



Gladstone Uniting Church Interface

Pentecost 16

8 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.

Our Loving Lord,
Thank you for being my
refuge and my strength.
Thank you that no matter
what the circumstances, I
can count on you to shelter
me and to give me strength.
Thank you that even if things
around me seem to crumble,
you are always with me,
always loving me, always
helping me. In Jesus
Loving Name I Pray,
Amen.

www.DailyDevotionals.co

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

Lectionary Bible Readings

This Week: Pentecost 16

Next Week: Pentecost 17

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

Proverbs 1: 20-33

Psalms 125

Psalms 19

James 2: 1-10, 14-17

James 3: 1-12

Mark 7: 24-37

Mark 8: 27-38



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

The Value of a Good Name

In the bustling city of Everspring, Henry Carmichael runs a beloved neighbourhood grocery store called *Carmichael's Grocers*. Known for his kindness and personal touch, Henry is well-loved by his customers. One day, David Sinclair, the slick owner of the large grocery chain *Fox's Foods*, visits Henry's store with a business proposition. Sinclair offers to buy out *Carmichael's Grocers*, promising Henry a generous sum of money. Sinclair believes that bigger stores and faster service are the future.

Henry, however, values his store for more than just business. It's a place where he knows his customers personally, and he plays an essential role in the community. He politely declines Sinclair's offer, explaining that the trust and respect of his neighbours are worth more than any financial gain.

Word of Henry's decision spreads, and his store's popularity grows. When a local charity shelter reaches out for help feeding the homeless, Henry organizes a food drive, which is hugely successful. His store fills with donations, and the shelter is able to feed hundreds of people.

One evening, Henry finds a note from Sinclair slipped under his door. In it, Sinclair acknowledges the success of the food drive and hints at starting one at his own store, *Fox's Foods*. Henry laughs, realizing that even corporate giants can be influenced by the power of community and compassion.

The story highlights the importance of a good reputation, community values, and the impact of generosity over mere financial success, echoing the themes from Proverbs.

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Levon

<https://theoblogy.org.au/reflections/>



Next Week's Gladstone Roster & Church Activities

<u>15 September 2024</u>	
Preaching	Levon Kardashian
Worship Lead-in	Levon Kardashian
Notices & Prayers	Laraine McKay
Vestry Elders	L. McKay, G. Caird
Bible Reader	Dulcie Van W
Song Selector	Ros Bambrick
Back Up Singer	
Piano	Nicky Rippingale
Additional Music	
Data Projector	Nathan Rippingale
Sound System	
Church Steward/Valet	Wise Kafoa
Welcome Host	Helen Versic
Count Offering	John P, Helper please
Morning Tea	Helpers Please

<u>Monday 9 September 2024</u>	
9-11am	Little Explorers—In Hall
<u>Tuesday 10 September 2024</u>	
9am-1pm	Bookshop Open
<u>Wednesday 11 September 2024</u>	
<u>Thursday 12 September 2024</u>	
9am-1pm	Bookshop Open
9.30am	Adult Fellowship
<u>Friday 13 September 2024</u>	
<u>Saturday 14 September 2024</u>	
9am-1pm	Bookshop Open
<u>Sunday 15 September 2024</u>	
9am	Gladstone Worship Service
5pm	Tannum Worship Service

Calling all fellowship people. Thursday 12th is our next outing. It's Poetry in the Park time. See you at Spinnaker at 9.30, first turn right after you pass the Cafe. BYO everything, including your favourite poems. Cheers Pam

Dates to Note

New Auckland Place 1 October 1pm

Car Rally & BBQ 12 October

Christmas Carols 13 December TBC



Church Council has agreed to support the local Combined Community Response to Domestic and Family Violence (CCRDRV) group. Recycled paper shopping bags will be in the

kitchen and people can donate throughout the month as they wish. Each month we will package up the items and pray for the recipients before delivering the bags. Each quarter the CCRDRV put out a list of the items they need and with this list will be on our Facebook page and the noticeboard. Anyone who wishes to donate non-perishable food items or things from the CCRDRV list, there will be a collection point in the Narthex.. Also anyone who has paper shopping bags at home that they don't need, please bring them in.

Daily Lectionary Readings

Monday Sept 9

Isaiah 38:10-20
Joshua 6:1-21
Hebrews 11:29-12:2

Tuesday Sept 10

Isaiah 38:10-20
Joshua 8:1-23
Hebrews 12:3-13

Wed Sept 11

Isaiah 38:10-20
Judges 15:9-20
Matthew 17:14-21

Thursday Sept 12

Psalms 116:1-9
Joshua 2:1-14
Hebrews 11:17-22

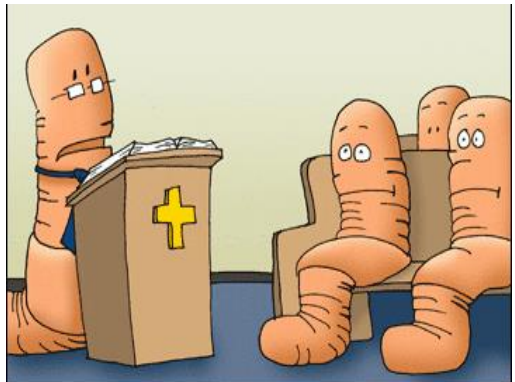
Friday Sept 13

Psalms 116:1-9
Joshua 2:15-24
James 2:17-26

Saturday Sept 14

Psalms 116:1-9
Joshua 6:22-27
Matthew 21:23-32

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.



Thanks to Dad Hengeveld (See Revelation 3:6) 09-07-2004

TODAY'S READING IS FROM REVELATION
 ... "HE THAT HATH AN EAR TO HEAR, LET
 HIM HEAR..."

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

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**