

Indian missionary letter

From David and Robyn Claydon in India

(Note: Our church has supported this work with a donation of \$2000) We have some wonderful news to share with you from St Andrew's School in Hyderabad. This month they are celebrating their Silver Jubilee. 25 years ago Dr Evangeline Sita sat under a tree at the edge of a slum to teach little children to read and write. She then moved to a tent and then to a rented old building. We and many Christian friends – through churches, schools and individuals – have been part of a mira-

cle. Today over 700 children are being educated in a beautiful school where, in a Christian context, their lives are being changed. In February they have had many celebrations attended by the parents and local dignitaries and one of the great joys was to have an "Alumni" celebration, where young men and women who were educated at St Andrew's came back to the school full of joy of the impact the School had made in their lives. The School motto is "Education for Eternity" as we rejoice that so many children are meeting Jesus.



Our 2019 Church Elders at their induction last month

Making moves on the Messenger

Any items for publication in the Messenger for the next four weeks should go to Kerry Chisholm who is deputising for Peter Hazell while he is chasing rupees in India. Contact Kerry on 6558 4206 or on email at bch81976@bigpond.net.au

GLOUCESTER UNITING CHURCH

Ministers: Every member of the congregation
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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, 17th March, 2019



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.



Disaster Relief Appeal

The Elders Council will make a \$1000 donation to the Frontier Services Disaster Relief Appeal.

Many of you will have seen in the media just how much people in remote Australia are struggling.

The country is experiencing the most severe weather conditions we've seen in a long time, with extreme drought, floods and bushfires.

It was decided that people should also be given the opportunity to donate individually. This can be done either by putting some money into an envelope marked 'Frontier Services Disaster Relief Appeal' and placing it in the offering or by donating on the Frontier Services website at: <https://frontierservices.org/donate/disaster-relief-appeal/>

If anybody needs a tax deductible receipt, they should use the above website or if they need assistance with this, contact Jeff Kite on 6558 7436.

Gloucester Uniting Church Mission Statement

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

TODAY'S BIBLE READINGS



Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18 — Daph Croker
 Psalm 27
 Philippians 3:17 to 4:1 — Colin Charles
 Luke 13:31-35 — Penny Charles

Duty Elder: Alan Cornish

TODAY, Sunday, March 17: 9.30am service led by Mrs Lorraine Pepper.

Tuesday, 19th March: Bible Study, 7.30pm at Jenny Shaw's home.

Wednesday, March 20: Mission Sewing.

Sunday, March 24: 9.30am service led by Colin Charles.

Tuesday, 26th March: Bible Study, 7.30pm at Jenny Shaw's home.

Sunday, 31st March: 9.30am service led by Claire and Collister Reynolds.

Garden working bee

It has been suggested that a Garden Working Bee be arranged for Saturday 23rd March at 9:00 to 10:30 am in the Church grounds Gloucester Uniting Church. Come on your way to Voting!

ROSTERS

TODAY: To count the offering: Jenny Shaw and Ray Creek.

NEXT WEEK

Sunday 24th March:

Stewards: Elynn Graham and Norma Wilson.

Bible Readings: Elaine Maslen, Christine Bolton and Hilary Kite.

Power Point: Megan de Witte. **Duty Elder:** Bob Tebbet.

Intercessory prayer: Sam de Witte.

Bibles for the World

Dominican Republic

You are invited to our Bibles for the World Fundraising Dinner. Hear Lindsay Brown speak on his recent experience giving out Bibles in the Dominican Republic.

Saturday 23 March 2019

at 6.30 for 7.00 pm

St Paul's Anglican Church Hall, Gloucester

Dress: Smart Casual Cost: \$20.00 per person RSVP: 15 March 2019, Phil Ph: 0479 135 847; email: tareegideons@mail.com with dietary needs

Camp Elim Women's Convention

17th - 19th May 2019

Speakers: Helen Rienits and Carol Kolby

Day registration available as well as the full weekend.

If interested please contact Heather and she will forward the registration form

0438581639 or beesleyheather@gmail.com

Adult Fellowship Officers:

President: Heather Beesley
 Secretary: Claire Reynolds
 Treasurer: Margaret Cornish



CHURCH ELDERS

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

CONGREGATION

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

Y.O.Y. Office Bearers:

President:
 Secretary: Elaine Maslen.
 Treasurer: Colleen McKay.