



Gladstone Uniting Church

Interface

Epiphany 3

21 January 2024

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

Next Week: Epiphany 4

Jonah 3: 1-5, 10

Psalms 62: 5-12

1 Corinthians 7: 29-31

Mark 1: 14-20



Deuteronomy 18: 15-20

Psalms 111

1 Corinthians 8: 1-13

Mark 1: 21-28



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

Epiphany 3 Year B Jonah 3: 1-10, Mark 1: 14-20 – The cost of discipleship

In our gospel reading for today, Jesus appeared in Galilee after John the Baptist had been handed over to Herod. We are given a statement of his mission. He has come proclaiming the good news of God.

Jesus observes the activity of the fishers. Two men, Andrew and Simon, are casting circular nets into the sea. He calls to them inviting them to use their skills in a different, but similar, line of work.

Further along are two other brothers working from a boat, Jesus summons them as well. Mark gives us a picture of a group of men who were in a prosperous business. They were inheritors of a family business. They were experienced in dealing with workers. The fact that they were fishers meant that they were in the business of feeding people. The other element of their profession that probably appealed to Jesus sense of humour was that they had to pit their wits against the fish.

“Come I’ll make you fishers of people.”

The other fishing story comes from the book of Jonah. Chapter three begins with the fish rescuing Jonah. God had called Jonah to be a “fisher of people” but he was unwilling to the point of stubbornly refusing to act. Having now run out of excuses for avoiding the call of God, Jonah embarks on his missionary journey. In spite of his half-hearted proclamation the people of Nineveh listen and repent.

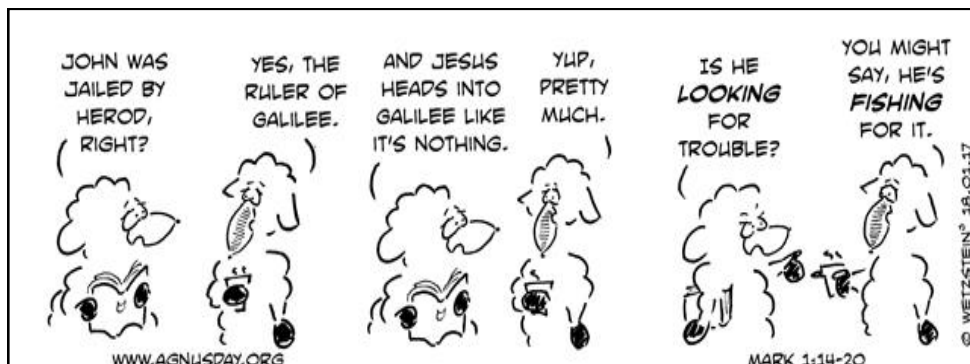
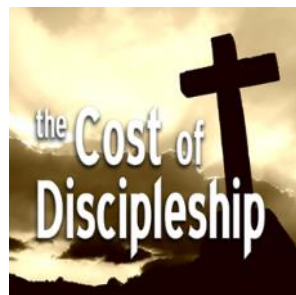
Discipleship has always had a price. Mark states that it has been this way from the beginning. The response from the disciples was whole-hearted. In following Jesus they accept not only a share in his ministry but the mandate to continue it.

Each one of us must wrestle with what the call of God means to us in our own time, our own culture and with our own gifts.

Grace and peace,

Allan

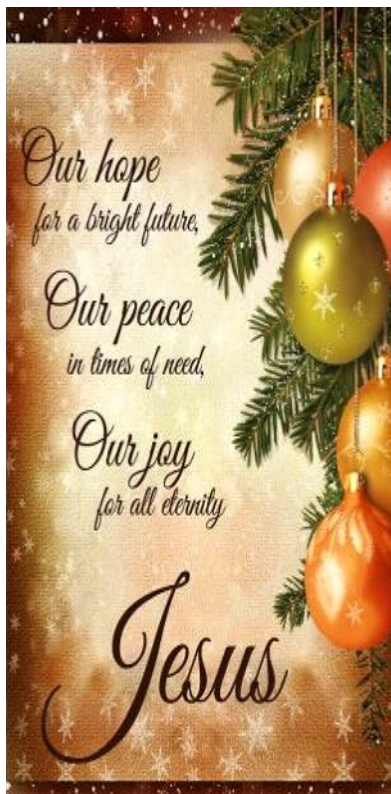
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Next Week's Roster

28 January 2024

Preaching	Gavin Caird
Worship Lead-in	Gavin Caird
Notices & Prayers	Gavin Caird
Vestry Elders	J. Parnell, H. Holmes
Bible Reader	Pam Elliott
Song Selector	Fiona Binney
Back Up Singer	
Piano	Craig Binney
Additional Music	
Data Projector	Ian Anderson
Sound System	Wise Kafoa
Church Steward/Valet	Ian Rippingale
Welcome Host	
Count Offering	I. Rippingale, Help Pls
Morning Tea	P. Elliott, L. Rippingale



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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.



Thanks to Paul

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HEY HONEY, MY BEST FRIEND IS HERE AND HE SAYS I HAVE TO DROP EVERYTHING AND GO FISHING

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

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Daily Lectionary Readings

Monday January 22

Psalm 46
Genesis 12:1-9
1 Corinthians 7:17-24

Tuesday January 23

Psalm 46
Genesis 45:25-46:7
Acts 5:33-42

Wednesday January 24

Psalm 46
Proverbs 8:1-21
Mark 3:13-19a

Thursday January 25

Psalm 111
Deuteronomy 3:23-29
Romans 9:6-18

Friday January 26

Psalm 111
Deuteronomy 12:28-32
Revelation 2:12-17

Saturday January 27

Psalm 111
Deuteronomy 13:1-5
Matthew 8:28-9:1



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.

