



Gladstone Uniting Church

Interface

Pentecost 24

3 November 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.

Thank you for those
 who were good neighbours to us
 when we were in need,
 who gave of their time and self
 to be your comforter,
 or brought a word in season
 that lifted our weariness.
 Thank you for those
 who sowed the seeds of salvation
 into the garden of our hearts,
 and by their encouragement
 enabled faith to grow and flourish,
 and we to become the people
 you always wanted us to be.

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

Lectionary Bible Readings

This Week: Pentecost 24

Next Week: Pentecost 25

Ruth 1: 1-18

Ruth 3: 1-5, 4: 13-17

Psalms 146

Psalms 127

Hebrews 9: 11-14

Hebrews 9: 24-28

Mark 12: 28-34

Mark 12: 38-44



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

Love Thy Neighbour... Even the Grumpy Ones!

In a small town, Emily, a compassionate community volunteer, and Mark, a gruff local business owner, find themselves in conflict after a misunderstanding over a shared parking space. Mark's abrasive demeanour makes him difficult to approach, while Emily is known for her kindness. Their interactions are strained, and Emily feels frustrated by Mark's harshness.



One day, while preparing for a charity event, Emily witnesses Mark berating teenagers for accidentally spilling drinks near his shop. This encounter deepens her resentment towards him, prompting her to question why he is so unkind. However, that night, she begins to wonder if there might be more to Mark than his gruff exterior.

Determined to bridge the gap, Emily invites Mark to the charity event, hoping to foster connection. Despite his initial reluctance and dismissal of her invitation as "charity nonsense," Emily expresses her belief that everyone has something valuable to contribute. Mark reluctantly agrees to attend but remains defensive.

As the event unfolds, Emily puts her heart into the preparations, and when Mark arrives, he appears uncomfortable but willing to engage. Throughout the evening, she observes him gradually relax and even join in activities with the children, revealing a more human side that contrasts with his usual grumpiness.

By the end of the event, Mark admits that the night was surprisingly not so terrible, likely because he didn't trip and fall on his face—this time. Meanwhile, Emily discovers that even those who seem unlovable can surprise you, much like finding out that the fruitcake might actually be edible if you squint hard enough.

γάρις & ειρήνη - Հնորիք եւ Խաղաղութիւն - Grace and Peace

Levon

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

There will be a screening of Margaret Cathcart's Memorial Service at 3pm on Sunday 3 November at the Gladstone Uniting Church. All are welcome.

God IS OUR Refuge
AND Strength



Next Week's Gladstone Roster & Church Activities

<u>10 November 2024</u>	
Preaching	Gavin Caird
Intro to Worship	Gavin Caird
Notices & Prayers	Gavin Caird
Vestry Elders	L. McKay, F. Clark
Bible Reader	Helen Evans
Song Selector	Emily Field
Back Up Singer	Ian McKay
Piano	Emily Field
Additional Music	
Data Projector	Ian Anderson
Sound System	Wise Kafoa
Church Steward/Valet	
Welcome Host	Linda Rippingale
Count Offering	Ian R, Helper Please
Morning Tea	Judy B, Pam E

<u>Monday 4 November 2024</u>	
9-11am	Little Explorers—In Hall
<u>Tuesday 5 November 2024</u>	
9am-1pm	Bookshop Open
<u>Wednesday 6 November 2024</u>	
<u>Thursday 7 November 2024</u>	
9am-1pm	Bookshop Open
<u>Friday 8 November 2024</u>	
<u>Saturday 9 November 2024</u>	
9am-1pm	Bookshop Open
<u>Sunday 10 November 2024</u>	
8am	Tannum Worship Service
9am	Gladstone Worship Service

Hall Refurbishment Appeal

Donations are being sought for the planned Hall refurbishments. Refinishing the floors will be \$18000 and painting will be around \$5000. If you are able to contribute in any way, please put a separate envelope into the collection or a separate direct deposit into the account. Thank you.



Dates to Note

Worship at Tannum 8am during Nov

Church Council Meeting 18 Nov 7.30pm

Eden Vale Service 19 November 10am

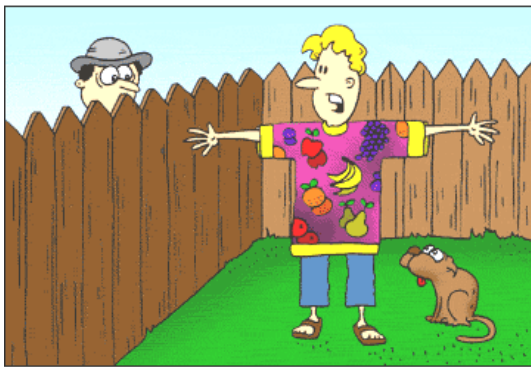
Christmas Carols 13 December

Daily Lectionary Readings

Monday Nov 4 Psalm 51 Deuteronomy 6:10-25 Rom 12:17-21; 13:8-10	Tuesday Nov 5 Psalm 51 Deut 28:58-29:1 Acts 17:17-29
Wednesday Nov 6 Psalm 51 Micah 6:1-8 John 13:31-35	Thursday Nov 7 Psalm 146 Numbers 36:1-13 Romans 5:6-11
Friday Nov 8 Psalm 146 Deuteronomy 15:1-11 Hebrews 9:15-24	Saturday Nov 9 Psalm 146 Deut 24:17-22 Mark 11:12-14, 20-24

Please fill in your Roster Unavailability Sheets and return them by TOMORROW morning 9am. Don't forget that if you want to try something new, help is always available—all you have to do is ask. Thank you.





12-05-2000

I BOUGHT MYSELF THIS GREAT SHIRT BUT THEN I GOT TO THINKING ABOUT THE PASSAGE THAT SAYS ONE SHOULD LOVE ONE'S NEIGHBOR AS ONE'S SELF AND SO I DECIDED TO GIVE IT TO YOU

May you be held by the God of compassion
as you remember your loved ones today.
May God be with you in your sorrow,
and comfort you in your loss.
May your God, your family and your
friends,
give you strength and confidence.
May your spirit be lifted, may your heart
be filled with peace,
and may the light of God's promise fill you
with joy and hope.

GOD CAN TURN YOUR
Mess
INTO A
Message

Gladstone Worship Centre

Cnr Uniting Place & Dixon Dr

Tannum Worship Centre

12 Silverton Dr

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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

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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**