



Gladstone Uniting Church Interface

Easter 3

14 April 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, we come before you with grateful hearts for the gift of your son, Jesus Christ.

We thank you for his sacrifice on the cross and for the hope of eternal life that his resurrection brings.

May we never take for granted the magnitude of your love for us, and may we **always** be filled with gratitude for your blessings.
In Jesus' name.

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

Lectionary Bible Readings

This Week: Easter 3

Next Week: Easter 4

Acts 3: 12-19

Psalms 4

1 John 3: 1-7

Luke 24: 36b-48



Acts 4: 5-12

Psalms 23

1 John 3: 16-24

John 10: 11-18



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

Understanding Righteousness and Sin: A Journey of Faith

1 John 3:1-7 examines the complex relationship between righteousness and sin in our spiritual journey as followers of Christ.

At first glance, this passage seems to present an apparent dichotomy: those born of God do not continue to sin, while those who do not practice righteousness are not of God. It can be tempting to interpret these verses as a call to attain perfection, striving to live without fault or flaw.

Yet, as we delve deeper into the richness of Scripture and the depth of God's grace, we discover a more nuanced truth. Yes, 1 John declares that we are children of God, born of His Spirit and called to a life of righteousness. However, 1 John 1:8 acknowledges the reality of our humanity and the ongoing struggle with sin: "If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us". This reminds us that our faith journey is marked by both moments of triumph and failure.

Moreover, 1 John underscores the inseparable connection between faith and works. It proclaims, "This is how we know who the children of God are and who the children of the devil are: Anyone who does not do what is right is not God's child, nor is anyone who does not love their brother and sister" (1 John 3:10). Here, we are reminded that true faith is not merely a matter of words but of deeds, of living out the love of Christ in tangible ways.

However, while works are a vital expression of our faith, they do not earn or merit our salvation. Instead, they flow naturally from a heart transformed by God's grace. As the apostle Paul eloquently states, "For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast" (Ephesians 2:8-9).

In light of these truths, let us embrace humility and grace in our faith journey. Let us strive for righteousness, knowing that Christ empowers us to live holy lives. Let us extend compassion and understanding to one another, recognizing that we are all works in progress, continually being transformed by the renewing work of the Holy Spirit.

May we find assurance in the unchanging love of God, who meets us in our humanity and leads us toward the fullness of life found in Christ. May our faith be evidenced in our words and actions as we seek to love God and our neighbours with sincerity and devotion.

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Levon



Next Week's Roster & Church Activities

	<u>21 April 2024</u>
Preaching	Levon Kardashian
Worship Lead-in	Levon Kardashian
Notices & Prayers	Helen Evans
Vestry Elders	F. Clark, G. Caird
Bible Reader	Helen Evans
Song Selector	Tony Leong
Back Up Singer	
Piano	Emily Field
Additional Music	
Data Projector	Ian Anderson
Sound System	Wise Kafoa
Church Steward/Valet	
Welcome Host	
Count Offering	H. Holmes, Helper Pls
Morning Tea	-NA-

	<u>Monday 15 April 2024</u>
9-11am	Little Explorers—In Hall
	<u>Tuesday 16 April 2024</u>
9am-1pm	Bookshop Open
	<u>Wednesday 17 April 2024</u>
	<u>Thursday 18 April 2024</u>
9am-1pm	Bookshop Open
	<u>Friday 19 April 2024</u>
	<u>Saturday 20 April 2024</u>
9am-1pm	Bookshop Open
	<u>Sunday 21 April 2024</u>
9am	Worship Service
4pm	Messy Church

Special Congregation Meeting
 Sunday 28 April 2024
 following worship, to agree to
 the merger with Tannum
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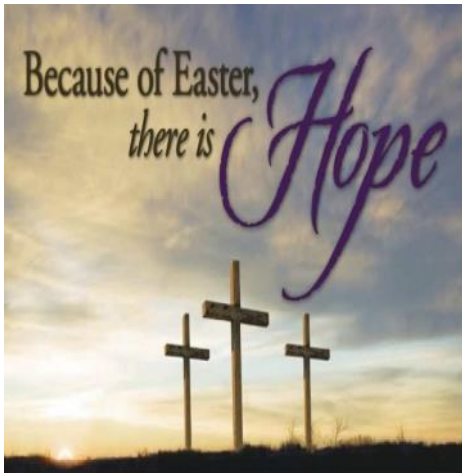


Dates to Note
 New Auckland Place 7 May 1pm
Church Council Meeting
Monday 29 April 7.30pm
Special Congregation Meeting
Sunday 28 April after worship



Daily Lectionary Readings

Monday April 15 Psalm 150 Jeremiah 30:1-11a 1 John 3:10-16	Tuesday April 16 Psalm 150 Hosea 5:15-6:6 2 John 1-6
Wed April 17 Psalm 150 Proverbs 9:1-6 Mark 16:9-18	Thursday April 18 Psalm 23 Genesis 30:25-43 Acts 3:17-26
Friday April 19 Psalm 23 Genesis 46:28-47:6 Acts 4:1-4	Saturday April 20 Psalm 23 Genesis 48:8-19 Mark 6:30-34



Thanks to Nick Hengeveld 08-26-2011
HE'S STANDING RIGHT BEHIND ME, ISN'T HE?

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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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

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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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