

Modern Slavery Bill passes NSW Parliament on 3rd May 2018

Christian Democrat MP Paul Green quoted Williams Wilberforce when presenting the Bill. *"You may choose to look the other way but you can never say again that you did not know."*

Mr. Green, has taken a stand against human trafficking – a modern form of slavery that includes practices such as servitude, forced labour, debt bondage, organ trafficking and deceptive recruiting as well as forced marriage and childhood brides.

The Bill was tabled in early March, along with a petition signed by church leaders.

According to the Global Slavery Index 2016, it is estimated that 45.8 million people worldwide, and more than 4000 people in Australia, are victims of some form of slavery.

"Drugs are sold once and used, but people can be sold time and time again."

The Bill is a product of the Inquiry into Human Trafficking in NSW and the Modern Slavery Bill working group.

"Child sex trafficking is a much bigger problem than most people realize," Mr. Green said, referring particularly to the abuse of children live streamed on the Internet. *"It is deeply disturbing and heart-breaking. It shakes one to the core to contemplate that happening to any child."*

"It is even more excruciating to imagine that sometimes long after the abuse has ceased the images and videos continue to be distributed on the dark web like a double-edged sword, causing additional pain and suffering for the victim."

"The Bill paves the way for the appointment of the Anti-Slavery Commissioner, empowers government and commercial organisations to slave-proof supply-lines, and ensures a victim-centred approach for those who have fallen prey to this heinous crimes in our state." It also strengthens laws with regard to child forced marriage and cyber-sex trafficking.

"All people are born equal under God and no one person should be owned like an animal. Each person is worthy of full value and full respect."

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, 13th May, 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.

YOY Soup & Damper Lunch

Sunday, 20th May



Come and hear all about Marg Collet's trip to Africa and her involvement with Grand Aids

Where: Church Hall

Cost : \$5 per person

Gloucester Uniting Church Mission Statement

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

TODAY'S BIBLE READINGS



Acts 1:15-17, 21-26 — Bob Tebbet (Page 884)

Psalms 1

1 John 5:9-13 — Ann Farley (Page 991)

John 17:6-19 — Marg Collett (Page 879)

Duty Elder, Megan de Witte

TODAY, Sunday, 13th May: The 9.30am service will be led by Mr Keith Robinson.

Monday, 14th May: Church Council meets at 7pm.

Tuesday, 15th May: Bible study at Jenny Shaw's, 7.30pm.

Wednesday, 16th May: Mission Sewing at the hall.

Sunday 20th May: YOY—Soup & Damper Lunch

Sunday, 20th May: The 9.30am service will be taken by Mr Keith Robinson.

Tuesday, 22nd May: Bible study at Jenny Shaw's, 7.30pm.

Offering update:

Total of last week's offering \$ 508.70

ROSTERS

TODAY: Coll Reynolds & Alan Vale to count the offering.

Next week Sunday 20th May:

Stewards: Ann and Alan Vale.

Bible Readings: David Collett, Ray Creek and Jenny Shaw.

Power Point: David Collett. **Duty Elder:** Jill Carson.

Intercessory Prayer: Colin Charles.

Women's Bible Study Group

Meeting Friday mornings in the Hall

at 10.45am for coffee/tea

Seven sessions — all welcome — bring a friend — come to all sessions, come to one

Enjoy time together for fellowship and learning around God's word

*For further information contact
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Women Facing Challenges

1. Friday May 18 — Introduction
2. Friday May 25 — Tamar
3. Friday June 01 — Rahab
4. Friday June 08 — Ruth
5. Friday June 15 — Bathsheba
6. Friday June 22 — Mary
7. Friday June 29 — Conclusion



Adult Fellowship Officers:

President: Heather Beesley
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Treasurer: Anne Williamson



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President: Elaine Murray
Secretary: Christine Bolton
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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
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CONGREGATION

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