

## 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*



### 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

### Everything in Common

UnitingWorld's Everything in Common ethical gift catalogue is now available on the table in the foyer.

This Christmas you could buy Christmas cards, chickens, magic beans or even goat's poo, all for \$15 or less.

There are many more worthwhile options available too, so have a look at the catalogue and take one home if you are interested.

## 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, 24th November, 2018



## Same-sex marriage decision re-affirmed

Gloucester Uniting Church members on Sunday, November 18 voted in their majority to support their Australian Church Assembly's decision on same-sex marriage.

The decision by the assembly was to allow two different definitions of marriage, *that is to hold two equal and distinct statements of beliefs being that marriage is between a man and a woman and that marriage is between two people.*

The decision on same-sex marriage came after the Annual General Meeting for the Election of Office Bearers for the 2018/19 year:

Sam de Witte remains as chairman of the congregation, Shirley Hazell is again secretary, presbytery representative is Coll Reynolds, alternative rep Claire Reynolds (subject to her approval), inter church council representatives are Rhonda Merchant and Anne Williamson, with alternative representative Christine Bolton; hall booking officer Helen Parsons.

*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



2 Samuel 23:1-7 — Heather Beesley.  
 Psalm 132:1-12, (13-18)  
 Revelation 1:4b-8 — Brian Beesley  
 John 18:33-37 — Helen Parsons

*Duty Elder, Jenny Shaw*

**TODAY, Sunday, 25th November:** 9.30am service led by Rev John Hoskin.

**Tuesday, 27th November:** Bible Study

**Sunday, 2nd December:** Communion with the service led by Claire and Collister Reynolds.

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

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**Sunday, 9th December:** Adult Fellowship service.

**Monday, 10th December:** Church Council meets.

### Offering update:

Total of last week's offering  
**\$796.70**

## ROSTERS

**Today:** Elynne Graham and Colleen McKay to count the offering.

**Next week Sunday 2nd December:**

**Stewards:** Marg and Allan Cornish.

**Bible Readings:** Colin and Penny Charles, and Hilary Kite.

**Power Point:** Colin Charles..

**Duty Elder:** Jeff Kite.

**Intercessory Prayer:** Penny Charles.



Save the date for our Church's  
**Fun and Fellowship  
 Christmas  
 Party**

**will be held after church at midday on  
 Sunday, 16th December**

In the Gloucester Park at the beautiful  
**Pioneer Memorial Gardens**

This will be a picnic lunch please bring along food to share, your own drinks, chair, plate & utensils and come dressed in something depicting Christmas to help put you in the party mood.

*Please advise of your attendance and what you can bring along on forms available in the foyer*

Further enquiries to Shirley on 6558 1899 or email [hazell@tpg.com.au](mailto:hazell@tpg.com.au)



### 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.