



Gladstone Uniting Church

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Epiphany 5

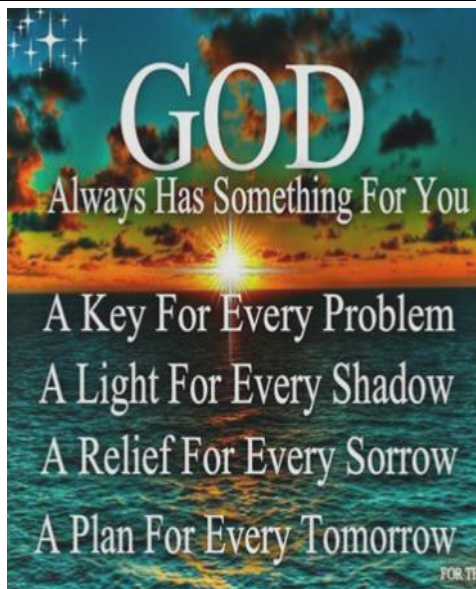
5 February 2023

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.



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

Lectionary Bible Readings

This Week: Epiphany 5

Isaiah 58: 1-12

Psalms 112: 1-10

1 Corinthians 2: 1-16

Matthew 5: 13-20



Next Week: Epiphany 6

Deuteronomy 30: 15-20

Psalms 119: 1-8

1 Corinthians 3: 1-9

Matthew 5: 21-37

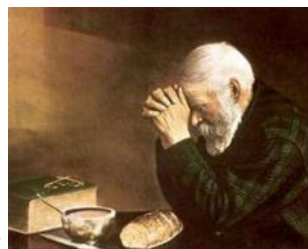


Our Vision is for the Gladstone Region to be a community where everyone experiences the transforming love of Jesus.

Epiphany 5 Year A

Psalm 112 - Blessed is the man that fears the Lord

The biblical term, “fear of the Lord,” which is the beginning of biblical wisdom, is not a psychological state marked by terror or timidity. Perhaps the correct idea is better conveyed by the word “reverence.” Still, the fear of the Lord is far more than the cultivated sentiment of reverence. It is, rather, a resolved dedication of oneself to the accomplishing of God’s will through the industry of obedience. As the psalm says, it is something to be practiced.



The wisdom promised in Holy Scripture is derived from reverent obedience to God. Much of contemporary religion is based on the dichotomy between Law and Gospel, which are usually contrasted to the advantage of the latter. Law, according to this popular distinction, has to do with fear and the performance of duty and is regularly thought of as inferior. Gospel, on the other hand, is commonly conceived in terms of God’s free gift, conferred without respect to human merit or work, and having as a chief effect man’s deliverance from the burden of the Law.

Now, though the foregoing distinction between Law and gospel is not without foundation in Holy Scripture and is, indeed, useful to clarify many important aspects of theology, it hardly provided an adequate paradigm for the whole Christian thought and experience. With respect to the “fear of the Lord,” for example, that distinction between Law and Gospel proves to be quite inadequate. If the fear of the Lord means reverent obedience to His will, the paradigm Law-or-Gospel will almost certainly put this obedience in the former category, Law.

Thus, obedience would be something associated with duty, and what could this have to do with Gospel. The gospel itself, however, includes a call to a life of obedience. In fact, the very act of faith, which is man’s correct response to the gospel, involves a certain kind of obedience—the obedience of faith. It is this reverent obedience, called the fear of the Lord that leads to wisdom. The deeper meaning of this passage, however, is Christological before it is moral. The wise person who fears the Lord and greatly delights in his commandments, is, in the first place, Jesus the Saviour. (from P. H. Reardon, *Christ in the Psalms*)

Grace and peace.

Allan

Confirmation & Membership

On Easter Sunday we will be conducting an Adult Baptism and acknowledging New Members.

Anyone wishing to Transfer Member, be Confirmed or Baptised please contact Gavin 0427721898 by Sunday 12 February.



Bookshop re-opening Tuesday 7 February 2023. Pop in and browse the new stock.



Roster Sheets

Time to think about what ways you can share your time and talents with your Church Family. Please fill in your Roster Unavailability Sheets and return them by 13 February. Thank you.

Next Week's Roster & Church Activities

<u>12 February 2023</u>	
Preaching	Intergenerational
Worship Lead-in	Intergenerational
Notices & Prayers	Intergenerational
Vestry Elders	I. McKay, J. Parnell
Bible Reader	Helen Evans
Song Selector	Tony Leong
Back Up Singer	Fiona Binney
Piano	Craig Binney
Additional Music	
Data Projector	Liam Rippingale
Sound System	Nathan Rippingale
Church Steward/Valet	Geoff Rohde
Welcome Host	Jill Rohde
Count Offering	G. Rohde, Helper Pls
Morning Tea	P. Elliott, J. Broome

<u>Monday 6 February 2023</u>	
9-11am	Little Explorers - In Hall
<u>Tuesday 7 February 2023</u>	
9am-1pm	Bookshop Open
<u>Wednesday 8 February 2023</u>	
9.00am	Prayer Group
<u>Thursday 9 February 2022</u>	
9am-1pm	Bookshop Open
<u>Friday 10 February 2022</u>	
<u>Saturday 11 February 2022</u>	
<u>Sunday 12 February 2022</u>	
9.00am	Worship Service
10.30am	Congregational Meeting

Daily Lectionary Readings

Monday February 6 Psalm 119:105-112 2 Kings 22:3-20 Romans 11:2-10	Tuesday February 7 Psalm 119:105-112 2 Kings 23:1-8, 21-25 2 Corinthians 4:1-12
Wednesday February 8 Psalm 119:105-112 Proverbs 6:6-23 John 8:12-30	Thursday February 9 Psalm 119:1-8 Genesis 26:1-5 James 1:12-16
Friday February 10 Psalm 119:1-8 Leviticus 26:34-46 1 John 2:7-17	Saturday February 11 Psalm 119:1-8 Deuteronomy 30:1-9a Matthew 15:1-9

Lord, when my heart is overwhelmed,
overwhelm me with Your peace.
Lead me to You, my rock. Guide me to
Your word which gives me strength
and refuge. Help me not to run to
lesser things. Draw me to run to You
first. Help me get into the habit of
taking my "overwhelmed" and placing
it under your will. Thank You, Lord.

In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Adult Fellowship begins on Thursday 9th February here at the church at 9.30am. This will be our planning meeting of activities for the year, so please think about what you would like to be doing. Tea, coffee supplied; small plate of goodies welcome. Cheers Pam

God is the best listener.
You don't need to shout nor
cry out loud because He
hears even the very silent
prayer of a sincere heart.

Congregational Meeting

The Church Council has been required to change our Financial Reporting from Calendar Year to Financial Year to align with Synod requirements. This means that instead of our AGM and reports occurring in March these will occur in October 2023 which will cover the 18 months from January 2022 to June 2023.

However, on Sunday 12 February there will be a Congregational Meeting to update the congregation on Church Council decisions and to vote on the re-nomination of Laraine McKay to the Church Council as it has been discovered that her term has already expired..

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"Here are the minutes of our last meeting. Some events have been fictionalized for dramatic purposes."

LET ME GET THIS **STRAIGHT**.
I DO THE GOOD WORKS AND
GOD GETS THE **CREDIT**?



It Was a Dark and Stormy Night

Let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven. Matthew 5:16 (NIV)

Based on Matthew 5:14-16



R E H I L L D X R H B D E D E
V F W O W L M E Y B I S H R M
P N V V R H H H G D Q D E A B
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CITY
SHINE
FATHER

BOWL
GOOD
HILL

HOUSE
HIDDEN
MEN

DEEDS
LAMP
LIGHT

STAND
PRAISE
WORLD

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World Day of Prayer 2023

Taiwan

Date and time:

FRIDAY MARCH 3RD 10A.M.

Location:

GLADSTONE UNITING CHURCH
DIXON DRIVE

Contact person:

Joy DUFFIELD 0409484996

Pam ELLIOTT 0408070611



*New Auckland Place

7 February 1pm

*World Day of Prayer

3 March 10am

*Congregational Meeting

After Worship 12 February



(See Acts 7:30-34)

03-24-2014

MOSES? DO I HAVE YOUR FULL ATTENTION?

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

- C. S. Lewis



(See Luke 2:1-16)

12-20-2013

ANYTIME I SEE A BRIGHT LIGHT IN THE
SKY, STAR OR NOT, I CHASE IT DOWN
FIRST AND ASK QUESTIONS LATER

Only God can turn
a **MESS** into a
message, a **TEST** into a
testimony, a **TRIAL** into
a **triumph**, a **VICTIM**
into a **victory**.

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(times subject to change in school holidays)

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

***For all enquiries, please contact the
church office.***

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.

BSB: 014010 A/C: 192134483

Account Name: UCA Gladstone Congregation

Interface

Back copies of the weekly Interface are available on request. Remember also that these can also be downloaded from the Gladstone UC website at:



ALLERGY ALERT

Please be aware when preparing any food for Morning Tea, or possibly bringing snacks for yourself or your children, that the Gladstone Uniting Church is a Nut & Egg Free Church. Please note that Egg as an ingredient in cakes or biscuits is fine. Your assistance in this matter is much appreciated.

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FREE**