



Gladstone Uniting Church Interface

Pentecost 17

15 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.

There's no storm that God won't carry you through. No bridge that God won't help you cross. No battle that God won't help you win. No heartache that God won't help you let go of. He is SO much bigger than anything you will face today. Leave everything in His hands and embrace this day confidently knowing that He **WILL** take care of you. ♥

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

Lectionary Bible Readings

This Week: Pentecost 17

Next Week: Pentecost 18

Proverbs 1: 20-33

Psalms 19

James 3: 1-12

Mark 8: 27-38



Proverbs 31: 10-31

Psalms 1

James 3: 13- 4: 3, 7-8

Mark 9: 30-37



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.

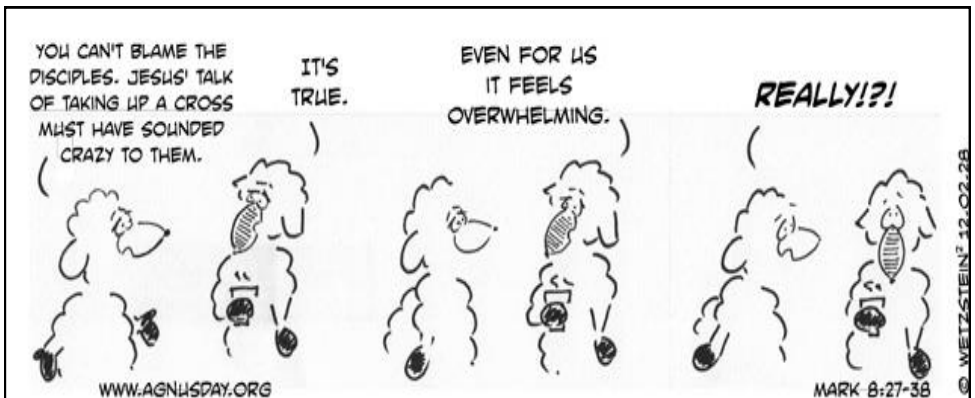
Understanding their hesitation, Abigail responded gently. "I respect our traditions, but I feel God is calling us to embrace new expressions of our faith. Just as spring brings new life, perhaps it's time to sing a new song. We can honour our past while making room for the future." She reminded them 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-24-b/>



Next Week's Gladstone Roster & Church Activities

<u>22 September 2024</u>	
Preaching	Levon Kardashian
Intro to Worship	Laraine McKay
Notices & Prayers	Levon Kardashian
Vestry Elders	I. McKay, F. Clark
Bible Reader	Ian McKay
Song Selector	Fiona Binney
Back Up Singer	
Piano	Craig Binney
Additional Music	
Data Projector	Ian Anderson
Sound System	Wise Kafoa
Church Steward/Valet	Harold Holmes
Welcome Host	
Count Offering	H. Holmes, Helper Pls
Morning Tea	Pam E, Kathy P

<u>Monday 16 September 2024</u>	
9-11am	Little Explorers—In Recess
7.30pm	Church Council Meeting
<u>Tuesday 17 September 2024</u>	
9am-1pm	Bookshop Open
<u>Wednesday 18 September 2024</u>	
<u>Thursday 19 September 2024</u>	
9am-1pm	Bookshop Open
<u>Friday 20 September 2024</u>	
<u>Saturday 21 September 2024</u>	
9am-1pm	Bookshop Open
<u>Sunday 22 September 2024</u>	
9am	Gladstone Worship Service
5pm	Tannum Worship Service

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.



Dates to Note

New Auckland Place 1 October 1pm

Car Rally & BBQ 12 October

Christmas Carols 13 December TBC

Daily Lectionary Readings

Monday Sept 16

Psalm 119:169-176
1 Kings 13:1-10
Romans 3:9-20

Wed Sept 18

Psalm 119:169-176
Isaiah 10:12-20
John 7:25-36

Friday Sept 20

Psalm 54
1 Kings 22:24-40
Romans 11:25-32

Tuesday Sept 17

Psalm 119:169-176
1 Kings 13:11-25
Colossians 3:1-11

Thursday Sept 19

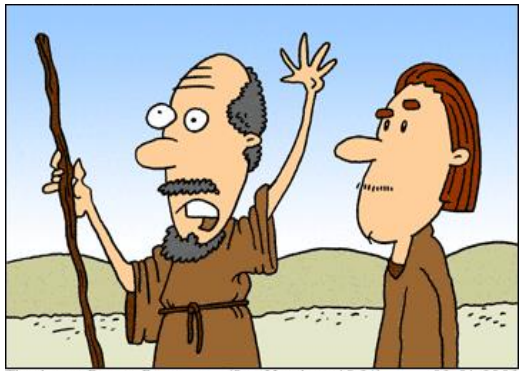
Psalm 54
Judges 6:1-10
1 Corinthians 2:1-5

Saturday Sept 21

Psalm 54
2 Kings 17:5-18
Matthew 23:29-39

**Church Council Meeting Monday 16
September (TOMORROW NIGHT)
7.30pm at the Manse**

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 Benoit Paquette (See Matthew 16:24) 02-01-2002

"TAKE UP THY CROSS AND FOLLOW ME", HE
SAYS ... NOW I HAVE TO GO BUY ONE ...
I MEAN REALLY, DOES HE SERIOUSLY
THINK I KEEP ONE LYING AROUND?

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

Tannum Worship Centre

12 Silverton Dr

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Open Tues & Thurs

9.00am—12.00pm

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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**