

# Church Council matters

**From Chairman John Williamson**

The Church Council has been considering a number of matters that we feel should be reported in detail to the Congregation.

Firstly, as you would be aware the Manse has been leased to Bucketts Way Neighbourhood Group (BWNG) since January 2018 and has been used by them to support a disadvantaged family.

Late last year BWNG approached the Church Council and asked whether the Church would consider a longer-term lease arrangement and whether the manse could be used to house people with disabilities with a 24/7 carer in residence.

The Church Council considered the request and agreed in principle subject to a number of conditions;

1. That the current tenant family be relocated to suitable premises.
2. Any alterations to the Manse to meet NDIS requirements be funded by BWNG and prior approval from the Church be obtained.

We are pleased to report these conditions have been agreed to and you will notice that the manse is currently empty as the previous tenant has been successfully relocated to an appropriate house in Gloucester owned by BWNG.

The manse is being cleaned and prepared by BWNG for occupation by new tenants.

## Disabled toilets

Secondly, the Church Council has been considering whether there is a current or future need for disabled toilets within the Church complex.

After much discussion and thought the Church Council would like to recommend to the Congregation that we install a disabled toilet.

There is a diagram available outlining where a proposed "wet room" with shower and a disabled toilet be located. **(In the existing "blue" room).**

This plan will be placed on the notice board and we are seeking comments and/or suggestions, so please talk to any of the Elders if you have any comments.

The next steps would be;

1. Hold a congregational meeting to;
  - a. Seek in principle approval to the proposed plan
  - b. Seek authorisation to obtain detailed costings
2. Hold a congregational meeting to approve the expenditure prior to signing contracts for construction.

If you have any concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to speak to any of the Elders.



## 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, 24th February, 2019



## Pastoral Carers

For new and continuing Pastoral Carers, there will be a meeting on Monday 25th February at 2 pm in the church hall (no U3A that afternoon). Please ring Sue on 6558 4132 if unavailable on that date.

Gloucester Uniting Church Elders were commissioned by the Rev Lindsay Sheppard at the Sunday, February 17 service. All Elders were present and they are from left, Kerry Chisholm, David Collett, Bob Tebbet, Colin Charles, Collier Reynolds, Bill Williamson, Jenny Shaw, Megan de Witte, Sue Thomas, Jeff Kite and Alan Cornish. Chairman of the Congregation Sam de Witte and Rev Sheppard are standing at the back.

## 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



Genesis 45:3-11, 15 — Elaine Maslen  
 Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40  
 1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50 — Claire Reynolds  
 Luke 6:27-38 — Shirley Hazell. Duty Elder: Sue Thomas.

**TODAY, Sunday, 24th February:**  
 9.30am service led by Rev Cherie Strudwick.

**Sunday, March 3:** 9.30am service led by Rev John Hoskin, and Communion. Plus voting on Notice of Motion.

**Monday, 5th March:** Adult Fellowship.

**Sunday, 10th March:** 9.30am service led by Colin Charles.

**Monday, 11th March:** Church Council. 7pm.

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

**World day of Prayer**

**Friday 1st March**

**10am Baptist Church**

*This year the service comes from Slovenia*

**The Church's bank account details:**

**GUC, BSB 634 634, Account 100039924**

## ROSTERS

**Today: To count the offering:** Elynn Graham & Norma Wilson.

**Next week Sunday 3rd March:**

**Stewards:** Marg and Alan Cornish.

**Bible Readings:** Ray Creek, Jenny Shaw and Helen Parsons.

**Power Point:** Peter Hazell. **Duty Elder:** Megan de Witte.

**Intercessory prayer:**

## NOTICE OF MOTION

for a  
**SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**  
 to be held on  
**SUNDAY, 3<sup>rd</sup> MARCH, 2019**  
 following the regular morning service

A letter has been received by the Chairman and Secretary of this Congregation calling for a Special Congregational meeting to reconsider the congregation's vote (taken on November 18, 2018):

**There are two Notices of Motion, being:**

That the motion carried at the 18<sup>th</sup> November 2018 Congregational meeting being: "Do you support the decision by the 15<sup>th</sup> Assembly to allow two different definitions of marriage, that is to hold two equal and distinct statements of belief on Marriage being that marriage is between a man and a woman and that marriage is between two people" be rescinded.

**And in the event that the rescission motion is successful:**

"That Gloucester Uniting Church Congregation **does not support** the decision of the 15<sup>th</sup> Assembly to hold two separate and distinct definitions on marriage."

**Signed: William Murray**

*Supported by seven other signatures as required by the church constitution*

**Absentee voting slips are available at church on Sunday, or contact Shirley on 6558 1899, or email [hazell@tpg.com.au](mailto:hazell@tpg.com.au)**

Your attendance is important, please give this your prayerful consideration. Remember, we should always respect the rights of all members to express their views in an open and thoughtful situation.



### 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

### 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.