

Court Ministry report for 2019

A huge vote of thanks goes to those who have helped in this ministry during the year. I am grateful to the Fellowship who have continued to put Court helpers on the meeting agenda so that we can arrange helpers at the meetings every second month.

Jenny Shaw, Margaret Cornish and Heather Beesley were welcome additions to the roster this year. Bob and Coll are great stand-bys.

The helpers continue to provide a welcome tea, coffee or cold water and biscuit to people waiting at the

court hearings. A smile, a kind word and a cup of tea means a lot when people are anxious and upset. The police, solicitors and court officials alike acknowledge the value of our service as a calming presence. Although it is not an arduous task and it is very much appreciated by any who do use the service, numbers of late have been small. "I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me." (matt 25:40). — Claire Reynolds, coordinator.

Church Council leaders

Our Church Council leaders on Monday night re-elected their leaders to another term of office.

John Williamson, Kerry Chisholm and Jenny Shaw were re-elected as chairman, secretary and treasurer respectively by the elders.

Do not let your hearts be troubled
JOHN 14:27

Lifeline Box

Please remember the Lifeline box in the hall for your unwanted clothing, linen etc. The box is cleared regularly and goods taken to Taree Uniting Church Op Shop for sale.

Proceeds are used to continue the work of Lifeline's counselling and welfare work on behalf of the Uniting Church.

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, 16th February, 2020

A warm greeting 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

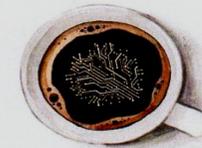
Saltbush Online Café!

Uniting the Scattered Community.

You are invited to join our Saltbush Online Café to discuss life and faith. To begin we'll focus on the season of Lent (the time leading up to Easter) from 26th February – Ash Wednesday to 12 April – Easter Day.

10.30 am Wednesdays led by Geoff Wellington.

7.30 pm Thursdays led by Mark Faulkner



To join the Wednesday morning group starting on 26th February at 10.30am please send an email to geoffw@nswact.uca.org.au

To join the Thursday evening group starting on 27th February at 7.30pm please send an email to markf@nswact.uca.org.au

You will then receive an email invitation to a Zoom Meeting so you can join in the Saltbush Online Café each week. Mark and Geoff will support you in getting set up for Zoom (no cost involved) and how to use it (easy). You can join from anywhere as long as you have an internet connection.

Gloucester Uniting Church Mission Statement

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

TODAY'S BIBLE READINGS



Deuteronomy 30:15-20 — Elynne Graham

Psalms 119:1-8

1 Corinthians 3:1-9 — Elaine Maslen

Matthew 5:21-37 — Hilary Kite

Duty Elder: Megan de Witte

TODAY: Sunday, 16th February: 9.30am service led by Shirley Smith. Plus **Nursing Home service** led by David Collett.

Tuesday, 18th February: Bible study.

Sunday, 23rd February: 9.30am service led by Marg and David Collett.

Tuesday, 25th February: Bible study.

Sunday, 1st March: 9.30am service led by Rev Dr John Hoskin, with communion.

Tuesday, 3rd March: Adult Fellowship meets.

ROSTERS

TODAY: Count the offering: Jenny Shaw and Ray Creek.

NEXT WEEK Sunday 23th February:

Stewards: Elynne Graham and Colleen McKay

Bible Readings: Bob Tebbet, Sandy Tebbet and David Collett.

Power Point: Kerry Chisholm. **Duty Elder:** Jenny Shaw.

Intercessory prayer: Bruce Chisholm.



The lawn is growing again!

The current church lawn mowing roster was drawn up in 2017 and it has lasted two whole years . . . and is still continuing . . . all thanks to the devastating drought!

Now with the drought receding, and the rivers rising, the lawns need attention and we head back to this two-year-old lawn mowing roster.

It is now to the stage where those members who have opted to mow the lawn themselves (rather than paying for David McMinn's lawn maintenance team) are next off the rank.

The combination of Brian Beesley and Sam de Witte heads off the remainder of the roster, followed by John and Ann Williamson, Kevin and Christine Bolton, Barry Merchant and Sam Reichert and lastly Allan and Margaret Cornish.

Following the completion of this long-drawn out roster, a new one will be drawn up and all church members will be advised when this occurs.

Weekly offering update:

Total of last week's offering

\$765.00

"Three things in human life are important.
The first is to be kind.
The second is to be kind.
And the third is to be kind."
-Henry James

"Always be a little kinder than necessary."

-James M. Barrie



CHURCH ELDERS

- **Chairperson:** John Williamson
- **Secretary:** Kerry Chisholm
- **Treasurer:** Jenny Shaw
- **Elders:** Sue Thomas
Colin Charles
Collister Reynolds
Bob Tebbet
Jeff Kite
Allan Cornish
Megan de Witte
David Collett

CONGREGATION

- Congregational Chairperson: Sam de Witte
- Congregational Secretary: Shirley Hazell
- Hall Bookings: Helen Parsons

Adult Fellowship Officers:

President: Jill Carson
Secretary: Sandy Tebbet
Treasurer: Margaret Cornish



Y.O.Y. Office Bearers:

President: Julie Marchant
Secretary: Elaine Maslen
Treasurer: Colleen McKay