



Gladstone Uniting Church Interface

Pentecost 15

1 September 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.

Gracious God,
bless fathers and all father
figures with such love and
faithfulness that children
flourish and grow in
uprightness and joy.
Bless those who long to be
fathers and those for whom
this day is difficult.
Amen.

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

Lectionary Bible Readings

This Week: Pentecost 15

Next Week: Pentecost 16

Song of Solomon 2: 8-13

Psalms 45: 1-2, 6-9

James 1: 17-27

Mark 7: 1-8, 14-15, 21-23



Proverbs 22: 1-2, 8-9, 22-23

Psalms 125

James 2: 1-10, 14-17

Mark 7: 24-37



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

A New Song for Spring

Abigail, the choir director at St. Matthew's Uniting Church, felt a yearning for something new in their worship. The choir sang the same hymns week after week, and while the familiar routines comforted many, Abigail sensed a need for renewal. One morning, inspired by the imagery of new life in the Song of Solomon, she introduced a contemporary hymn to the choir. She believed it would bring fresh energy and reflect the vibrancy of God's love.



Abigail shared her idea at the next choir practice, holding up the new sheet music. Instantly, Mrs. Harper, a long-time choir member, voiced her disapproval. "We never did it that way before," she said, echoing a sentiment others shared. The choir members expressed their preference for sticking with the traditional hymns they had always sung.

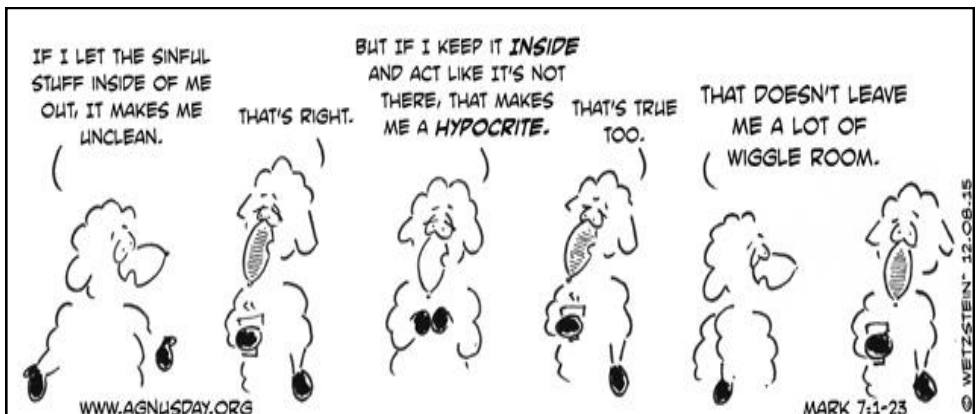
Understanding their hesitation, Abigail responded gently. "I respect our traditions, but I feel God is calling us to embrace new expressions of our faith. Just as spring brings new life, perhaps it's time to sing a new song. We can honour our past while making room for the future." She reminded them of Jesus' teachings about focusing on what truly matters: the heart's openness to God's presence.

After a moment of silence, the choir members agreed to try the new hymn. On Sunday, as they sang, the fresh melody filled the sanctuary, bringing a sense of renewal. The congregation felt joy and the promise of new life. In that moment, Abigail knew they had taken a step towards embracing the new. They had moved beyond "we never did it that way before" and opened themselves to experience God's love in a new and vibrant way.

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Levon

<https://theoblogy.org.au/ordinary-22-b/>



Next Week's Gladstone Roster & Church Activities

8 September 2024

Preaching	Levon Kardashian
Worship Lead-in	Delwyn Bambrick
Notices & Prayers	Delwyn Bambrick
Vestry Elders	F. Clark, H. Holmes
Bible Reader	Helen Evans
Song Selector	Tony Leong
Back Up Singer	
Piano	Emily Field
Additional Music	
Data Projector	Nathan Rippingale
Sound System	
Church Steward/Valet	Ian Rippingale
Welcome Host	
Count Offering	Ian R, Helper please
Morning Tea	Linda R, Judy B

Monday 2 September 2024

9-11am Little Explorers—In Hall

Tuesday 3 September 2024

9am-1pm Bookshop Open

Wednesday 4 September 2024

Thursday 5 September 2024

9am-1pm Bookshop Open

Friday 6 September 2024

Saturday 7 September 2024

9am-1pm Bookshop Open

Sunday 8 September 2024

9am Gladstone Worship Service

5pm Tannum Worship Service

A special welcome this morning to Nicole and Ryan & Lauren and Jasper who bring Ellie and Atlas to be baptised. We also warmly welcome their family & friends who join them this day.



Baptism is God's gift to us – adult and child alike. There is nothing we can do to earn, deserve, or purchase baptism. It is first of all a sign that God, in Christ, has done all

that is necessary to redeem or save us. The mystery of faith is that God's act of self-giving is offered to us freely, long before we begin to recognise, desire or understand it.

The gift, once given, is never taken back.

Dates to Note

New Auckland Place 3 September 1pm

Car Rally & BBQ 12 October

Christmas Carols 13 December TBC

Daily Lectionary Readings

Monday Sept 2

Ps 106:1-6, 13-23, 47-48
Deuteronomy 4:9-14
1 Timothy 4:6-16

Tuesday Sept 3

Ps 106:1-6, 13-23, 47-48
Deuteronomy 4:15-20
1 Peter 2:19-25

Wed Sept 4

Ps 106:1-6, 13-23, 47-48
Deut 4:21-40
Mark 7:9-23

Thursday Sept 5

Psalm 146
Isaiah 30:27-33
Romans 2:1-11

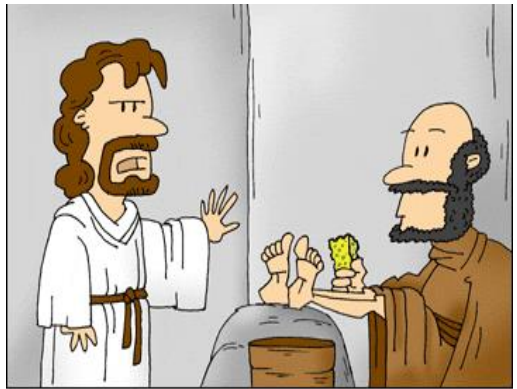
Friday Sept 6

Psalm 146
Isaiah 32:1-8
Romans 2:12-16

Saturday Sept 7

Psalm 146
Isaiah 33:1-9
Matthew 15:21-31

Lord Jesus Christ,
 Send down your Spirit upon me.
 When I am uncertain, grant me wisdom.
 When I am confused, grant me understanding.
 When I am ignorant, grant me knowledge.
 When I am wandering, grant me counsel.
 When I am afraid, grant me fortitude.
 When I am separated from you, grant me piety.
 When I am selfish, grant me the fear of the Lord.
 I ask for an outpouring of your Spirit with all of
 these gifts in your name.
 Amen.



(See John 13:1-11)

10-19-2004

I WAS MAKING A POINT THE OTHER DAY
 ... YOU STILL NEED TO BE ABLE TO WASH
 YOUR OWN FEET SOMETIMES

Only God can turn
 a **MESS** into a
 message, a **TEST** into a
 testimony, a **TRIAL** into
 a triumph, a **VICTIM**
 into a victory.

Gladstone Worship Centre

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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

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 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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