



Gladstone Uniting Church

Interface

Epiphany 3

22 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.

Jesus, receiver of the wise men and their gifts, help us to follow the light in the midst of our dark world.

Fix our eyes and hearts on your light, that we might be bearers of that light to all those who walk in the dark. *Amen.*



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

Lectionary Bible Readings

Today: Epiphany 3

Isaiah 9: 1-4

Psalms 27: 1, 4-9

1 Corinthians 1: 10-18

Matthew 4: 12-23



Next Week: Epiphany 4

Micah 6: 1-8

Psalms 15

1 Corinthians 1: 18-31

Matthew 5: 1-12



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

Epiphany 3

1 Corinthians 1:10-18 - Christian Unity

In John chapter 17, Jesus prays for unity among those who would follow him. This prayer is rendered all the more important when you see the absolute 'dis'unity among Jesus' followers today and in fact throughout the entire history of the church. The disunity of the church is probably the single biggest reason for its failure to attract people to Christ. It is also the biggest reason why congregations split, fall apart and otherwise become factional and ineffectual. "I belong to Paul. I belong to Apollos etc" (v 12) It begs the question, "Why?" Why is the church so divided? Why are congregations so divided?

There are many reasons why this is the case. Paul makes an interesting statement. "For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the Gospel." Therein lays the problem. Which gospel? Who's gospel? Which interpretation of the gospel should we preach? And there are many. We all want to interpret those questions for ourselves. We all want to preach the gospel that 'I' choose—the one that fits my predilections. Saint John Chrysostom (347-381), one of the greatest preachers that ever lived, said, "Lack of spiritual knowledge is the root of all evil in the church." If this was true in the fourth century, it is certainly true today.

It is a sad commentary on the church that many Christians really do not have a good understanding of the gospel. I can say that because if they did, there would not be nearly so much disunity. The onus upon every Christian is to strive to understand the true meaning of the gospel of Christ and all its implications regarding the attitudes we hold and the way in which we live our lives. Only then can we begin to know the meaning of true spiritual unity. Only then can we know peace with one another and with God.

Grace and peace.

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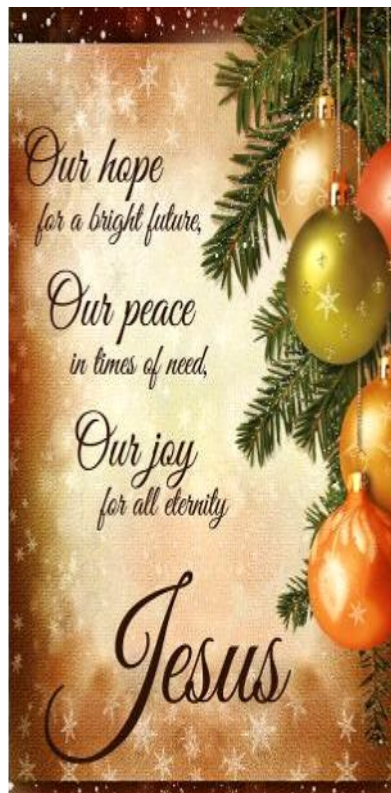
I'M TELLING YOU, IT'S LIKE JESUS
CAN'T GO ANYWHERE WITHOUT FULFILLING
SOME RANDOM PROPHECY!



Next Week's Roster

29 January 2023

Preaching	Del Bambrick
Worship Lead-in	Del Bambrick
Notices & Prayers	Del Bambrick
Vestry Elders	G. Caird, J. Parnell
Bible Reader	Ros Bambrick
Song Selector	Ros Bambrick
Back Up Singer	Joy Duffield
Piano	Emily Field
Additional Music	
Data Projector	Harry Rippingale
Sound System	Nathan Rippingale
Church Steward/Valet	Wise Kafoa
Welcome Host	
Count Offering	H. Holmes, Helper Pls
Morning Tea	-NA-



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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.



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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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Daily Lectionary Readings

Monday January 23

Psalms 27:7-14
Judges 6:11-24
Ephesians 5:6-14

Wednesday January 25

Psalms 27:7-14
Genesis 49:1-2, 8-13, 21-26
Luke 1:67-79

Friday January 27

Psalms 15
Deuteronomy 24:17-25:4
1 Timothy 5:17-24

Tuesday January 24

Psalms 27:7-14
Judges 7:12-22
Philippians 2:12-18

Thursday January 26

Psalms 15
Deuteronomy 16:18-20
1 Peter 3:8-12

Saturday January 28

Psalms 15
Micah 3:1-4
John 13:31-35

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

- C. S. Lewis



Guide us to Thy Perfect Light

O 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.

