



Gladstone Uniting Church

Interface

Epiphany 2

15 January 2023

Welcome

Hello and welcome all to worship this morning. We extend a special welcome to all visitors to our Church today.

May your time of worship be a blessed one.

If you are a visitor, or newcomer, to our Church, please contact us via email gladuca@bigpond.com if you have any queries or we can be of assistance.

An Epiphany Prayer

Lord Jesus, may your light shine our way,
as once it guided the steps of the magi:
that we too may be led into your presence
and worship you, the Child of Mary,
the Word of the Father, the King of nations,
the Saviour of mankind;
to whom be glory for ever.

(Frank Colquhoun)



For the most up-to-date information on our church please remember
www.gladstoneuniting.org.au

Lectionary Bible Readings

Today: Epiphany 2

Isaiah 49: 1-7

Psalms 40: 1-11

1 Corinthians 1: 1-9

John 1: 29-42



Next Week: Epiphany 3

Isaiah 9: 1-4

Psalms 27: 1, 4-9

1 Corinthians 1: 10-18

Matthew 4: 12-23



Our Vision is for the Gladstone Region to be a community where everyone experiences the transforming love of Jesus.

Epiphany 2

“And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.” (John. 1:34)

To the modern person who does not particularly care for spiritual things, experience is everything. To believe in something I have to experience it for myself. It is not good enough to tell me that all I need is faith. If this is true, why then are people so dismissive of other people's experiences. If experience is everything, why do we not heed the experience of others. Surely we ought to at least investigate the reality of a person's experience and assess it on some kind of Biblical criteria.



We even do this in the church. We want to ‘experience’ good worship. We want to ‘experience’ the reality of God in our lives. Unless I can ‘experience’ it, it's not real. Unfortunately, this tends to sound like it's all about ‘me’ and my ‘experience’, when it's not. In the above quote from John the Baptist, the Forerunner of Jesus Christ, John testifies to the truth of who Jesus is: “the Son of God,” “the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.” The authority for his claim is, “I myself have seen...” If John says it and backs it up with his own experience, I have no business saying it is not so. To believe John is to move beyond repentance of sin (John's baptism) to following Christ and the baptism he provides in death to ourselves and new life in him. Grace and peace.

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Meditation

Meditation is then a desirable spiritual activity of the essential nature and obligation of worship. It is incumbent on everyone without exception. For man simply cannot be nourished by the word of the gospel without reiterating it in his heart and mind. This is the import of meditation. It is also difficult for man to enter upon fervent and true prayer with God without reiterating before him the words of his promises. He should cling to them and clarify his standpoint in their perspective. This too is the import of meditation.

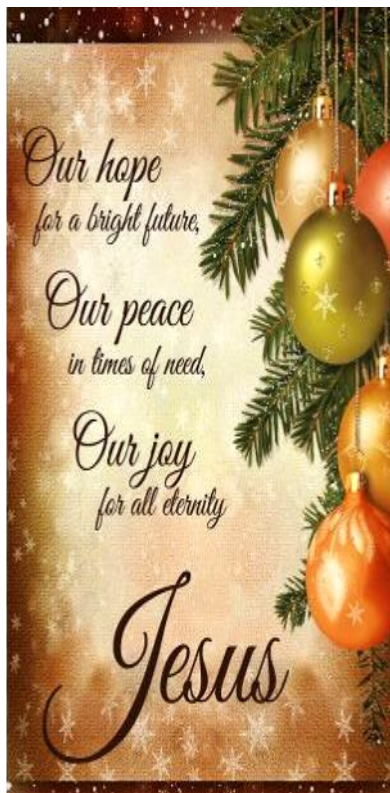
- Matthew the Poor



Next Week's Roster

22 January 2023

Preaching	Gavin Caird
Worship Lead-in	Gavin Caird
Notices & Prayers	Gavin Caird
Vestry Elders	Ian & Laraine McKay
Bible Reader	Ian McKay
Song Selector	Ros Bambrick
Back Up Singer	
Piano	Nicky Rippingale
Additional Music	
Data Projector	Liam Rippingale
Sound System	Nathan Rippingale
Church Steward/Valet	Ian Rippingale
Welcome Host	
Count Offering	I. Rippingale, Help Pls
Morning Tea	H. Versic, L. Rippingale



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Please note that regular Church office functions will be CLOSED from 22 Dec to 24 Jan. However, Ros B will be in the Office for an hour or so on Tuesdays during this time.

Please note that currently the Gladstone congregation is without a full-time minister.

For all enquiries, please contact the church office.



(See Jonah 1-4)

10-04-2010

JONAH ATTEMPTS TO SHARE HIS TALE WITH DOUBTING THOMAS

Direct EFT Giving

This is an option for those who like the convenience of setting up a Direct Transfer from your own bank account to the church each week/month for your offering. Please use 'Tithing' as the reference for regular offerings and 'Spec Offering' for a once off.

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**Account Name: UCA Gladstone
Congregation**

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Daily Lectionary Readings

Monday January 16

Psalm 40:6-17
Exodus 12:1-13, 21-28
Acts 8:26-40

Tuesday January 17

Psalm 40:6-17
Isaiah 53:1-12
Hebrews 10:1-4

Wednesday January 18

Psalm 40:6-17
Isaiah 48:12-21
Matthew 9:14-17

Thursday January 19

Psalm 27:1-6
1 Samuel 1:1-20
Galatians 1:11-24

Friday January 20

Psalm 27:1-6
1 Samuel 9:27-10:8
Galatians 2:1-10

Saturday January 21

Psalm 27:1-6
1 Samuel 15:34-16:13
Luke 5:27-32

Look for Christ
and you will find Him.
And with Him,
everything else.

- C. S. Lewis



Guide us to Thy Perfect Light

○ God, who by the leading of a star manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: Lead us, who know you now by faith, to your presence, where we may see your glory face to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

