



Gladstone Uniting Church Interface

Christmas 1

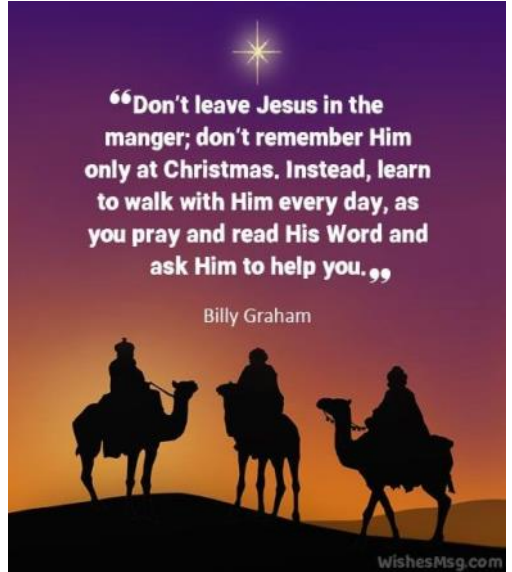
29 December 2024

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.



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

Lectionary Bible Readings

Today: Christmas 1

Next Week: Epiphany

1 Samuel 2: 18-20, 26

Psalms 148

Colossians 3: 12-17

Luke 2: 41-52



Isaiah 60: 1-6

Psalms 72: 1-7, 10-14

Ephesians 3: 1-12

Matthew 2: 1-12



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

The Future is Now: Reinventing Tradition in the Church

The church had stood for decades, its walls a quiet witness to generations of worship and fellowship. For years, it was a place of ritual, predictable and familiar, with little room for anything more. But Ellie and her friends could feel something stirring, a wind of change blowing through their church. They wanted more. They wanted something that spoke to their generation, that brought new life to the place where they had grown up. It was as if the future was knocking at the door, and they had to answer.



Ellie’s vision was clear: they could breathe new life into the old church, making it a place for all ages to gather, a refuge for the weary and the seeking. They dreamed of transforming it into a drop-in centre, a welcoming space for anyone, not just those who sat in the pews. But they knew that such change wouldn’t come easy. It would take courage and conviction to move beyond the way things had always been. “Come on, Ellie, we’ll be late for the council meeting!” her friend Mia called from the doorway. Ellie took a breath. *Here goes nothing.*

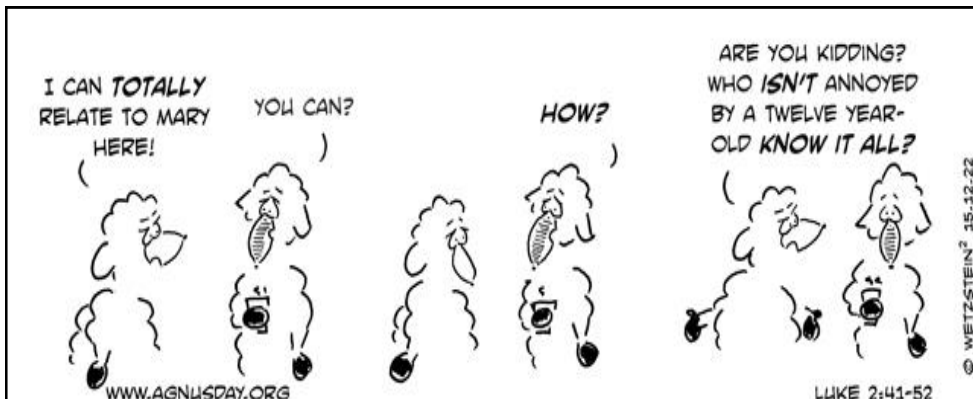
The church council meeting was held in the old boardroom, where portraits of stern-looking ministers hung like watchful ancestors. At the head of the table sat **Mr. Grant**, a tall man with silver hair and a gaze that seemed to see through walls. He had been on the council for over twenty years and considered it his duty to uphold the traditions of the church.

Ellie cleared her throat. “I’d like to propose using the church for a **community drop-in centre**. There are so many young people and families in town who need help—a safe place, a meal, someone to talk to.”
Rev. Thomas smiled encouragingly from his seat. “Go on, Ellie.”

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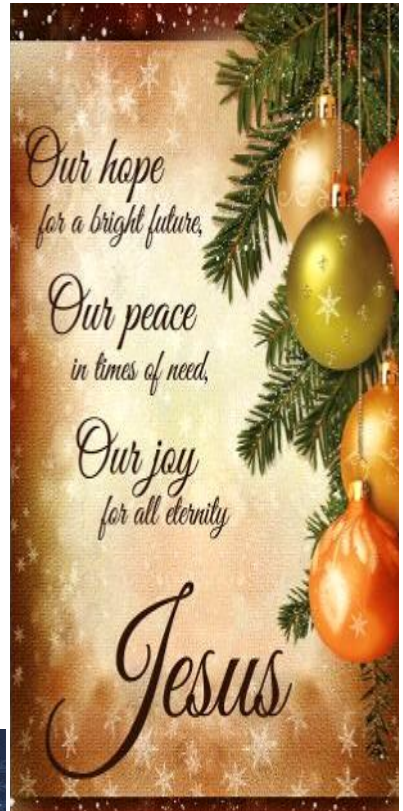
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Next Week's Roster

05 January 2025

Preaching	Delwyn Bambrick
Worship Lead-in	Delwyn Bambrick
Notices & Prayers	Delwyn Bambrick
Vestry Elders	G. Caird, Helper pls
Bible Reader	Gavin Caird
Song Selector	Ros Bambrick
Back Up Singer	
Piano	Selena Anderson
Additional Music	
Data Projector	Ian Anderson
Sound System	Wise Kafoa
Valet	
Welcome Host	
Count Offering	John Parnell, Help pls
Morning Tea	Pauline S, Dulcie V W



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Please note that the Office will be only be open on Tuesday morning for a couple of hours until the end of the School holidays.

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Thanks to Mikel Rice (See Luke 2:1-16)

12-18-2000

**I'M SO SICK OF BEING A SHEPHERD ...
NOTHING EXCITING EVER HAPPENS OUT
HERE**

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.

Daily Lectionary Readings

Monday December 30

Psalm 147:12-20
1 Kings 3:5-14
John 8:12-19

Tuesday December 31

Numbers 6:22-27
Psalm 8
Gal 4:4-7 or Phil 2:5-11
Luke 2:15-21

Wednesday January 1

Psalm 147:12-20
Proverbs 1:1-7
James 3:13-18

Thursday January 2

Psalm 72
Job 42:10-17
Luke 8:16-21

Friday January 3

Psalm 72
Isaiah 6:1-5
Acts 7:44-53

Saturday January 4

Psalm 72
Jeremiah 31:7-14
John 1:[1-9]10-18



Look for Christ
and you will find Him.
And with Him,
everything else.

- C. S. Lewis



Guide us to Thy Perfect Light

○ God, who by the leading of a star manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: Lead us, who know you now by faith, to your presence, where we may see your glory face to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

