

Garden working bee this Saturday

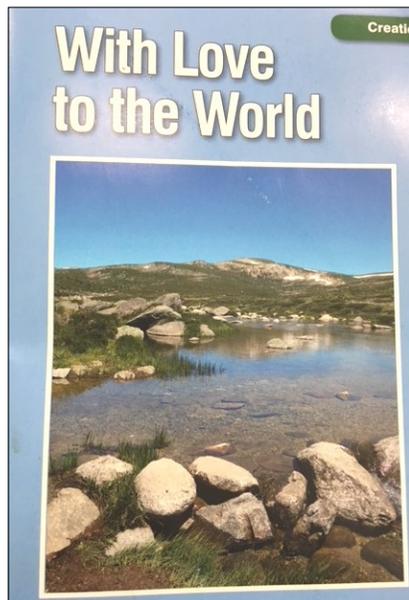
For those on the Messenger email list, this is a final reminder to please come along to the garden working bee at the church this Saturday, 1st September.

So put a spring in your step, and lend a hand to replenish, replace and renew part of the church garden after a particularly hard winter, with lack of rainfall and plenty of frosts in the low morning temperatures.

The working bee is from 9am to midday, so see you there with your gardening implements and accessories.



Some of the many stars of YOY's Rock n Roll night.



GLOUCESTER UNITING CHURCH

Ministers: Every member of the congregation

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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, 2nd September, 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 discussed what would be the most appropriate process for the Congregation to discuss the Assembly's decision 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 Mission Statement

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

TODAY'S BIBLE READINGS



Song of Solomon 2:8-13— Elaine Maslen.

Psalms 45:1-2, 6-9

James 1:17-27— Bob Tebbet

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23 — Sandy Tebbet

Duty Elder, Collister Reynolds.

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

Tuesday, 4th September: Adult Fellowship.

Tuesday, 4th September: Bible study at Jenny Shaw's home, 7.30pm

Sunday, 9th September: 9.30am service led by Rev John Hoskin.

Sunday, 9th September: Nursing Home service led by Colin Charles.

Monday, 10th September: Church Council, 7pm



Brian and Heather Beesley were among the stars of YOY's Rock n Roll night.

ROSTERS

TODAY: Ray Creek and David Collett to count offerings.

Next week Sunday 9th September:

Stewards: Christine Bolton and Joan Harwood.

Bible Readings: Christine Bolton, Sue Thomas and Elynne Graham.

Power Point: Peter Hazell. **Duty Elder:** Jenny Shaw.

Intercessory Prayer: Sue Thomas.

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