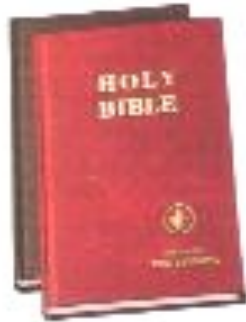


CHURCH GROUPS ANNUAL REPORTS



Friday night bible study

The Friday night bible study group meets each week, with 15 members

of the congregation taking part. We usually meet at Jenny Shaw's home, although other members take a turn when Jenny's home is unavailable.

Members volunteer to lead the study each week, which requires research and background reading to help the other members to understand the eve-

ning's study more fully. We have studied several books this year and have also watched some videos. We have recently seen a documentary about a group of refugees who were housed in a temporary detention centre in rural Tasmania, and the bond they formed with the elderly women of the local knitting group.

We also enjoyed watching Amazing Grace, the story of William Wilberforce and his fight to end the slave trade. We are now about to commence a five-week Advent study called Unwrapping Joy.

We enjoy our weekly time of meeting with Christian friends to have fellowship and discussion as we endeavour to learn from each other.

Kerry Chisholm

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 UNITING CHURCH

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



The Messenger

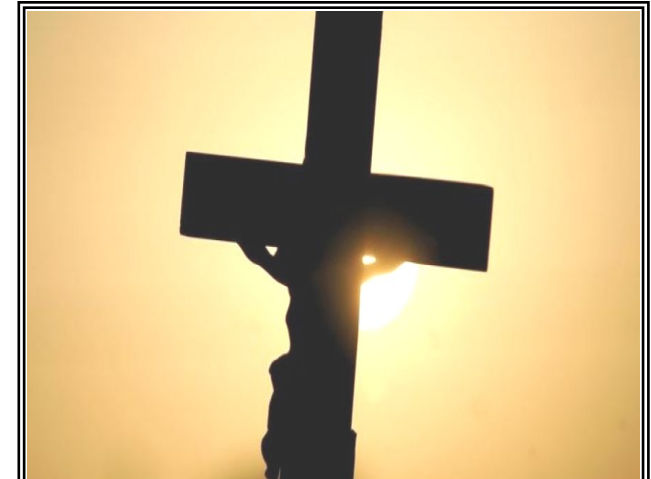
Then I heard the Lord say, "Whom shall I send? Who will be my messenger?" I answered, "I will go, send me!"

25th 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.



Come to our Easter Services

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

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

Gloucester Uniting Church Mission Statement

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

TODAY'S BIBLE READINGS



Zechariah 9:9-10 — Johanna Heyink

Psalms 118:1-2, 19-29

Philippians 2:5-11 — Megan de Witte

Mark 11:1-11 — Claire Reynolds

Duty Elder, John Williamson

TODAY, Sunday, 25th March: 9.30am service led by John Williamson. + Nursing Home Service led by David Collett.

Tuesday, 27th March: Bible study 7.30pm at the Williamsons.

Easter Services:

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

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

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
\$772.50

ROSTERS

TODAY: Elyne Graham and Colleen McKay Creek to count the offering.

Next week Sunday 1st April:

Stewards: Marg and Alan Cornish.

Bible Readings: Heather & Brian Beesley & Helen Parsons.

Power Point: Colin Charles. **Duty Elder:** Kerry Chisholm.

Intercessory Prayer: Hilary Kite.

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 & be silent so you can listen.

Lent Event Prayer

Our God:

Where does this journey lead, this journey beside you to Jerusalem?

Do we dare travel with you through death -
The death of self, and ideas that hold us back -
To the new life of wider horizons, forgiveness,
transformed spirits?

Today we pray for our brothers and sisters right across the Pacific.

We thank you for bold spirited teachers, preachers and leaders of all kinds,
For people who look death in the eye and share love.

May we be inspired by their commitment to share what we have

So that children are not hungry,

Women are not kept silent

Homes are not destroyed by disasters that can be avoided.

Show us that true worship is to be distracted from the busyness of our lives –

To stop to bind up wounds

To give generously of our own time and money and to those who aren't of our tribe.

Take us with you on the journey to new life, whatever the cost. Amen.

Adult Fellowship Officers:

President: Heather Beesley

Secretary: Sandy Tebbet

Treasurer: Anne Williamson



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

Y.O.Y. Office Bearers:

President: Elaine Murray

Secretary: Christine Bolton

Treasurer: Colleen McKay.