

Worship Committee report for 2018

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A group from the New Lambton Uniting Church congregation led by the Rev Niall McKay shared in our Easter Sunday Worship. With their music group and young people leading the singing, a joyful and rousing service was enjoyed. We look forward to their participation again in the future.

What would a service of Worship be without praising our God in wonderful hymns and songs? We are much in debt to our very able organist Helen Parsons for her dedication in playing every week. The sudden death of our much-loved

Tom de Witte saddened us all and we miss his trombone playing. We look forward to Faye playing the organ again, when she feels able. At the same time, we are aware that Helen needs a break now and then and there will be times when she is not available.

Alternative musical accompaniment needs to be investigated and it is recommended that a group of interested people get together in the New Year to explore the possibilities.

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Gideons request

The challenge of a new school year for our community of the Manning Valley and Great Lakes is rapidly approaching. Gideons view this as an opportunity to meet our goal of sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ. In this particular case the high school students of Year 7.

So we as Gideons now humbly approach the Body of Christ with a request for prayer that God will: Guide the planning of our placement of God's Word (the re-

sources). Prepare the hearts of the school administration and teachers of all schools to welcome us. Encourage the Chaplains and SRE teachers as they are partners in the Gospel message. Open the hearts of the children to receive the Gospel. Finally, help us to always act in love when we have an opportunity to speak about Jesus.

If you wish to join us you may contact either Gordon Chirgwin 0468774408, Philip Stevens 0479135847 or Newman Patmore 65584218



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, 3rd February, 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.

Cafe on Cowper

COME AND JOIN US FOR LUNCH

Next lunch at the Uniting Church Hall is set down for

Wednesday, 13th February

12 midday to 1.30pm

For further information call

**Jeff and Hilary 6558 7436
David and Marg 6558 4414**

Hosted by Gloucester Uniting Church — *There is no charge*

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



Jeremiah 1:4-10, Penny Charles.
 Psalm 71:1-6
 1 Corinthians 13:1-13 — Colin Charles.
 Luke 4:21-30 — Bruce Chisholm.

TODAY, Sunday, 3rd February: 9.30am service led by Claire and Collister Reynolds, plus Communion.

Tuesday, 5th February: Adult Fellowship.

Sunday, 10th February: 9.30am service led by Rev Cherie Strudwick.

Monday, 11th February: Church Council meets from 7pm.

Wednesday, 13th February: Cafe on Cowper resumes.

Offering update:

Total of last week's offering \$617.00

Thank you to those who donated fabrics and haberdashery, but we now have enough and no longer require further donations.

Volunteers needed

We currently need two people to act as door stewards on the third Sunday each month.

It would also be good to have a few more people on the bible reading roster.

Please see Kerry Chisholm if you are able to help.

ROSTERS

Today: Ray Creek and David Collett to count offering.

Next week Sunday 10th February:

Stewards: Christine Bolton and Joan Harwood.

Bible Readings: Claire Reynolds and Helen Parsons..

Power Point: Colin Charles. **Duty Elder:** Jenny Shaw.

Intercessory Prayer: Penny Charles.

Offering envelopes

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

Worship Committee Report – 2018

Despite being without a Minister in Placement the Gloucester Uniting Church family continues to be inspired by our Sunday Worship services. We are very fortunate to have excellent Worship leaders and preachers who faithfully serve the congregation and their God, by bringing us God's word, week by week.

The Rev Judy Caldwell has continued to take regular services which we appreciate greatly, especially as she has suffered some significant health problems during the year. In addition, we have been very much blessed by the preaching of the Revs John Hoskin and Lindsay Sheppard and the many lay people who have ably led us in Worship. We appreciate their commitment in this and thank them all for their thought-provoking and inspiring messages throughout this past year.

It was good to have Keith Robinson from the Theological College to share in the life of our congregation for a period. His Worship services were very much appreciated by the congregation. We enjoyed two special events this year. In June David Turner from Mission Without Borders shared with us the very interesting work that organisation does in Eastern Europe. And in July the Rev Tony Winter gave an inspiring message on the history and ongoing work of Frontier Services.

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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