



# Gladstone Uniting Church

## Interface

Epiphany 2

14 January 2024

### Welcome

**H**ello 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](mailto: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](http://www.gladstoneuniting.org.au)

### Lectionary Bible Readings

#### Today: Epiphany 2

1 Samuel 3: 1-20

Psalms 139: 1-6, 13-18

1 Corinthians 6: 12-20

John 1: 43-51



#### Next Week: Epiphany 3

Jonah 3: 1-5, 10

Psalms 62: 5-12

1 Corinthians 7: 29-31

Mark 1: 14-20



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

## Epiphany 2 Year B 1 Samuel 3:1-21, John 1: 35-42 – The call to discipleship



The account of the call of Samuel is a great story to reflect on at the beginning of a new year. Spiritually, the times were dark. The priestly house of Eli was seen to have betrayed its calling. With God however, there is always hope. As the writer put it, “the lamp of God was not yet extinguished.”

Samuel, the young assistant to Eli, was sleeping in a corner of the temple where the Ark of the Covenant was kept. He heard a voice calling to him in the darkness and so he went to his master expecting to run an errand for the old man. Eli tells Samuel that he must have imagined the voice and sends him back to bed.

It happens a second time, Samuel gets up and goes to Eli. When it happens a third time Eli recognises the presence of God in the voice in the darkness. Eli tells Samuel to respond to the call of God by saying, “Speak Lord, for your servant is listening.”

This is an example of the perfect prayer of the disciple. We are to be attentive to the voice of God whether it comes in the darkness of uncertainty or in our everyday experiences. As Samuel did not easily recognise God so we have to discern the voice of the Spirit in the midst of clamour of life.

Placed along side this story is the call of the disciples from the Gospel of John. Jesus’ first two disciples belonged to John and begin to follow Jesus when they meet him along the way.

What made these two, Andrew and his friend, suddenly decide to follow an unknown and leave the safety of the known and reputable? Jesus turned around and asked, “What are you looking for?” The two may have been questioning their spontaneous action. Jesus question helps them sort out their feelings. They answer with a question. “Where do you make your home?” Jesus replies, “Come and see.”

To set out on the journey of discipleship does not require anything more than a willing heart. There is only one way to discover whether or not you are discipleship material and that is by living it.

Grace and peace,

*Allan*

(From Patricia Stevenson rsj. [http://www.sosj.org.au/\\_uploads/\\_ckpg/files/2ndSundayOrdinaryTime-YearB.pdf](http://www.sosj.org.au/_uploads/_ckpg/files/2ndSundayOrdinaryTime-YearB.pdf))



## *Next Week's Roster*

**21 January 2024**

<b>Preaching</b>	Delwyn Bambrick
<b>Worship Lead-in</b>	Delwyn Bambrick
<b>Notices &amp; Prayers</b>	Delwyn Bambrick
<b>Vestry Elders</b>	J. Parnell, G. Caird
<b>Bible Reader</b>	Gavin Caird
<b>Song Selector</b>	Selena Anderson
<b>Back Up Singer</b>	Ros Bambrick
<b>Piano</b>	Selena Anderson
<b>Additional Music</b>	
<b>Data Projector</b>	Ian Anderson
<b>Sound System</b>	
<b>Church Steward/Valet</b>	
<b>Welcome Host</b>	Helen Versic
<b>Count Offering</b>	H. Warren, Helper Pls
<b>Morning Tea</b>	-NA-

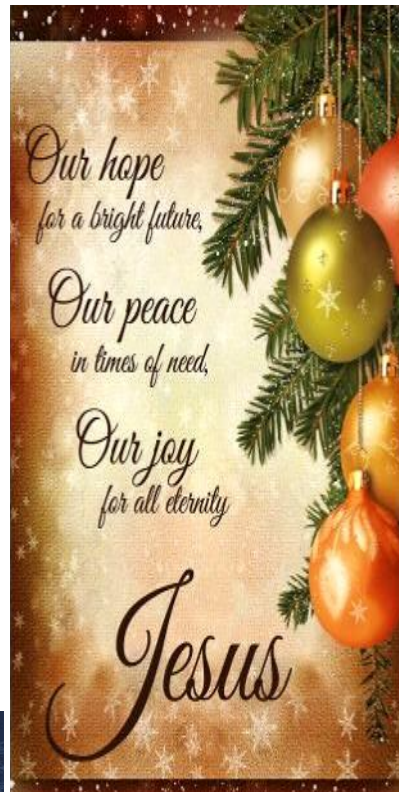


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Please note that the Office  
will be only be open on  
Tuesday morning for a  
couple of hours until  
Tuesday January 16.

*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: [www.gladstoneuniting.org.au](http://www.gladstoneuniting.org.au) and are published on our Facebook page.

***Daily Lectionary Readings***

**Monday January 15**

Psalm 86

1 Samuel 9:27-10:8

2 Corinthians 6:14-7:1

**Tuesday January 16**

Psalm 86

1 Samuel 15:10-31

Acts 5:1-11

**Wednesday January 17**

Psalm 86

Genesis 16:1-14

Luke 18:15-17

**Thursday January 18**

Psalm 62:5-12

Jeremiah 19:1-15

Revelation 18:11-20

**Friday January 19**

Psalm 62:5-12

Jeremiah 20:7-13

2 Peter 3:1-7

**Saturday January 20**

Psalm 62:5-12

Jeremiah 20:14-18

Luke 10:13-16



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.





Notice of  
**Special Congregational  
Meeting**

Immediately following worship  
January 21 2024



For the purposes of hearing a recommendation  
from the Joint Nominating Committee for a call to a  
minister to be placed.