



Gladstone Uniting Church Interface

Pentecost 14

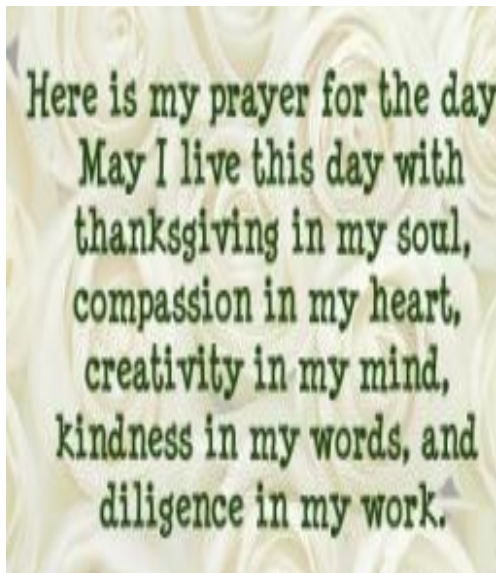
25 August 2024

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.



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

Lectionary Bible Readings

This Week: Pentecost 14

Next Week: Pentecost 15

1 Kings 8: 22-30, 41-43

Psalms 84

Ephesians 6: 10-20

John 6: 56-69



Song of Solomon 2: 8-13

Psalms 45: 1-2, 6-9

James 1: 17-27

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



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

The Tale of Sarah: A Modern-Day Parable on Blessings

Sarah, a woman of strong faith, grew up believing in a church where she was taught that faithfulness to God would bring material success, health, and happiness. As an adult, she diligently prayed, tithed, and worked hard, expecting God's blessings to manifest in her life. However, despite her efforts, Sarah faced numerous challenges: a stressful job, a chronic illness, and loneliness. She couldn't understand why her prayers weren't being answered as she had been taught they would be. Doubt crept in, and she began to feel disillusioned.



One Sunday, seeking a fresh perspective, Sarah visited a different church. The sermon that day focused on the idea that true blessings aren't material but are found in the peace, joy, and contentment that come from a deep relationship with God. The pastor shared stories of biblical figures like Job and Paul, who, despite their suffering, found fulfilment in God's presence.

This message resonated with Sarah. She realised she had been seeking blessings in the wrong places. Instead of material success, she began to value the small moments of peace and joy in her life as evidence of God's presence. Her prayer life changed, focusing more on asking for God's presence and strength rather than specific blessings.

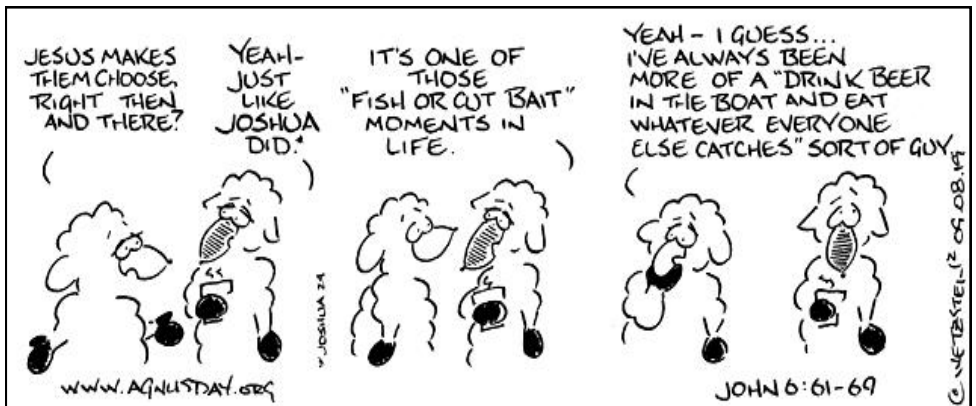
Over time, Sarah's perspective shifted. Her circumstances didn't change, but her understanding of what it meant to be blessed did. She found renewed peace and contentment, recognising that true blessings come not from material gain but from walking closely with God in all aspects of life.

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Levon

<https://theoblogy.org.au/ordinary-21-b/>

Messy Church TODAY 25 August 4pm Church Hall



Next Week's Gladstone Roster & Church Activities

<u>1 September 2024</u>	
Preaching	Levon Kardashian
Worship Lead-in	Levon Kardashian
Notices & Prayers	Ros Bambrick
Vestry Elders	G. Caird, J. Parnell
Bible Reader	Ros Bambrick
Song Selector	Ros Bambrick
Back Up Singer	
Piano	Nicky Rippingale
Additional Music	
Data Projector	Nathan Rippingale
Sound System	
Church Steward/Valet	
Welcome Host	Linda Rippingale
Count Offering	H. Holmes, Help Pls
Morning Tea	

<u>Monday 26 August 2024</u>	
9-11am	Little Explorers—In Hall
7.30pm	Church Council Meeting
<u>Tuesday 27 August 2024</u>	
9am-1pm	Bookshop Open
<u>Wednesday 28 August 2024</u>	
<u>Thursday 29 August 2024</u>	
9am-1pm	Bookshop Open
<u>Friday 30 August 2024</u>	
<u>Saturday 31 August 2024</u>	
9am-1pm	Bookshop Open
<u>Sunday 1 September 2024</u>	
9am	Gladstone Worship Service
5pm	Tannum Worship Service

Offering Envelopes
 Anybody who wants to continue with envelopes for their offerings and tithes to please contact the office in the next couple of weeks. We are not buying pre-printed ones this year. A simple stamped plain envelope will be provided to those who wish to continue with envelopes.

Dates to Note

**Church Council Meeting 26 August
7.30pm**
 New Auckland Place 3 September 1pm

Car Rally & BBQ 12 October TBC

Tuesday Morning Bible Study

The next meeting of the Tuesday Bible Study is this week Tuesday 27 August at 10am. Please BYO Bibles.



Daily Lectionary Readings

Monday August 26 Psalm 119:97-104 Nehemiah 9:1-15 Ephesians 5:21-6:9	Tuesday August 27 Psalm 119:97-104 Nehemiah 9:16-31 Ephesians 6:21-24
Wed August 28 Psalm 119:97-104 Isaiah 33:10-16 John 15:16-25	Thursday August 29 Psalm 15 Exodus 32:1-14 James 1:1-8
Friday August 30 Psalm 15 Exodus 32:15-35 James 1:9-16	Saturday August 31 Psalm 15 Exodus 34:8-28 John 18:28-32

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 21:1-14)

08-24-2005

REMEMBER IN THE BIBLE WHEN THEY
SWITCHED TO FISHING ON THE OTHER SIDE
OF THEIR BOAT AND THEN THEIR LUCK
CHANGED ... MAYBE WE SHOULD TRY THAT

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

Cnr Uniting Place & Dixon Dr

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12 Silverton Dr

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Open Tues & Thurs

9.00am—12.00pm

(times subject to change in school holidays)

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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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NUT FREE**