



Gladstone Uniting Church Interface

Easter 6

5 May 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, help me love the life I live right now. Show me the good things I often overlook and help me be content with what I have. Forgive me when I compare myself to others, forgive me for longing for things outside of you and your kingdom. Thank you for loving me right where I am, right as I am. Help me keep my eyes on you.

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

Lectionary Bible Readings

This Week: Easter 6

Next Week: Easter 7

Acts 10: 44-48

Psalms 98

1 John 5: 1-6

John 15: 9-17

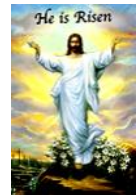


Acts 1: 15-17, 21-26

Psalms 1

1 John 5: 9-13

John 17: 6-19



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

Love's Call to Action: Addressing Domestic Abuse

The author of the fourth gospel and the Letters of John highlights the theme of love, which resonates deeply, calling us to embody the love that Christ has shown us. However, many times, we see love mutated into something else, into abuse.

Domestic abuse, in all of its forms, is a stark contradiction to the love that Jesus exemplifies. It is a dissonance in the melody of love, disrupting the harmony that God intends for all relationships.

As followers of Christ, we are called to confront this tension. We are called to stand in solidarity with survivors, offering support, refuge, and resources. We are called to challenge societal norms that perpetuate violence and inequality. And most importantly, we are called to hold perpetrators accountable, urging them to seek help and change their ways.

The love that John mentions in today's readings is not passive; it is active and transformative. It compels us to speak out against injustice, to intervene when we see harm being done, and to work towards healing and reconciliation.

Moreover, we must recognise that love does not enable abuse. It does not tolerate violence or manipulation. Instead, it empowers everyone to reclaim their dignity and autonomy, offering them a path towards healing and wholeness.

Addressing domestic abuse is not just about ending the cycle of violence; it is about restoring love in our communities. It is about creating a world where all relationships are marked by respect, equality, and compassion. And it is about living out the truth of 1 John 5:3, that "this is love for God: to keep his commands."

As we reflect on the love that Christ has shown us, let us commit ourselves to the work of love in addressing domestic abuse. Let us be agents of change, instruments of healing, and ambassadors of love in a world that is longing for harmony.



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Levon



Next Week's Roster & Church Activities

<u>12 May 2024</u>	
Preaching	Gavin Caird
Worship Lead-in	Gavin Caird
Notices & Prayers	Gavin Caird
Vestry Elders	L. McKay, H. Holmes
Bible Reader	Laraine McKay
Song Selector	Tony Leong
Back Up Singer	Ian McKay
Piano	Emily Field
Additional Music	
Data Projector	Ian Anderson
Sound System	
Church Steward/Valet	Ian Rippingale
Welcome Host	
Count Offering	Ian R, Helper Please
Morning Tea	-NA-

<u>Monday 6 May 2024</u>	
9-11am	Little Explorers—Public Hol
<u>Tuesday 7 May 2024</u>	
9am-1pm	Bookshop Open
<u>Wednesday 8 May 2024</u>	
<u>Thursday 9 May 2024</u>	
9.30am	Adult Fellowship
9am-1pm	Bookshop Open
<u>Friday 10 May 2024</u>	
<u>Saturday 11 May 2024</u>	
9am-1pm	Bookshop Open
<u>Sunday 12 May 2024</u>	
9am	Worship Service

Next Thursday 9th is our next Fellowship, and it should be fun. Turn up at Judy Broome's place 9.30, and we will all get creative with leafy plants from her garden. There is room in her driveway for 2 vehicles for those with mobility problems. The address is 7 Sunnyridge Rd., West Gladstone.



Dates to Note
 New Auckland Place 7 May 1pm
Church Council Meeting
Monday 27 May 7:30pm

Daily Lectionary Readings

Worship Training Session

For all those who already participate in, or who would like to participate in worship, Levon is hosting a worship training session on Saturday 25 May 9am at the Church. Please bring a plate of Morning Tea to share.

RSVP to the Office by Tuesday 21 May.



Monday May 6

Psalm 93
 Deuteronomy 7:1-11
 1 Timothy 6:11-12

Wednesday May 8

Psalm 93
 Deuteronomy 11:18-21
 Mark 16:19-20

Friday May 10

Psalm 47
 Exodus 24:15-18
 Revelation 1:9-18

Tuesday May 7

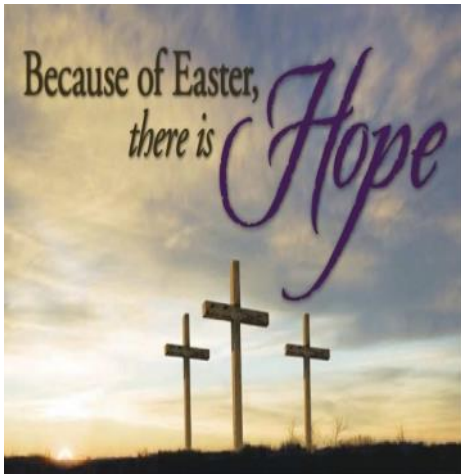
Psalm 93
 Deuteronomy 11:1-17
 1 Timothy 6:13-16

Thursday May 9

Acts 1:1-11
 Psalm 47 or Psalm 93
 Ephesians 1:15-23
 Luke 24:44-53

Saturday May 11

Psalm 47
 Deuteronomy 34:1-7
 John 16:4-11



(See Isaiah 11:6-8)

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SERIOUSLY WOLF, HOW IS IT THAT WE NEVER GOT ALONG BEFORE?

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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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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