

Gloucester Uniting Church

## Women's Bible Study

Meeting Friday mornings in the Hall  
at 10.45am for coffee/tea

July 27: The Woman who Gave Two Coins

August 3: The Syro-Phoenician woman

August 10: Lydia

August 17: Priscilla

August 24: The Four Daughters of Philip

August 31: Final session: Conclusion



## Prayer chain and cards

The church's prayer chain and sympathy/get well card distribution system has been split into two entities.

Fay de Witte will continue to manage the prayer chain and she can be contacted on 0428 582 720 while Claire Reynolds will take on the distribution of cards.

Claire can be contacted on her mobile 0428 852 966 which she checks every day, or contact her on email [coll.claire@bigpond.com](mailto:coll.claire@bigpond.com)

The Forster Tuncurry Congregation is hosting a seminar on Saturday 4th August. Following the success of their initial "Discussion on Dementia" seminar last year, the Rev Frank Van Der Korput, has been invited to return to lead this year's seminar entitled "Caring". The focus will be on caring for those living with Dementia, and the Carers. Frank is a UC Chaplain working in a Uniting Aged Care facility, and has expert knowledge and current experience in this field. The seminar will commence at 9.30am in the Forster Tuncurry UC. This church is located on the corner of Lake and McIntosh Streets Forster. Cost is \$10 to cover the cost of printed notes and morning tea. The first session will be one hour, followed by half an hour for morning tea. The second session will be one hour, with the seminar being finished by noon. If you are interested in attending please let either Pastor Geoff Battle (6555 8573), or Jenny Pulling (0425 365889), or myself know, to assist with printing and catering numbers. — Kerry Chisholm, Secretary.

## 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!"*

Sunday, 29th July, 2018



## Mid North Coast Presbytery Retreat

*with Moderator Rev Simon  
Hansford*

**6<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> September, 2018**

Stuarts Point (SDA) Convention Centre

*Set in an area of natural beauty and adjacent to the beach*

***All are welcome***

This Retreat is an opportunity available to all. It is not just an event for leaders but a chance for everyone to spend some time out and an opportunity to share stories and wisdom. It is a great opportunity to hear from our Moderator and listen to his visions and hopes for the future.

**Registrations close 22<sup>nd</sup> August**

**There are Registration Forms on the table on the foyer**

***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.***

## Gloucester Uniting Church Mission Statement

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

## TODAY'S BIBLE READINGS



**2 Samuel 11:1-15 — Elaine Murray**

**Psalm 14**

**Ephesians 3:14-21 — Bill Murray**

**John 6:1-21 — Helen Parsons**

*Duty Elder, Jeff Kite*

**TODAY, Sunday, 29th July:** 9.30am service led by Coll and Claire Reynolds, with communion.

**Today, Sunday, 29th July:** Nursing Home service for Uniting Church, led by Marg Collett.

**Tuesday, 31st July:** Bible study at Jenny Shaw's, 7.30pm.

**Friday, 3rd August** and every Friday until end of August: Women's Bible Study, 10.45am, led by Rev Judy Caldwell.

**Friday, 3rd August:** Wards River coffee morning, 10am in the hall, every second Friday.

**Sunday, 5th August:** 9.30am service led by Rev Lindsay Sheppard

### Offering update:

Total of last week's offering  
**\$781.40**

## ROSTERS

**TODAY:** Elynne Graham and Norma Wilson to count the offering.

**Next week Sunday 5th August:**

**Stewards:** Marg and Alan Cornish.

**Bible Readings:** Sam de Witte, Shirley Hazell, Hilary Kite.

**Power Point:** Peter Hazell. **Duty Elder:** Jill Carson.

**Intercessory Prayer:** Sue Thomas.

## Marriage decision up to each minister

The 15th Assembly of the Uniting Church in Australia has agreed to hold two equal and distinct views on marriage to reflect the diversity of Christian belief among its members.

Meeting for the first time since last year's change to Australian marriage laws, members of the Church's national decision-making body, the Assembly, resolved to allow its ministers the freedom to conduct or to refuse to conduct same-gender marriages.

"This decision follows many years of reflection, prayer and discernment, and I want to thank Assembly members for the way they have responded with grace to what is a difficult conversation for many people of faith," said Uniting Church President Dr Deidre Palmer.

Dr Palmer acknowledged the ministry and struggle of LGBTIQ people in the Uniting Church over many years. "I know that this conversation is painful and difficult for you," said Dr Palmer, directly addressing LGBTIQ Church members.

"We also acknowledge those who for whatever reason have not been able to support this change – and your pain and difficulty in this space."

"Please rest assured that your rights to follow your beliefs on marriage will be respected

**Church Secretary Kerry Chisholm has a copy of the 2018 National Prayer Weekend Guide-book for The Leprosy Mission Australia. The weekend chosen is 25-26th August**

### Adult Fellowship Officers:

President: Heather Beesley  
Secretary: Not elected  
Treasurer: Margaret Cornish



### Y.O.Y. Office Bearers:

President: Elaine Murray  
Secretary: Elaine Maslen.  
Treasurer: Colleen McKay.

## 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