



You are invited to enjoy
**Cards,
 Coffee and
 Cake**

At the Uniting Church Hall

Friday, November 16

From 10am to 12 midday — \$5 per head

All proceeds to Grand Aids — Helping African grandmothers raising their grandchildren who have been orphaned by AIDS

<http://www.stephenlewisfoundation.org>

RSVP to Marg Collett mardavcol@bigpond.com or Jenny Shaw 0412 065 786 by Tuesday, Nov. 13th

**Carols by
 Candlelight**

6.30pm

Sunday, 9th Dec.



Our Uniting Church representative on the Interchurch Council Rhonda Merchant says the church has been asked to provide two volunteers to help with the setup about 4pm and two volunteers for the barbecue and other duties about 6pm.

If you can assist please let her or Anne know

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, 11th November, 2018



**Same-sex marriage
 decision on 18th**

At the congregation information session on Sunday 4th November it was agreed to have a vote on the Assembly's decision on same-sex marriage at our Congregational meeting on 18th November.

All confirmed members and members-in-association are entitled to vote. If you are unsure or require clarification of your status please contact Sue Thomas.

Proposal 1.

Do you support the decision by the 15th Assembly to allow two different definitions of marriage, that is to hold two equal and distinct statements of belief on Marriage being that marriage is between a man and a woman and that marriage is between two people. Yes or No.

Proposal 2.

That the Gloucester Congregation recommends to the Gloucester Church Council to exclude the use of any property under their control for the conducting of marriage services and or celebration for same sex couples. Yes or No — Absentee voting details on inside page.

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



Ruth 3:1-5, 4:13-17 — David Collett

Psalm 127

Hebrews 9:24-28 — Ray Creek

Mark 12:38-44 — Jenny Shaw

Duty Elder, Kerry Chisholm

TODAY, Sunday, 11th November: 9.30am service led by Rev John Hoskin.

Monday, 12th November: Church Council meets at 7pm.

Wednesday, 14th November: Cafe on Cowper.

Friday, 16th November: Wards River coffee morning

Saturday, 17th November: YOY activity.

Sunday, 18th November: 9.30am church service led by Rev Judy Caldwell. This service will be followed by the important congregational meeting to finalise our church's response to the Assembly's same-sex marriage decision, plus the election of Elders and the Congregational AGM.

Offering update:

Total of last week's offering
\$778.00

ROSTERS

Today: Coll Reynolds and Alan Vale to count the offering.

Next week Sunday 18th November:

Stewards: Ann and Alan Vale.

Bible Readings: Elynne Graham, Sandy Tebbet and Bob Tebbet

Power Point: Peter Hazell.

Duty Elder: Coll Reynolds.

Intercessory Prayer: Sam de Witte.

Sunday, November 18th is the Annual General Meeting for the Election of Office Bearers for the 2018/19 year:

All positions will be available for election at this meeting so please consider if you wish to remain in your position for another year. The AGM will be followed by the Congregational meeting.

Congregational Meeting – following the AGM

As well as the vote on same-sex marriage, the election of six elders will take place at this meeting.

Jenny Shaw, Jeff Kite, Jillian Carson, Sue Thomas, Collister Reynolds and Bob Tebbet are coming to the end of their nominated terms as Elders. They are all eligible for re-election if they are willing to stand again.

The current elders who are **not up** for re-election are: Colin Charles, Kerry Chisholm, David Collett, Megan deWitte and John Williamson

Nomination forms are available at the church, so start thinking about who you would like to nominate to serve the church as an Elder. **NOMINATIONS CLOSE TODAY!!**

Shirley Hazell, Congregational Secretary

Annual reports to secretary

All church organisations should have their annual reports into the secretary Shirley Hazell by Wednesday, 14th Nov. in time for the annual meeting on Sunday 18th. Email them to hazell@tpg.com.au or hand them in personally.



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

Adult Fellowship Officers:

President: Heather Beesley
Secretary: Claire Reynolds
Treasurer: Margaret Cornish



Y.O.Y. Office Bearers:

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