

# 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, 3rd March, 2019



*Rev Cherie Strudwick led the service last Sunday in our church. She is pictured (centre front) with a few members of the congregation, from left, Shirley Hazell, Diana Rosenbaum, Bill Murray, Elaine Maslen, Rev Strudwick, Anne Williamson, Bob Tebbet and Rev John Hoskin.*

*The Gloucester Uniting church membership is delighted to formally welcome John and Cathy Hoskin to our congregation. They have recently transferred their membership from Pennant Hills Uniting Church to Gloucester Uniting Church.*

## **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



Exodus 34:29-35 — Ray Creek

Psalm 99

2 Corinthians 3:12 to 4:2 — Jenny Shaw.

Luke 9:28-36 (37-43a) — Helen Parsons.

*Duty Elder: Megan de Witte.*

**TODAY, Sunday, March 3:** 9.30am service led by Rev John Hoskin, and Communion. Plus voting on Notice of Motion (see next page).

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



**Sunday, 10th March:** 9.30am service led by David Collett and team.

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

**Wednesday, 13th March:** Cafe on Cowper, midday.

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

## ROSTERS

**TODAY: To count the offering:** Ray Creek and David Collett.

### NEXT WEEK Sunday 10th March:

**Stewards:** Christine Bolton and Joan Harwood.

**Bible Readings:** Marg Collett, Bob Tebbet, Sandy Tebbet.

**Power Point:** Megan de Witte. **Duty Elder:** Jeff Kite.

**Intercessory prayer:**

## NOTICE OF MOTION

for a

### SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

to be held on

**TODAY, 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:  
Secretary: Elaine Maslen.  
Treasurer: Colleen McKay.