



## GLOUCESTER UNITING CHURCH

### EVERYONE IS WELCOME

- MINISTER - Every member of the Congregation
- WORSHIP - Every Sunday 9:30 am
- Hall Booking Enquires - 6558 1546
- General Enquires - 6558 4206

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### New sign

At the last Congregational meeting the Church Council was requested to design a new Church Sign for the congregation's approval.

The proposed sign is in two parts:

- (a) The main sign
- (b) Standard Activities signs that would be attached to the bottom.

The standard activity sign would be attached the Sunday prior to the activity.

If anyone has any comments or questions please see John Williamson or any of the Elders before Monday, 13th March.

### Day of Prayer and Fasting for Refugees and Asylum Seekers – Today, Sunday 5 March

Leaders of churches throughout Australia invite all people to join in prayer for refugees and asylum seekers today.

Not only are we invited to pray, but also to fast.

Religious fasting invites us to stand before God, empty, placing our trust in God, ready to receive God's blessings.

In fasting we join in one simple way with those who have fled their homes and seek safety for themselves and their families. So then, let us all pray together.



## The Messenger

*Then I heard the Lord say, "Whom shall I send? Who will be my messenger?" I answered, "I will go, send me!"*

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5th March, 2017

*A warm welcome is extended to everyone worshipping here 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.*



## CAFÉ on COWPER

*Come and join us for lunch*

**this Wednesday, March 8**

*In the Uniting Church Hall*

**12 midday to 1.30pm**

## YOY officers for year

Twenty-four people enjoyed a pot luck dinner and fellowship prior to the annual YOY meeting.

President Elaine Murray and secretary Christine Bolton were re-elected and Colleen McKay was elected treasurer replacing Johanna Heyink, who has held this position for the last seven years.

Membership fees were set at \$3 and payable to Colleen. It was decided to make a \$200 donation towards the SRE teacher at the high school.

Ideas for activities for the coming year were discussed, with the next function being a film "Risen" to be screened in the church on Saturday, 18th March, starting with afternoon tea at 2.30 with the screening at 3pm by John and Anne Williamson.

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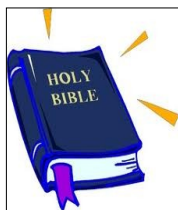
**Ministers: Every member of the congregation**

**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 2:15-17. 3:1-7 — Shirley Hazell

Psalm 32

Romans 5:12-19 — Bruce Chisholm

Matthew 4:1-11 — Daph Croker

## Coming Events:

- **Today, Sunday, 5th March: Morning Worship** 9.30am with Hilary and Jeff Kite, with communion.
- **Tuesday, 7th March: Church Fellowship** will start at the earlier time of 10am then a viewing of "The Notebook" BYO lunch.
- **Wednesday, 8th March: Cafe on Cowper**, 12 noon to 1.30pm. Everyone is welcome.
- **Friday, 10th March: Bible Study** at Jenny Shaw's home, 7.30pm.
- **Sunday, 12th March: Morning Worship** 9.30am with Laurie Selby.
- **Monday, 13th March: Church Council**, 7pm.

## Email addresses

It has been suggested that it would be useful to have a list of members' email addresses, to make communication between members easier.

**If you would be willing to have your email address included in such a list, please let Kerry know by Sunday, 5th March and she will compile the list.**

It would then be available to any member who requested it. Your address won't be included without your permission.

## ROSTERS

**TODAY, 5th March:** Ray Creek and David Collett to count the collection.

**NEXT WEEK 12th March: Stewards:** Tom de Witte.

**Bible Reading:** Christine Bolton, Ann Farley and Elaine Maslen.

**PowerPoint:** John Williamson. **Duty Elder:** Elynne Graham.

**Intercessory Prayer:** Penny Charles.

## Food handling course

There is a Food Handling Course set down for Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> March at the Neighbourhood Centre.

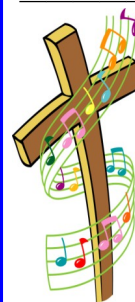
All persons who handle catering for the various activities of the church maybe interest in this course.

This includes catering for Cafe on Cowper, Tri Challenge, Probus, Opera in the Church, Funerals, etc. A representative for each of these catering projects should attend.

The course is \$130 and needs to be booked directly with the Neighbourhood Centre. Could you please let Heather Beesley know if you are attending the course.

## Prayer chain details

There may be members of our congregation who would like to be part of the prayer chain organised by Claire Reynolds and Fay de Witte. If so there is a orange sheet in the foyer for you to put your name and email address, or phone number.



## Messenger items

Any items for publication in the Messenger should go to Peter Hazell at [hazell@tpg.com.au](mailto:hazell@tpg.com.au)

Phone 6558 1899

Visit the church's new website:  
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## OFFERING UPDATE

**Total of last week's offering is \$926.60**

## CHURCH ELDERS



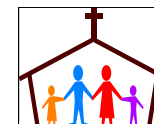
- **Chairperson:** John Williamson
- **Secretary:** Kerry Chisholm
- **Treasurer:** Jenny Shaw
- **Elders:** Sue Thomas  
Colin Charles  
Collister Reynolds  
Bob Tebbet  
Jeff Kite  
Jillian Carson  
Megan de Witte  
Elynne Graham  
David Collett

## CONGREGATION

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

## Adult Fellowship Officers:

President: Heather Beesley  
Secretary: Sandy Tebbet  
Treasurer: Anne Williamson



## Y.O.Y. Office Bearers:

President: Elaine Murray  
Secretary: Christine Bolton  
Treasurer: Colleen McKay.