

Gloucester Uniting Church

## Women's Bible Study

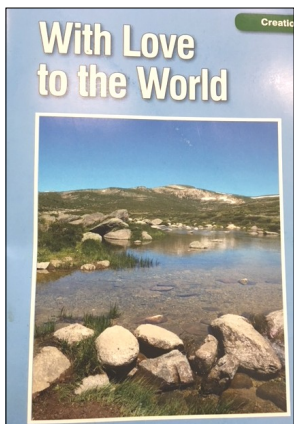
Meeting Friday mornings in the Hall

August 24: The Four Daughters of Philip

August 31: Final session: Conclusion

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**Church Secretary Kerry Chisholm has  
a copy of the 2018 National Prayer  
Weekend Guidebook for The Leprosy  
Mission Australia.**

## Garden Working Bee

There will be a working bee  
held on Saturday, 1<sup>st</sup> Sep-  
tember from 9am to 12 noon  
to tidy up our church gar-  
dens. Please come along and  
lend a hand.



*Bob Tebbet was one of the  
many stars of YOY's Rock n  
Roll night in the hall.*



## 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, 26th August, 2018



## Congregation to consider same-sex marriage decision

A letter to each member of Gloucester Uniting  
Church, signed by the Church Council Chairman  
John Williamson, stated that the Elders had dis-  
cussed what would be the most appropriate process  
for the Congregation to discuss the Assembly's de-  
cision on same sex marriage.

After careful consideration and in consultation with  
the Congregational Chairman, Sam de Witte, it was  
decided that the whole congregation should have an  
opportunity to discuss the matter.

Consequently, the Elders have invited two people to  
help facilitate the discussion: Mr Geoff Battle and  
Rev Dr Rhonda White.

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***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**

**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



**1 Kings 8: (1,6,10-11) 22-30, 41-43— Bruce Chisholm**

**Psalm 84**

**Ephesians 6:10-20— Colin Charles**

**John 6:56-69 — Penny Charles**

*Duty Elder, Kerry Chisholm*

**TODAY: Sunday, 26th August:** 9.30am service led by Rev John Thornton.

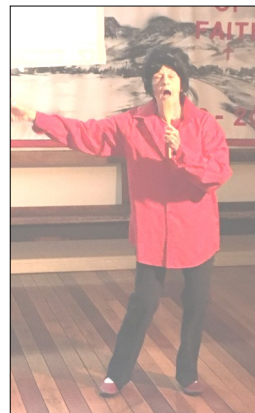
**Tuesday, 28th August:** Bible study at Jenny Shaw's home, 7.30pm.

**Friday, 31st August:** Wards River coffee morning, 10am in the hall, every second Friday.

**Friday, 31st August:** Women's Bible Study, 10.45am.

**Sunday, 2nd September:** 9.30am service led by Hilary and Jeff Kite, plus communion.

**Tuesday, 4th September:** Adult Fellowship.



*Elvis, aka Claire Reynolds, was a star of YOY's Rock n Roll night.*

## ROSTERS

**TODAY:** Elynne Graham & Colleen McKay to count offering.

**Next week Sunday 2nd September:**

**Stewards:** Marg and Alan Cornish.

**Bible Readings:** Elaine Maslen, Bob and Sandy Tebbet.

**Power Point:** Hilary Kite. **Duty Elder:** Collister Reynolds.

**Intercessory Prayer:** Jeff Kite.

## Local meeting to discuss same-sex marriage decision

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- Mr Geoff Battle is the pastor at Forster-Tuncurry Uniting Church and has preached on numerous occasions within our church. Geoff was also one of the Presbytery representatives who attended the Assembly meeting in Melbourne and will be able to explain what occurred at the meeting.
- Rev Dr Rhonda White has been a visiting preacher in the congregation on several occasions. Rhonda is currently a Lecturer in Practical Theology at the United Theological College and conducted the pastoral care workshop at the church early this year.

Currently we are seeking to find an appropriate date when both Geoff and Rhonda are available to come to Gloucester to facilitate the discussion.

It would not be the intention to make any formal decision at this first meeting, but to provide an opportunity to understand the consequences and impact of the Assembly's decision, to ask questions and then consider the information that had been discussed.

A formal decision would then occur after everyone has had time to reflect on the discussion and pray about the matter. It is important that we take time to reach the correct decision.

If anyone has any questions or concerns do not hesitate to contact any of the Elders.

### 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