Thursday, 22nd March

Names to Joan Harwood would be appreciated Phone 6558 1183

GLoucester Uniting Church

**Ministers: Every member of the congregation
Phone Secretary Kerry Chisholm 6558 4206**

Gloucester Uniting Church Mission Statement

Bringing the gospel and love of Jesus to our community through word and action

TODAY'S BIBLE READINGS



Jeremiah 31:31-34 — David Collett

Psalms 51:1-12 or Psalm 119:9-16

Hebrews 5:5-10 — Ray Creek

John 12:20-33 — Jenny Shaw

Duty Elder, Bob Tebbet

TODAY: Sunday, 18th March: 9.30am service led by Hilary and Jeff Kite.

Tuesday, 20th March: Bible study 7.30pm at the Williamsons.

Wednesday, 21st March: Mission Sewing. 10am in the hall, BYO lunch.

Friday, 23rd March: Wards River coffee morning, 10am in the hall, every second Friday. Enquiries to Norma Wilson.

Sunday, 25th March: 9.30am service led by John Williamson.

A copy of the church council minutes will be pinned to the notice board each month.

They are also available for emailing. Just see secretary Kerry Chisholm.

Offering update:

Total of last week's offering
\$865.50

ROSTERS

TODAY: Jenny Shaw and Ray Creek to count the offering.

Next week 25th March:

Stewards: Elyne Graham and Norma Wilson.

Bible Readings: Johanna Heyink, Megan de Witte, and Claire Reynolds.

Power Point: John Williamson. **Duty Elder:** John W.

Intercessory Prayer: Sue Thomas.

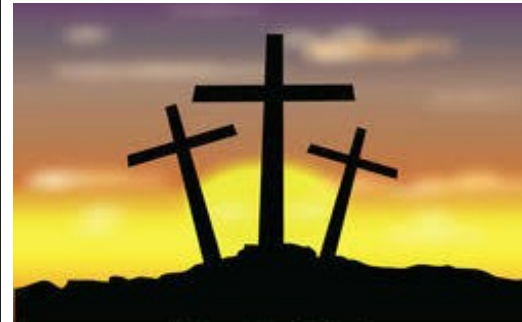
Pastoral Partners

Meeting 2pm

Monday, 19th March

At the church

Easter Services



Good Friday, March 30: 9.30am service led by Rev John Hoskin.

Easter Sunday, April 1: 9.30am service led by New Lambton Uniting Church.

Do you want to fast this lent?

In the words of Pope Francis

- Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
- Fast from bitterness and fill your heart with joy.
- Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.
- Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
- Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.

CHURCH ELDERS



- **Chairperson:** John Williamson
- **Secretary:** Kerry Chisholm
- **Treasurer:** Jenny Shaw
- **Elders:** Sue Thomas
Colin Charles
Collister Reynolds
Bob Tebbet
Jeff Kite
Jillian Carson
Megan de Witte
David Collett

CONGREGATION

- Congregational Chairperson: Sam de Witte
- Congregational Secretary: Shirley Hazell
- Hall Bookings: Helen Parsons

Adult Fellowship Officers:

President: Heather Beesley
Secretary: Sandy Tebbet
Treasurer: Anne Williamson



Y.O.Y. Office Bearers:

President: Elaine Murray
Secretary: Christine Bolton
Treasurer: Colleen McKay.