

## Church Council annual report to the congregation

The Church Council has continued to meet monthly during the year discussing various aspects of congregational life. Each Church Council begins with a short devotion led by one of the elders which we all find challenging and interesting.

The Elders have a diverse background and different views on many subjects, but it is very pleasing that we can work together always seeking God's will for the congregation and the community that we live in.

The Church Council has continued to partner with the Bucketts Way Neighbourhood Group and we were able to secure a \$15,000 grant from Uniting that will allow BWNG to purchase a mobile cool room for their Blue Print kitchen in Britten St. The Church Council is also looking at other areas where we would be able to support BWNG in their service to the local community and is investigating other funding sources.

The Elders have been discussing over several months various suggested concepts on how to provide better access to the toilets and the installation of disable toilets and hopefully a

proposed solution will be presented to the Congregation soon for comment.

A review has begun on the Church's electricity usage and costs to analyse whether there is a more productive and cheaper solution.

During the year we were fortunate to have Keith Robinson as a field placement from United Theological College attend Gloucester and the Church Council felt that this placement was beneficial not only to Keith but to our Church as well, consequently if the opportunity arose again the Church Council would support another field placement.

I would like to thank all the elders for their support, grace and compassion and in particular those elders retiring and not seeking renomination. As a congregation we are fortunate to have many individuals willing to participate in the corporate life to the Congregation and serving on the Church Council is only one of many opportunities.

God's grace & peace.

**JOHN WILLIAMSON**  
Chairman – Gloucester Church  
Council

### **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, 2nd December, 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.*



## **Carols by Candlelight**

6.30pm

**Sunday, 9th Dec.**

**Our 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 Rhonda  
or Anne know*

## **Gloucester Uniting Church Mission Statement**

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

## TODAY'S BIBLE READINGS



Jeremiah 33:14-16 — Colin Charles  
 Psalm 25:1-10  
 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13 — Penny Charles  
 Luke 21:25-36 — Hilary Kite  
*Duty Elder, Jeff Kite*

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

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

**Tuesday, 4th December:** Bible Study

**Sunday, 9th December:** 9.30am service led by Adult Fellowship; 6.30pm Carols by Candlelight.

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

**Wednesday, 12th December:** Cafe on Cowper.

**Sunday, 16th December:** Ty Soupidis; and Church Christmas Party from midday.

**Christmas Hamper donations of food or gift items are sought up until Christmas. There is a basket in the foyer for this purpose**

## ROSTERS

**Today:** Ray Creek and David Collett to count the offering.

**Next week Sunday 9th December:**

**Stewards:** Christine Bolton and Joan Harwood.

**Bible Readings:** Christine Bolton, Marg Collett and Sue Thomas.

**Power Point:** Peter Hazell.

**Duty Elder:** David Collett.

**Intercessory Prayer:** Sam de Witte



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 — prize for best dressed judged by Norma and Toby Wilson

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

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### 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.