

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

Absentee Voting procedure for same-sex marriage issue

If you are eligible to vote but not able to be at the Congregational Meeting then;

1. Record your vote for Proposal 1 & 2 on two separate slips of paper. Eg Proposal 1 – Yes Proposal 2 – No.
2. Place the slips into a sealed envelope.
3. Place the sealed envelope into an 2nd sealed envelope.
4. Write your name on the outside of the 2nd envelope.

Have your sealed envelope delivered/sent to the Congregational Secretary, Mrs Shirley Hazell.

All absentee votes must be received prior to the commencement of the Congregation Meeting on Sunday 18th November.

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, 18th November, 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.

Same-sex marriage decision Sunday

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 today 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 back page.

Gloucester Uniting Church Mission Statement

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

TODAY'S BIBLE READINGS



1 Samuel 1:4-20, 2:1-10 — Elyne Graham
 Psalm 127
 Hebrews 10:11-14 (15-18), 19-25 — Sandy Tebbet
 Mark 13:1-8 — Bob Tebbet

Duty Elder, Collister Reynolds.

TODAY, 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.

Wednesday, 21st November: Mission sewing in the hall.

Sunday, 25th November: 9.30am service led by Rev Nerida Drake.

Nativity Display
Come and reflect on God's gift to us



Tuncurry Uniting Church
 (Cnr Bent & South Sts, Tuncurry)
 9.30am to 4.00pm
 Saturday 1st December 2018

Gold coin entry to display
 Devonshire tea available (\$5.00)



Our target is to have 100 Nativity scenes on display - traditional, modern, handmade, small, large etc

For further information please phone Marie on 0431 735 251

ROSTERS

Today: Jenny Shaw and Ray Creek to count the offering.

Next week Sunday 25th November:

Stewards: Elyne Graham and Norma Wilson.

Bible Readings: Heather & Brian Beesley and Helen Parsons.

Power Point: Peter Hazell.

Duty Elder: Jenny Shaw.

Intercessory Prayer: Judy Caldwell.

Congregational meeting today

Today, Sunday, November 18th is the AGM for the Election of Office Bearers of the Congregation 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, at which the vote on same-sex marriage will take place. The election of elders will not now take place at this meeting (see explanation on this below.)

Shirley Hazell, Congregational Secretary

Election of elders delayed

The proposed election of elders this Sunday, 18th November, has had to be delayed, Church Chairman Mr John Williamson, has announced.

The delay is because under church regulations it is clear that the names of the nominees must be publicly announced two weeks in advance and Sunday, 18th November does not provide this notice.

The election will now be held on Sunday, 2nd December.

All other matters for the Congregational Meeting & AGM will go ahead as planned.



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.