



Gladstone Uniting Church Interface

Pentecost 6

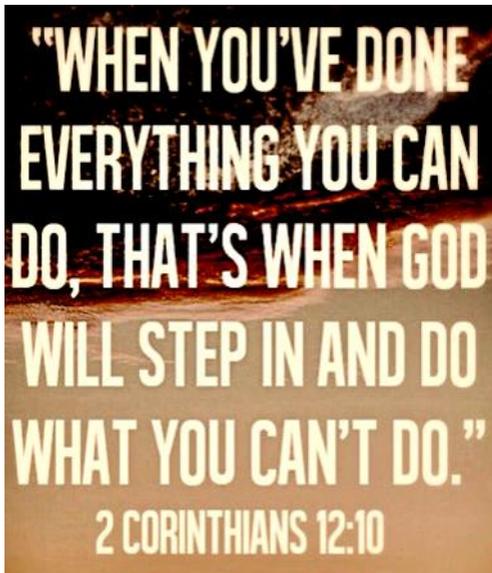
4 July 2021

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

This Week: Pentecost 6

Next Week: Pentecost 7

2 Samuel 5: 1-5, 9-10

Psalms 48

2 Corinthians 12: 2-10

Mark 6: 1-13



2 Samuel 6: 1-5, 12b-19

Psalms 24

Ephesians 1: 3-14

Mark 6: 14-29



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

Pentecost 6 Year B

Mk. 6:1-13 – Going home

There is something very special about going home. Perhaps it has something to do with the magnetism of one's family roots or the revisiting of memories, tastes, smells and experiences. Someone once said, "Home is where the heart is." It's a place of belonging—a place of grounding.

In our reading for this morning, Jesus returns home. After healing the woman who had had a haemorrhage for 12 years and raising back to life the daughter of Jairus, Mark tells us that Jesus went out from there and came into his own country—to Nazareth where he grew up—where he grew in his knowledge of God—where, next to his earthly father Joseph, he learned obedience and respect and the useful art of carpentry. Because he was also a visiting Rabbi, Jesus had been invited to preach on the Sabbath.

The first response that Jesus gets to his sermon is one of pure astonishment as he spoke to them with authority. Here they encountered in Jesus, something that they hadn't seen in him before, as he was growing up. Note that his hearers didn't deny his wisdom or his power to work miracles. What they questioned was where he got his wisdom and power. And as they got to thinking about that, another attitude towards Jesus' preaching takes over from their amazement.

They began to reject Jesus and his message. You would think that they would be overjoyed at seeing Jesus—of hearing his wisdom and sharing in the joy of his miracles. But there's something dark about how their minds were working that day. The people's hearts had become hardened towards him.

Often it's the people we know and love the most, who reject the message we bring—our family—our childhood friends—those who have known us for a long time. Witnessing to these people is best done by example—by living your life in such a way that they want to ask you why you live the way you do, thereby giving you the opportunity to share with them.

No matter how people end up responding to the good news we bring, the victory is always God's. It is he who offers his grace and offers forgiveness and mercy. It is he who brings healing and wholeness. And it is he who, in the end, will bring us all to that place of peace and contentment—the place for which our hearts continually long—home.

Grace and peace,

Allan



Welcome

Membership Sunday

At our recent Church Council meeting it was agreed that we would organize a Membership Sunday (suggested date 15 August 2021) where those who have already indicated they would like to become Members of the Gladstone congregation and others who might like to consider becoming Members or Members in Association, will be welcomed into the congregation. A Member in Association participates in all the rites, privileges and responsibilities of a regular Member but also recognizes that the person also maintains membership in another congregation or denomination. If you have been coming along for a while and would like to formalize your connection with this congregation, please see Allan or one of the elders.

Next Week's Roster & Church Activities

<u>11 July 2021</u>	
Preaching	Gavin Caird
Worship Lead-in	Gavin Caird
Notices & Prayers	Gavin Caird
Vestry Elders	J. Parnell, I. McKay
Bible Reader	Laraine McKay
Song Selector	Tony Leong
Back Up Singer	Ian McKay
Piano	Selena Anderson
Data Projector	David Potter
Sound System	Helper Please
Church Steward/Valet	Harold Holmes
Welcome Host	Jean Peters
Count Offering	Helpers Please
Morning Tea	NA

<u>Monday 5 July 2021</u>	
9-11am	Little Explorers - In Recess
<u>Tuesday 6 July 2021</u>	
9am-1pm	Bookshop open
7.00pm	Social Tennis
<u>Wednesday 7 July 2021</u>	
9.00am	Prayer Group
<u>Thursday 8 July 2021</u>	
9am-1pm	Bookshop Open
1.00pm	Small Group
<u>Friday 9 July 2021</u>	
<u>Saturday 10 July 2021</u>	
9am-1pm	Bookshop Open
<u>Sunday 11 July 2021</u>	
9.00am	Worship Service: Gavin Caird

Daily Lectionary Readings

Monday July 5 Psalm 119:81-88 Ezekiel 2:8-3:11 2 Corinthians 11:16-33	Tuesday July 6 Psalm 119:81-88 Jeremiah 16:1-13 James 5:7-12
Wednesday July 7 Psalm 119:81-88 Jeremiah 16:14-21 John 7:1-9	Thursday July 8 Psalm 85:8-13 Amos 2:6-16 Colossians 2:1-5
Friday July 9 Psalm 85:8-13 Amos 3:1-12 Colossians 4:2-18	Saturday July 10 Psalm 85:8-13 Amos 4:6-13 Luke 1:57-80

Our next outing will be morning tea at Fresh Fix on Thursday 8th July at 9.30. I would appreciate it if you could let me know if you are planning to attend, so I can book a table. Thanks. A message or phone call to 0408070611 would be good. Pam



Adult Fellowship

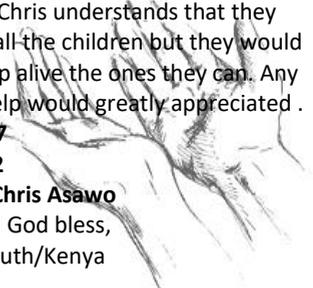
Dottie and Allan have had further contact with Pastor Chris in Kenya. Chris says that the situation is worsening. They are in lockdown due to COVID-19. Recently they ran out of food and have not been able to send food to the people they look after. The children and the widows they support are much affected and have no food in their homes. The area where they live in Kenya is now leading with Covid and deaths. Chris has had adults die of Covid in their churches and children die of hunger. Chris understands that they can't feed all the children but they would love to keep alive the ones they can. Any financial help would greatly appreciated.

BSB 734177

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Account - Chris Asawo

Thanks and God bless,
Chris and Ruth/Kenya





New Auckland Place

1.00 pm Tuesday, 6 July 2021

Special Church Council

Meeting 26 July 7.30pm



(See Genesis 1:1-2:3)

07-18-2014

**LIGHT, DARK, SKY, WATER, SUN, MOON,
STARS, PLANTS, FISH, BIRDS, ANIMALS,
AND MAN IN MY IMAGE ... I NEED A DAY
OFF AFTER THAT WEEK**

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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

Sermons and Interface

Please remember that hard copies of Allan’s sermons are available at the door as you leave. Back copies of sermons and the weekly Interface are also available in the Narthex.

Remember also that these can also be downloaded from the Gladstone UC website at: www.gladstoneuniting.org.au and on our Facebook page.



Retiring Offering

Mission of the Month

Chaplaincy in Hospitals & Prisons



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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