



Gladstone Uniting Church Interface

Advent 1

1 December 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.

GOD OF OUR WAITING TIME, with the holy ones who have gone before us, we long once more for the coming of Jesus, your Word made flesh. Utter your Word anew in our world at once beautiful and wounded. Open our hearts to listen for your voice as the human family cries out for justice and hungers for meaning. Wait with us, accompany us, work and pray through us for the unfolding of your promise, for the fullness of your dream this Advent and always. AMEN.

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

Lectionary Bible Readings

This Week: Advent 1

Jeremiah 33: 14-16

Psalms 25: 1-10

1 Thessalonians 3: 9-13

Luke 21: 25-36



Next Week: Advent 2

Malachi 3: 1-4

Luke 1: 68-79

Philippians 1: 3-11

Luke 3: 1-6



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

The Lantern and the Cave

Elara, a young woman from a remote village, embarks on a dangerous journey to find a lantern rumoured to dispel darkness. The path takes her deep into a cave, where shadows twist and whisper, trying to turn her back. Each step brings more insidious lies, questioning her worth and independence. The shadows claim she is weak, dependent, and unloved, trying to convince her that her worth is tied to others. They mock her efforts, suggesting that her light is inadequate and that returning would be pointless.

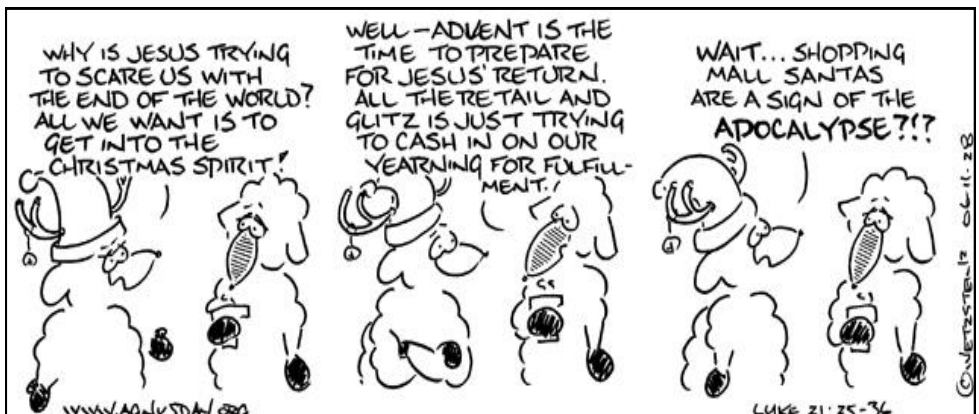


Despite the oppressive darkness, Elara draws strength from her resolve, refusing to let the shadows control her. She continues her journey, holding fast to the belief that her light is stronger than the darkness surrounding her. Eventually, she reaches the centre of the cave and finds the lantern, its golden light shining defiantly against the shadows. As she touches it, the shadows retreat, and she is filled with renewed strength.

Elara returns to her village, bringing the lantern with her as a symbol of resilience. Its light becomes a beacon for others who have been trapped by darkness, allowing them to confront their own shadows and break the silence of their struggles. Through shared strength and openness, the villagers begin to heal and build a brighter, safer community.

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Levon

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




Next Week's Gladstone Roster & Church Activities

<u>8 December 2024</u>	
Preaching	Levon Kardashian
Intro to Worship	Dulcie Van W
Notices & Prayers	Dulcie Van W
Vestry Elders	F. Clark, G. Caird
Bible Reader	Dulcie Van W
Song Selector	Tony Leong
Back Up Singer	
Piano	Craig Binney
Additional Music	
Data Projector	Ian Anderson
Sound System	Warren Clark
Church Steward/Valet	Wise Kafoa
Welcome Host	
Count Offering	Dulcie Van W, Helper Pls
Morning Tea	Helen V, Helper please

<u>Monday 2 December 2024</u>	
9-11am	Little Explorers—In Hall
9am-1pm	Bookshop Open
<u>Tuesday 3 December 2024</u>	
9am-1pm	Bookshop Open
<u>Wednesday 4 December 2024</u>	
9am-1pm	Bookshop Open
<u>Thursday 5 December 2024</u>	
9am-1pm	Bookshop Open
<u>Friday 6 December 2024</u>	
9am-1pm	Bookshop Open
<u>Saturday 7 December 2024</u>	
9am-1pm	Bookshop Open
<u>Sunday 8 December 2024</u>	
8am	Tannum Worship Service
9am	Gladstone Worship Service

The Church Christmas Tree

Our church Christmas tree is in place and will serve not only as a thing of beauty but it will also be a place to put gifts. Every family in the congregation is invited to share in the true meaning of Christmas by placing gifts of nonperishable (and non-expired) food and toys under our Church Christmas tree. Uniting Care will distribute these amongst those who are most in need in the Gladstone community. Please help us support our community!




Dates to Note

Church Council Meeting 20 Jan 7.30pm
 Eden Vale Service 18 December 10am
Christmas Carols 13 December 6pm
Blue Christmas 21 December 2.30pm
Christmas Day 7.30am Combined Service
29 December Combined 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.



<i>Daily Lectionary Readings</i>	
Monday Dec 2 Psalm 76 Daniel 7:19-27 Revelation 11:1-14	Tuesday Dec 3 Psalm 76 Ezekiel 29:1-12 Revelation 11:15-19
Wednesday Dec 4 Psalm 76 Ezekiel 30:20-26 John 16:25-33	Thursday Dec 5 Psalm 25:1-10 Nehemiah 9:6-15 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Friday Dec 6 Psalm 25:1-10 Nehemiah 9:16-25 1 Thessalonians 5:12-22	Saturday Dec 7 Psalm 25:1-10 Nehemiah 9:26-31 Luke 21:20-24



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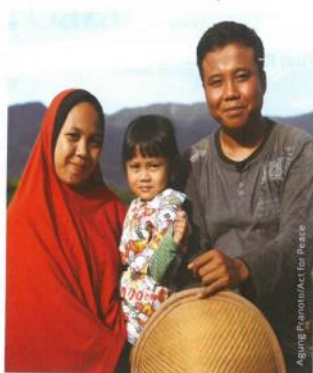


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Your impact: Preventing displacement in Indonesia

Eko lives in North Pakuli, Indonesia, with his wife and three-year-old daughter. Eko's family have endured many disasters over the years. Frequent flash flooding has had a serious impact on their income, as their home has been damaged and their seeds and fertiliser were frequently washed away by the rain.



Rice farmer Eko is building a more sustainable future for his family after frequent flash flooding and the challenges of climate change threatened his family's livelihood.

Indonesia is one of the most disaster-prone countries on Earth. It lies on the Pacific "Ring of Fire" where volcanic eruptions, earthquakes, tsunamis, floods, landslides, drought and forest fires frequently occur.

By working with Church World Service Indonesia, Act for Peace has helped to develop the DREAM program (Disaster Resilience through Enhanced Adaptive Measures) in Central Sulawesi, which aims to strengthen community resilience to the impacts of climate change and to prepare for when disasters strike.

Eko has been an inspirational participant, enthusiastically trialling new, sustainable approaches to farming and the use of organic fertilisers. He now plans to expand these new techniques to more of his land and has been encouraging other farmers in his community to do the same.

Lord you wait for us
to come and see you.
You wait to shine light
where there is darkness,
To show love
where there is hate,
To share peace
where there is conflict.
Lord you wait for us
to come and see you.
You wait for us
to remember
what has been fulfilled,
to prepare
for what must still be done.
You wait in hope and expectation,
Longing for us
To shine your light,
To show your love,
To share your peace.



*If we keep Christ in our
heart.
Christmas has no end.*



Gladstone Uniting Church

BOOKSHOP

Corner Dixon Drive & Uniting Place
TELINA

Open 9am to 1pm
from Monday 2 December
to Saturday 21 December.

*Lots of lovely gift ideas
and inspirations.*

Closed on Sundays

Christ Is Coming Again

At that time they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. Luke 21:27 (NIV)

Words are taken from Luke 21:25-36 (NIV).



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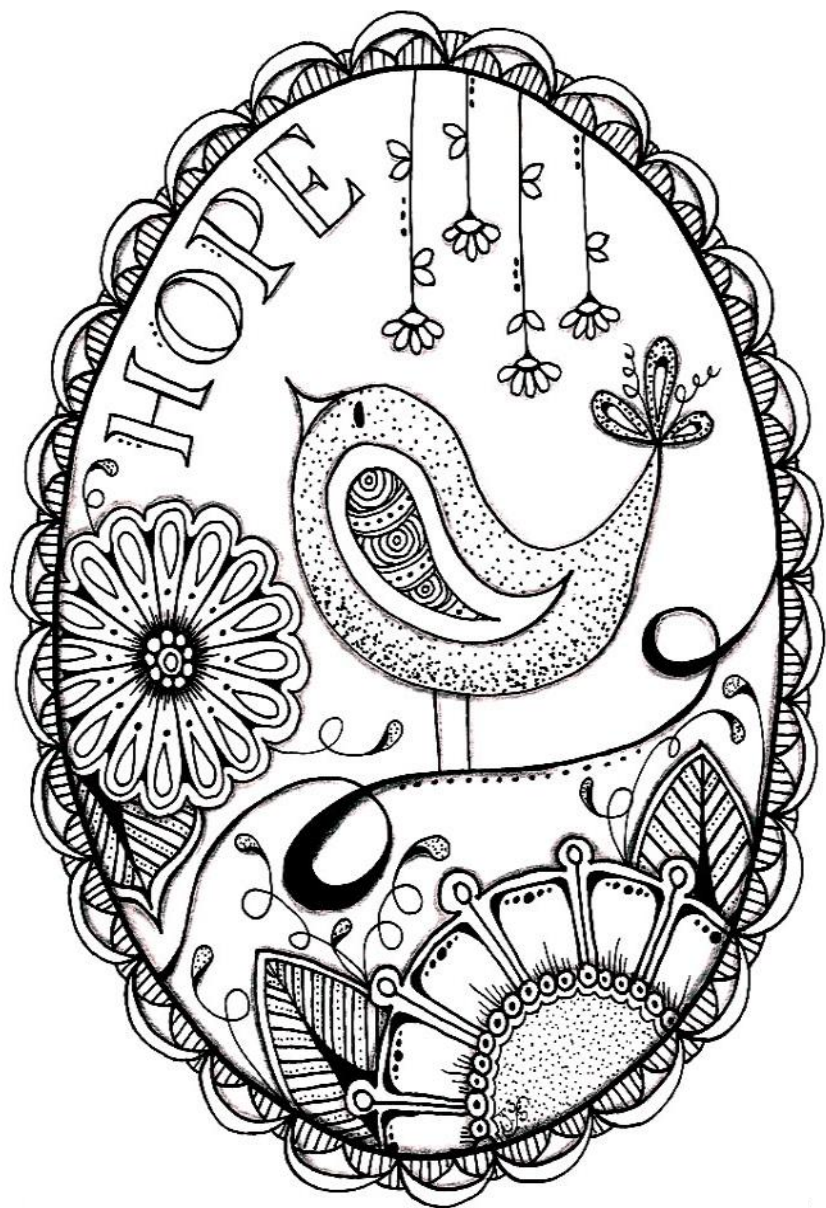
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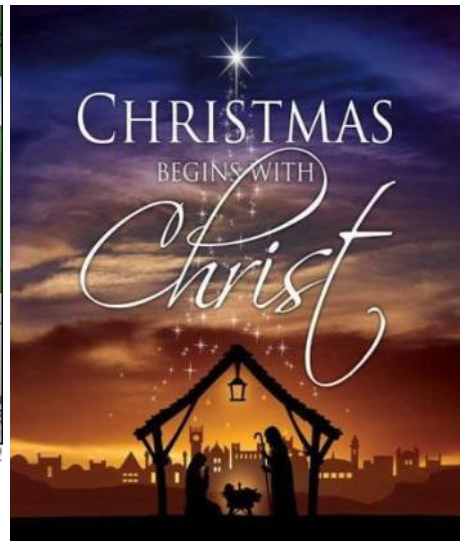
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Direct EFT Giving

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.

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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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