



Gladstone Uniting Church

Interface

Lent 5

17 March 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.



God who created me,
You offer me new life through your Son
and through the gift of your sacraments.
While I see new life all around me,
I don't always recognize the new life you
offer me.

Help me to grow this Lent in an awareness
of the gifts you place in my life



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

Lectionary Bible Readings

This Week: Lent 5

Jeremiah 31: 31-34

Psalms 119: 9-16

Hebrews 5: 5-10

John 12: 20-33



Next Week: Palm Sunday

Isaiah 50: 4-9a

Psalms 118: 1-2, 19-29

Philippians 2: 5-11

Mark 11: 1-11



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

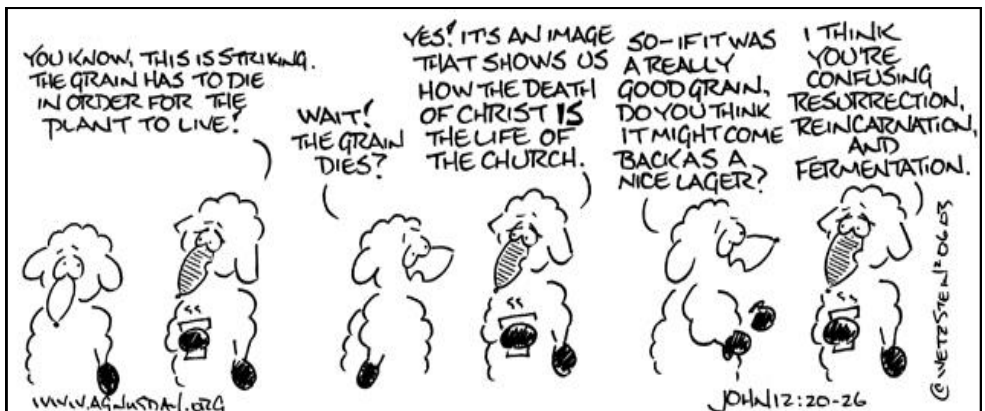
Lent 5 Year B Jeremiah 31: 31-34

The short passage from Jeremiah 30 is well-known and popular. It is beautiful, with hope-filled promises of God's presence and God's teaching engraved not in a scroll or book but in the hearts of the people. This passage is also often extracted from its context. These words attributed to God through Jeremiah are spoken to Israel in exile when their home and their way of life have been destroyed and after chapters of judgement have been set forth. These words of comfort are offered to a people deeply traumatised. In the midst of this trauma and Jeremiah's laments, in their real experiences of life, in grappling with judgement and with devastation, in *this* place, these words emerge. But these words are not easy words. They do not offer an escape from the present suffering of the people. Rather, they are a tether to the God that the Hebrew Scriptures describe again and again as faithful to God's people, as merciful, present, and loyal.



Many of us will be familiar with reading Jeremiah 30 as though we are the ones to whom God utters the promise. What happens if we place ourselves differently in this text, either as those who have caused the context of destruction in which this community lives or as observers (rather than receivers) of this promise made to the people of Israel?

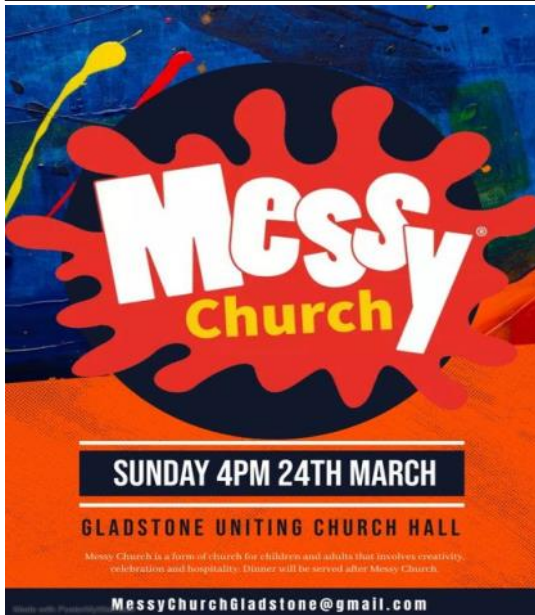
Lent Event is 40 days to live more simply, reflect on our faith and support people struggling to free themselves from poverty. Lent traces the journey of Jesus to the Cross. It is a time to reflect on our journey as disciples and to act in solidarity with people of our global church. Lent Event is UnitingWorld's call on the church to embrace simple living, to set aside material goods and to donate the money saved to support community development projects that offer a better future to people living on the margins in some of the world's poorest countries. For more information and leaflets please see the Narthex table.



Next Week's Roster & Church Activities

<u>24 March 2024</u>		<u>Monday 18 March 2024</u>	
Preaching	Levon Kardashian	9-11am	Little Explorers—In Hall
Worship Lead-in	Levon Kardashian	7.30pm	Church Council Meeting
Notices & Prayers	Pam Elliott	<u>Tuesday 19 March 2024</u>	
Vestry Elders	G. Caird, H. Holmes	9am-1pm	Bookshop Open
Bible Reader	Pam Elliott	<u>Wednesday 20 March 2024</u>	
Song Selector	Fiona Binney	<u>Thursday 21 March 2024</u>	
Back Up Singer		9am-1pm	Bookshop Open
Piano	Craig Binney	<u>Friday 22 March 2024</u>	
Additional Music		<u>Saturday 23 March 2024</u>	
Data Projector	Ian Anderson	9am-1pm	Bookshop Open
Sound System	Wise Kafoa	<u>Sunday 24 March 2024</u>	
Church Steward/Valet		9am	Worship Service
Welcome Host		4pm	Messy Church
Count Offering	J. Parnell, Helper Pls		
Morning Tea	Pam E, Helper Please		

Easter Prayer Vigil Anyone who is available to pray please speak to Gavin Caird. **Venue—Shelters near Auckland House** **Time-12.30am-2am Saturday 30 March.** **Prayer Points—Easter Activities. Peoples safety and Christian outreach opportunities.**



Dates to Note

- * New Auckland Place 2 April 1pm
- * Church Council Meeting 18 March 7:30pm

Daily Lectionary Readings

Monday March 18 Psalm 119:9-16 Isaiah 43:8-13 2 Corinthians 3:4-11	Tuesday March 19 Psalm 119:9-16 Isaiah 44:1-8 Acts 2:14-24
Wed March 20 Psalm 119:9-16 Haggai 2:1-9, 20-23 John 12:34-50	Thursday March 21 Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 Deuteronomy 16:1-8 Philippians 2:1-11
Friday March 22 Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 Jeremiah 33:1-9 Philippians 2:12-18	Saturday March 23 Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 Jeremiah 33:10-16 Mark 10:32-34, 46-52



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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Thanks to Gail's Mom Group (See Matthew 5:43-48) 03-09-2012

**HE WAS GREAT AT LOVING HIS ENEMIES
... BUT NOT SO GREAT AT PICKING
APPROPRIATE TIMES OR KNOWING HOW FAR
TO TAKE IT**

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

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www.gladstoneuniting.org.au and are published on our Facebook page.



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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