

Adult Fellowship annual report

May I start by saying “well done ladies” and “Thankyou” for a wonderful year of catering, sewing, fun and fellowship.

Our “bring an item of interest” sessions have been enjoyed by all, we are still learning a little bit more about each other, some of our past histories, holidays and lessons in life with these interesting items.

We have enjoyed alternating between watching a video and having lunch in or going out to lunch after our meetings

We have achieved much with the sewing bees either for Banners, Mission without Borders or Days for girls – these days are not restricted to sewing, there are other crafts happening also, and for those who feel that they are not crafty.....there is food, coffee and chats to be had.

From our regular catering – Probus, View and Tri Challenge to our one off catering for the Breast Cancer Support group, birthday parties and funerals we are very grateful for all the assistance.

The money raised through this has enabled us to make donations this year to Exodus Foundation, Youth off the Streets, Compassion, Mission

without Borders, Life Line, Frontier Services, Nungalinga, Gloucester Breast Cancer Support Group and HMRI-Heart research

We also participated in the World day of Prayer in March.

To our “ladies” on communion, Court Day-Tea and Coffee (ably assisted by the odd husband), supply purchasing and anything I may have missed, I thank you.

Over all a year of wonderful work by all members

Keep up the good work, and remember....“Many Hands Make Light Work”

God Bless You All
Heather Beesley, President

YOY report for 2018

The YOY group has enjoyed fellowship on the third Saturday of each month during the year.

A great highlight was the Rock and Roll dance; there was also a picnic at Polblue; we also enjoyed a games afternoon; there was a car trial; a speaker in the Hazell’s garden; and my memories, and Kerry’s trivia afternoon was a hit.

President is Elaine Murray, secretary Elaine Maslen and treasurer Colleen McKay.

4th November, Elaine Maslen



The *Messenger*

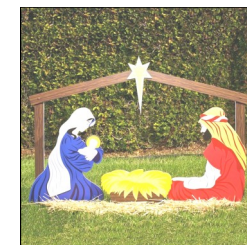
Then I heard the Lord say, “Whom shall I send? Who will be my messenger?” I answered, “I will go, send me!”

Sunday, 16th 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.



Our church Christmas Party

will be held after church at midday

Today 16th Dec.

in 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 and utensils and come dressed in something depicting Christmas to help put you in the party mood.

GLOUCESTER UNITING CHURCH

Ministers: Every member of the congregation

Phone Secretary Kerry Chisholm 6558 4206

Gloucester Uniting Church Mission Statement

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

TODAY'S BIBLE READINGS



Zephaniah 3:14-20 — Bill Murray
 Isaiah 12:2-6
 Philippians 4:4-7 — Elaine Murray
 Luke 3:7-18 — Daph Croker

Duty Elder, Sue Thomas

TODAY, Sunday, 16th December: 9.30am service led Ty Soupidis.

Sunday, 16th December: Church Christmas Party from midday in the Park at the Pioneer Memorial Gardens.

Wednesday, 19th December: Mission Sewing.

Sunday, 23rd December: 9.30am service.

Tuesday, 25th December: Christmas Day with the **8.30am** service led by Rev Audrey de Witte.

Sunday, 30th December: 9.30am service led by the Collett team.

Sunday, 6th January, 2019: Combined Churches service 10am in the park.

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: Jenny Shaw, Ray Creek count offering.

Next week Sunday 23th December:

Stewards: Elynne Graham and Norma Wilson.

Bible Readings: Ray Creek and Shirley Hazell.

Power Point: Hilary Kite.

Duty Elder: Megan de Witte.

Intercessory Prayer: Jeff Kite.

Bible readers needed!

If you are willing to add your name to the bible reading roster, please let Kerry Chisholm know as soon as possible.

Offering envelopes

Offering envelopes for 2019 are now available from the box on the table in the foyer

Envelopes for Act for Peace (Christmas Bowl) will also be handed out.

Café on Cowper Report – 2018

Café on Cowper has enjoyed a successful 2018. There are an average of 20 to 24 regular attendees but we are always seeking new ways to invite more people.

The approach of having two teams to do alternative months for catering continues to work well. The menus have been varied and overall the response from our guests have continued to be very complimentary.

Although the meal is advertised as 'No Cost', most people do give a donation so we continue to make a substantial profit. \$626.45 was deposited into the church account in June. Donations of \$250 each were made in December 2017 and January 2018, to Gloucester High School for their breakfast programme, GrandAids, Broken Hill UC patrol padre and Lifeline. A further \$1000 will be donated during December 2018. As it's 'their' money, we ask our guests to make suggestions as to where the money should be donated and let them know where the donations finally go.

We are always looking for new guests to come along so we encourage the whole congregation to identify people who may benefit from a wholesome meal and pleasant, safe social interaction. So please get in contact with us.

We were pleased this year (ie 2018) to have two new volunteers, Margaret and Allan Cornish. Margaret does a great job in kitchen and Allan helps washup and put the furniture away. They join David and Marg Collett, Sandy and Bob Tebbet, David Marston, Jenny Shaw, Colleen McKay, Johanna Heyink, Christine Bolton, Elaine Murray and Hilary and Jeff Kite.

Jeff Kite – 15th November, 2018

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.



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