

Gloucester Uniting Church

## Women's Bible Study

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

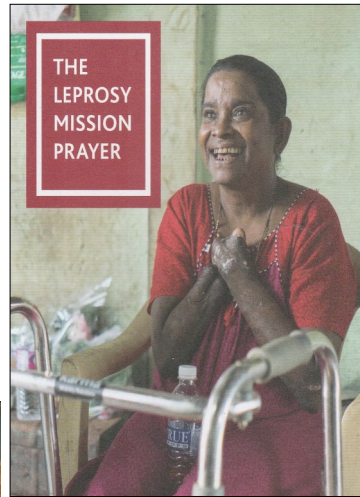
August 3: The Syro-Phoenician woman

August 10: Lydia

August 17: Priscilla

August 24: The Four Daughters of Philip

August 31: Final session: Conclusion



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

## 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*

### 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, 5th August, 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.*

## Cafe on Cowper

COME AND JOIN US FOR LUNCH

Next lunch at the Uniting Church Hall is set down for

**Wednesday, 8th August**

12 midday to 1.30pm

For further information call

Jeff and Hilary 6558 7436

David and Marg 6558 4414

Hosted by Gloucester Uniting Church

*There is no charge*

## 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 11:26-12:13a — Sam de Witte

Psalm 51:1-12

Ephesians 4:1-16 — Shirley Hazell

John 6:24-35 — Hilary Kite

*Duty Elder, Jill Carson*

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

**Tuesday, 7th August:** Adult Fellowship.

**Tuesday, 7th August:** Bible study at Jenny Shaw's, 7.30pm.

**Wednesday, 8th August:** Cafe on Cowper, 12 midday, in the hall.

**Friday, 10th August** and every Friday until end of August: Women's Bible Study, 10.45am, led by Rev Judy Caldwell.

**Sunday, 12th August:** 9.30am service led by Rev Judy Caldwell.

### Offering update:

Total of last week's offering  
**\$709.25**

## ROSTERS

**TODAY:** Ray Creek and David Collett to count the offering.

**Next week Sunday 12th August:**

**Stewards:** Christine Bolton and Joan Harwood.

**Bible Readings:** Keith Caldwell, Marg Collett, Ann Farley.

**Power Point:** Megan de Witte. **Duty Elder:** Bob Tebbet.

**Intercessory Prayer:** Sam de Witte.

## 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 and protected."

### 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