

Sunday 24 March 2019

Welcome to Worship at Glebe Road Uniting Church . . .

We are a warm and friendly community with groups and activities for all ages and stages of life. If you are new, we would appreciate the opportunity to connect with you to provide further information about the life and ministry of the church.

If you are visiting we would like to acknowledge your time with us today. Please collect a Welcome Brochure from the foyer table.

Pastor's Pen

Choosing Between Absolutes. Read Luke 13: 1-9.

"I'm not sending you to prison, but giving you one last chance." These were always unwanted words when spoken by a judge, addressing the accused, while also heard by a detective sitting at the back of the court.

The commission of some crimes is saturated with such mischief, or cruelty, one would think to be automatically deserving of a custodial sentence.

Sometimes, it seemed everyone in court but the judge knew the accused would likely re-offend. The chance offered to the accused seemed such a waste; sometimes, this was the case.

Yet there were other cases when the accused was never seen before the courts again. Someone had chosen to forgo a life of crime to bear a fruitful life. The chance given was an opportunity taken, absolutely. These success stories can go mostly un-noticed.

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In today's reading, Jesus illustrates how our choice in faith is also a matter of absolutes. Whenever we are confronted with an absolute of any kind, we have only two choices; either we sink or swim.

God offers us an absolute in Christ. Either we follow Christ, or we perish without the fullness of life. This includes the opportunity for eternal life. God's law seems terribly limiting, even harsh. Yet it is no different from the decision of the lenient judge. Both decisions contain a promise.

The judge promises a sentence of imprisonment for the re-offender, should they return to his or her court. God promises the fullness of life, regardless of what we have done, or what might happen to us. For any of us, it's simply a matter of our choosing between absolutes.

Grace & Peace to each one of you.
Bruce.

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Every member of the Congregation is a valued member of the Team

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Regular Sunday Services

8:15 am and 10:15 am

Easter Celebrations

8:00 am Good Friday

9:00 am Easter Sunday

What's happening this week ...

Sun 24 Mar	8:15 am	Leader: Ps Mike McMillan Preacher: Rev Bruce Raymond
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	5:00 pm	Open Prayer Time— Leader: Daniel Francis
Mon 25 Mar	9:30 am	mainly music
	9:30 am	Lent Event Study—Shalom House Lower
Tues 26 Mar	9:00 am	Painting for Pleasure
Wed 27 Mar	7:00 am	Waterers and Weeders
	9:30 am	Craft, Coffee and Chat
	6:30 pm	2nd Service Music Practice
Thurs 28 Mar	9:30 am	mainly music
	4:30 pm	1st Service Music Practice
	7:30 pm	Ladies Bible Study
Fri 29 Mar	9:00 am	Garden Club Committee Meeting
	7:00 pm	The Lighthouse
Sat 30 Mar	9:15 am	Family Fun Day
Sun 31 Mar	8:15 am	Leader and Preacher: Rev Bruce Raymond
	10:15 am	Leader and Preacher: Nyleta Bruce

Who is celebrating this week?

Birthdays

26 March	Asher Francis
29 March	Kathy Hart Sarah Camillo
30 March	Jan Bailey Wendy Engler Eliana Jackson



Wedding Anniversaries

26 March	Nigel and Ann Maree Lucan
30 March	Alan and Val Butler

You may like to have your names included on this list—please write your name on the clipboard in the foyer.



Welcome
gorgeous
baby girl

Nigel and Ann-Maree Lucas
welcome with much love their little daughter

Jasmine Elizabeth

Born 28th January 2019
Little sister for Isabella and Harry

Notices ...

MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE—Please note that there will NOT be a Maundy Thursday Service held here at Glebe Road UC this year. The service is being held at Ipswich North (Brassall) UC. Please refer to the notice on page 3 (Seder Meal) of the newsletter for further details.

EASTER MADNESS—This week is the last week for registrations for Easter Madness. If you would like to help children in our own community to grow in their faith and learn about Jesus please consider donating to this event to help those children whose families are experiencing financial hardship. Please refer to the article on the back page for further information.

FAMILY FUN DAY VOLUNTEERS—Volunteers are needed to help out in areas such as: Run craft activities; set and serve morning tea; provide morning tea and prayer support. If you are able to help out in anyway please contact Nyleta Bruce at families@gleberd.com.au.

LADIES SILVER WATCH—A ladies silver watch was found in the garden between the church driveway and the Neighbourhood Centre. If this is yours or you know someone who has lost the watch, please contact the church office.

LADIES READING GLASSES—A pair of red framed reading glasses have been found on the premises. They are on the table in the church foyer.



Lentevent

Living with courage in a fearful world

This 5 week study is being conducted by
Rev Bruce Raymond
commenced on 11th March at 9.30am in
Shalom House Lower

If you are interested in joining this study, please speak with Rev Bruce or leave you details at the Church Office

LIVING WITH COURAGE IN A FEARFUL WORLD

During the first weeks of Lent about 35 of our Glebe Road people have joined together in various groups to participate in the Lent Event studies which feature Uniting World projects in Timor Leste and in particular our church's partnership with Ekaristi church.

Don't forget you can sign up for "Bread for the Road" by visiting www.lentevent.com/be-inspired. You'll receive reflections on Monday, Wednesday and Friday each week of Lent via email.

It's not too late to join a group. See Rev. Bruce Raymond or Noel and Noela Rothery .



We are the children of Timor Leste

Dear God,

We are the children of Timor Leste dreaming of the future.
We are born to families too poor to help us finish school,
Our leaders have often had to show the way in secret during war and conflict,
And we are still learning how to use our voices
But our ideas shine bright.

God hear us: we are the children dreaming of the future.

We are the children longing for safety
In places where war has robbed our parents of their childhoods,
their memories
Their families, their feelings
We do not want to be the victims of violence, in our homes
or on the street
And we need people to stand up for us, creating a better way

God hear us: we are the children longing for safety.

We are the children looking for love
Among our friends, within our families, in the heart of the God we
hear about
From our leaders and Sunday School teachers who tell us
we are worth it
We want to believe, but hoping is hard.

God hear us: we are the children looking for love.

We are all your children and we pray for our friends in Timor Leste
Teaching, guiding, nurturing and loving in your name
Give us the courage to stand beside our neighbours as they build a
nation
And to see each child as precious as our own.

God of Second Chances

-Luke 13:1-9



SEDER MEAL

Ipswich North (Brassall) Uniting Church
6 pm Maundy Thursday 18th April 2019

An open invitation has been extended by Brassall Church members who are hosting a Seder Meal,* as part of the joint Easter celebrations for our local Uniting Churches. (Other denominations are also invited)

This is a good opportunity to mix with members of other congregations, as well as your possibility to invite an acquaintance, perhaps on the peripheries of church life, or someone currently uncertain in their faith.

*A seder meal is the Christian extension of the Jewish Passover meal, growing in popularity across the wider Church. It consists of traditional food, stories, and Scripture readings, enabling a good lead-in for the Easter week-end.

Cost: \$12.00 per person

RSVP: 12th April for catering purposes

Contact: Andrea Follett andrear69@bigpond.com or see Rev Bruce.



Marilyn along with Noela and Noel
are very proud grandparents again



Sarah and Mark introduced us to
Archie Scott Rothery
on Monday 11th March 2019.
Big brothers Ollie and Micah are very smitten.

Hidden Treasure

Come and help us find the Hidden Treasure at the
Glebe Rd Uniting Church
Family Fun Day



When: Saturday 30th March

Time: 9.15am - 11.30am

Where: Glebe Rd Uniting Church Cnr
 Glebe Rd & Eileen St, Booval

RSVP: families@gleberd.com.au

Join us for FREE family fun!

PLEASE NOTE:

Please be aware that information contained in the Church Notices is available on the Church Website which can be found at www.gleberd.com.au.



Attention all Group Leaders/Convenors/Chairpersons

ANNUAL FIRE SAFETY INSTRUCTION IS NEARLY DUE AGAIN



School holidays and Easter will make the next few weeks fly, so *please TALK TO YOUR GROUPS IN APRIL* to lock in a *TRAINING DATE DURING MAY*.

Please contact Rob Edwardson as soon as possible to advise a date and time that will suit your leadership team. Email carob1110@bigpond.com or Phone 0408 920 305.

These groups need to participate:

Administration incl. Vols
Catering Teams
Children's Ministries
Church Council
Craft, Coffee & Chat*
Glebe Garden Club
Mainly Music

Music Ministries
Painting for Pleasure
Resources Ministry
Silkstone Eisteddfod
Waterers & Weeders
Youth & Young Adults*

Plus any other groups using Glebe Road venues and not listed above.

*Fire Safety Regulations require the church to provide annual refresher instruction and an annual Fire Evacuation Practice (drill). Preparation of all leaders before the drill planned for a church service in June will assist in the effective conduct of the drill. Thank you for your anticipated cooperation.

Rob Edwardson
 (Chief Fire Warden)

12-15 April 2019

Alexandra Park Conference Centre

A youth camp for high schoolers to hang out with old friends, meet new friends and explore faith.

Early bird registration (limited): \$199

Standard registration: \$249



REGISTER AT

eastermadness.com.au



An activity of the Uniting Church Queensland Synod



We're Going to Easter Madness

Easter Madness 2019 is for high school-aged students (grade 7-12). It's a multi-day experience for the young people to grow in their faith, learn more about Jesus and make new friendships with people from all over Queensland.

Easter Madness 2019 will be held on the weekend before Easter from Friday 12 to Monday 15 April 2019.

The Church Council is calling for donations towards subsidising the cost of registration for our youth who will want to attend. Each registration is \$249.00 and closes soon.

If you wish to help please contact Mike or Marilyn in the church office

REGULAR ACTIVITIES

Cell Groups — For Bible study, Christian learning and fellowship.

mainly music — Mondays and Thursdays at 9:30am

Glebe Garden Club — Meets 1:30pm on the 1st Saturday of each month.

Waterers and Weeders — Wednesdays 7:00am.

The Lighthouse @ Glebe Road (Yrs 7-12) - Friday night 7:00pm

Women's Fellowship — Meets the 1st Wednesday of the month at 9:30am

Extreme — Sunday morning during 2nd Service

Craft, Coffee and Chat — Every 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month, 9:30—11:30am.

ONLINE GIVING

Tithes and offerings:

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<https://gleberd.com.au/giving/>