

## **REGULAR MEETINGS**

**Church Council** 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday Bi-monthly. 4pm.

**Cameron Craft Days** on **Wednesdays** 9.30 a.m. In the hall.  
**Sundays** 1 p.m. and kitchen. Contact Barbara Chard Mob 0427325352

**Cameron Art Group** on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings 9.30 am in the kitchen. Contact Anne Hazelwood 0439525884.

### **Cameron Caring and Sharing**

Contact Joy Fletcher 0452 531 236. Last Friday of each month. **In Recess**

**All Denominations Prayer Meeting** Tuesdays 3. 30 p.m. at Book World.

**Ladies "Know your Bible" (KYB) Study.** **Thursdays at 1.45 pm. for 2 pm start.** Contact Doreen Jackson on 67324412

**Glen Innes Bookworld** Wed-Fri 10-4 and some Saturdays 9-12pm  
**Membership fees \$5 for 26-27 are now due and would be much appreciated.**

**Cost of Living** If you know someone who is struggling with life's expenses **The SDA Food Hub** is open Thurs 10-2pm. **Anglican Food Pantry** is open fortnightly Mondays 1pm-2pm. Starting 2<sup>nd</sup> June.

**Workers in Church grounds** – **Thanks to all who assist with** maintenance, gardening, mowing, and cleaning. Your efforts are appreciated. Please sign the book at the back door of the hall. If you have incurred any expenses, please give receipts to Gail or drop in mailbox at the manse. Reimbursement forms are in the back of the book. Your assistance and co-operation is much appreciated.

**Church Website** [www.gleninnesunitingchurch.com](http://www.gleninnesunitingchurch.com)  
Face Book - Uniting Church Glen Innes. Email - [ucaglen@gmail.com](mailto:ucaglen@gmail.com)

### **Smart Goals From our Mission planning day.**

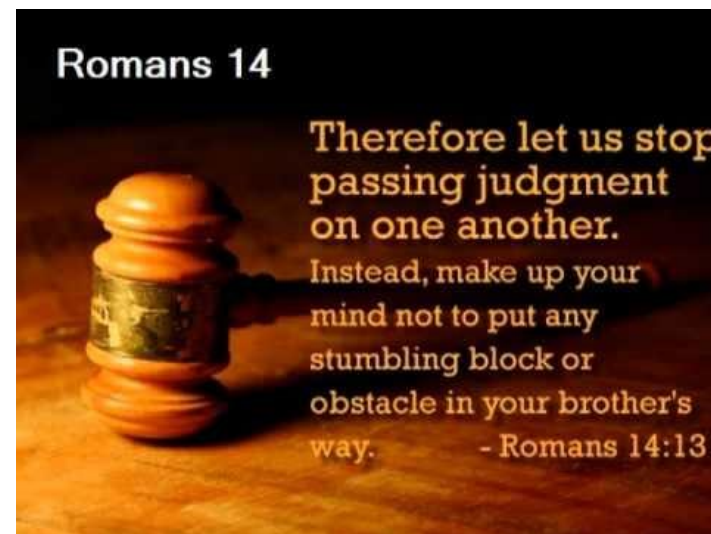
1. Upgrade hall for office and meeting room (Getting quotes)
2. Upgrade church heating (Done)
3. Outreach to young mums
4. Homework help
5. Leadership investigation
6. Sell Manse (Forms now at Synod for approval)
7. Continue to support School chaplaincy, Community groups using our hall, Bookshop, Frontier services, operation Christmas child, Christmas bowl, and SRE.
8. Support the wider Uniting Church.

### **Name Tags**

**Do you have a name tag**, if so please wear them so new people know our names. If you would like to order one, please let Michele or Gail know.

## **Uniting Church in Australia Congregation of Glen Innes & District WELCOME**

**To all our friends and visitors to our worship service this morning.**



### **REGULAR SERVICES**

**Family Service.** Sunday. 10 a.m.

**Communion Service.** 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday 10a.m.

**Deepwater** Sept & Dec 3<sup>rd</sup> Sun 6pm

**SUNDAY 13th Sept 2026**  
**Gail Stone and Judy Mander**

### **HYMNS**

TIS 442, 407, 231, and "Count your blessings"

### **READINGS**

O.T Psalm 114 and Romans 14:1-23

### **Mission Statement**

We seek to love care and welcome all people into our community.

### **Enquiries**

Rev Michele Shumack Mob. 0417067992

Gail Stone - Mob 0429323170

## Rosters

### Door Duty:

13<sup>th</sup> Sept A Cameron  
20<sup>th</sup> Sept C Funnell  
27<sup>th</sup> Sept J Austin  
4<sup>th</sup> Oct J Mander  
Helpers G. Stone,  
M Shumack, D. Williamson,  
J. Robertson

### Morning Tea

13<sup>th</sup> Sept G Stone  
20<sup>th</sup> Sept J Mander  
27<sup>th</sup> Sept J Austin  
4<sup>th</sup> Oct J Robertson  
Helpers, D Williamson,  
I. McLeod, M. Jones,  
G. Stone

Flowers. Olga keeps the flowers in order. If you have fresh flowers or ideas, please contact  
Olga PH. 0477 970 297.

### Grounds:

20<sup>th</sup> Sept C Wallace  
4<sup>th</sup> Oct B Winter,  
A Cameron

### Reading

13<sup>th</sup> Sept M Shumack  
20<sup>th</sup> Sept C Funnell  
27<sup>th</sup> Sept J Robertson  
4<sup>th</sup> Oct G Stone

### Technical

13<sup>th</sup> Sept M Shumack  
20<sup>th</sup> Sept O Rendell  
27<sup>th</sup> Sept J Mander  
4<sup>th</sup> Oct J Austin

### Ministry

13 Sept G Stone, J Mander  
20<sup>th</sup> Sept Rev M Shumack  
27<sup>th</sup> Sept A Cameron  
4<sup>th</sup> Oct Rev M Shumack

### Communion Prep

Oct TBA

### Leaders of our Church

|                                     |                   |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Archie Cameron . . .                | 0429673367 (OH&S) |
| Joy Fletcher . . .                  | 0452531236 (DW)   |
| Gail Stone. (Treasurer).            | 0429323170        |
| Cheryl Horsburgh ...                | 0423373937        |
| Margaret Jones...                   | 0418164701        |
| Joy Mc Clure...                     | 67321338          |
| Judy Mander ...                     | 0412280693        |
| Jill Robertson ...                  | 0432378947        |
| Sandra Mc Bain                      | 0407420660        |
| Rev Michele Shumack...              | 0417067992        |
| (Chairperson & Safe Church Officer) |                   |

### Vison statement

We seek to welcome all to safe places for worship, education, fun and fellowship in a Christ-like environment.

**PRAYER REQUESTS** For specific personal prayers, authorisation is required from the person involved.

- \*For Gary and his rehabilitation.
- \*For Rob having treatment.
- \*For everyone who is dealing with health issues.
- \*For our world leaders.
- \* For those in war torn areas, those injured starving and grieving the loss of loved ones and other devastating situations.
- \*For our Council and Government that decisions they make are in the interests of the people...
- \*For the homeless and hungry, sick, lonely, grieving and those struggling with the cost of living.
- \*For those who do not know Jesus as our saviour.
- \*Give thanks for prayers answered.

**Direct Giving** If you are interested, please see Gail.

**Newsletter.** If you have items for the newsletter, please email them [michelle.shumack@bigpond.com](mailto:michelle.shumack@bigpond.com)

**Operation Christmas Child** Boxes are now available to fill, or you can donate on-line instead. For more information details are in the brochure.

**Working Bee** – September 26<sup>th</sup> 9am. Morning Tea supplied and a sausage sandwich for lunch. Come and have a great time of fun and fellowship. Lots of jobs to be done.

### **Coming Up.**

- \*17<sup>th</sup> Sept from 9am 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary **The Glen Food Hub** SDA Church
- \*Frontier services worship and BBQ 20<sup>th</sup> September 2026
- \*Congregational meeting 27<sup>th</sup> September 2026
- \*29<sup>th</sup> Sept. 10am. Women's Coffee Morning. Coffee Incident. Please wear something bright and colourful.
- \***Massive Garage Sale. Sat 10<sup>th</sup> Oct at the Manse. If you can help, please let us know. You may even like a stall of your own.**
- \*Blessings of the pet's worship service 18<sup>th</sup> October 2026
- \*Blue Christmas worship service 15<sup>th</sup> November 2026

### **Discipleship Thought – Words for worship**

Forgiveness is a key concept for Christians. Jesus talks a lot about releasing others from debt, guilt, and blame. Maybe he has seen the destructive power of holding onto wrongs done and of bearing grudges over another's behaviour that can compound the damage already inflicted.

Peter speaks for us all when he asks if forgiveness should continue to be extended for ongoing wrongs. So, Jesus tells this story to get him, and us, thinking. It is easy to read this as an allegory instead of a parable; parables are intended to surprise or startle us. What surprises us most in this story about the unforgiving servant? Is it that the king deems his slaves' debts important enough to take his time and attention? Or is it that this enslaved person owes so much? Is the leniency shown to him and his family by the king unexpected? Are we shocked by the immediate action of the enslaved person to retrieve a much smaller debt from a workmate? Or reassured that the other slaves are aware of what's happening among them and ready to act for justice? Perhaps we are puzzled by the king's change of attitude from leniency to punishment, or we find ourselves agreeing with his righteous anger at the enslaved person's failure to follow the path of mercy.

The ending unsettles us. How do we hold this image of harsh punishment alongside our understanding of a merciful God? What might Jesus be revealing about the seriousness of forgiveness, and not extending to others the mercy we have received? There is much here to challenge us and shape how we live with one another.