



Gladstone Uniting Church Interface

Pentecost 26

17 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.

*DAILY PRAYER: Father God, Let me love unconditionally as you love me. Help me forgive without holding on to anger or disappointment. Let me be kind and forgiving as you have forgiven me. Help me not to bring past issues into the present and to forgive the wrongs of others. May your love, peace, joy, and patience reside in my heart. In *Jesus'* name I pray. *AMEN**

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

Lectionary Bible Readings

This Week: Pentecost 25

Next Week: Pentecost 26

1 Samuel 1: 4-20

2 Samuel 23: 1-7

1 Samuel 2: 1-10

Psalms 132: 1-12

Hebrews 10: 11-25

Revelation 1: 4b-8

Mark 13: 1-8

John 18: 33-37



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

End of the World Cancelled (Again)

In Endvale, a town known for its quirky “end of the world” gatherings whenever a “sign” appears, locals prepare for what they believe is yet another impending doomsday. This time, a comet sparks renewed declarations, with cafés counting down the days and farewell parties popping up. The town’s traditions have become a way for residents to gather and celebrate, with the “end” always remaining just out of reach.



Two newcomers join the town’s eccentric customs: Max, a cheerful ex-travel writer drawn to Endvale’s unique traditions, and Dan, a high-strung executive who is convinced the world is truly ending, quits his job in a dramatic outburst. Spending his savings, Dan indulges in luxuries he’d denied himself, hoping to enjoy his final days. However, Max introduces a different perspective at the farewell bonfire, suggesting that the townsfolk view these gatherings not as the “end” but as a way to appreciate everyday life.

Some residents are intrigued, others sceptical. Max’s idea—that they don’t need a doomsday clock to live fully—challenges their traditional thinking. Yet, he proposes shifting their focus to make these celebrations more frequent, valuing each day together rather than fearing an impending end. Dan, now doubtful about his hasty decisions, begins to rethink his choices.

As the comet passes and the world doesn’t end, Dan, now humbled, finds himself adjusting to life in Endvale, supported by its warm community. The town gradually embraces Max’s suggestion, rebranding their doomsday parties as moments to gather in gratitude. Dan, too, shifts his focus from apocalyptic escapism to a life grounded in purpose and community. Through this change, Endvale finds new meaning in each day, choosing to celebrate togetherness over the idea of an end.

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Levon

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

The Bookshop will be open 9am—1pm Monday to Saturday from December 2 to December 21 for your shopping convenience. Please note that it will NOT be open on Sundays.



Next Week's Gladstone Roster & Church Activities

<u>24 November 2024</u>	
Preaching	Levon Kardashian
Intro to Worship	Levon Kardashian
Notices & Prayers	Levon Kardashian
Vestry Elders	F. Clark, I. McKay
Bible Reader	Ian McKay
Song Selector	Ros Bambrick
Back Up Singer	Caitlin Price
Piano	Nicky Rippingale
Additional Music	
Data Projector	Nathan Rippingale
Sound System	
Church Steward/Valet	Harold Holmes
Welcome Host	Kerry Price
Count Offering	Harold H, Grant P
Morning Tea	Judy B, Helper Please

<u>Monday 18 November 2024</u>	
9-11am	Little Explorers—In Hall
7.30pm	Church Council
<u>Tuesday 19 November 2024</u>	
9am-1pm	Bookshop Open
<u>Wednesday 20 November 2024</u>	
<u>Thursday 21 November 2024</u>	
9am-1pm	Bookshop Open
<u>Friday 22 November 2024</u>	
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9am-1pm	Bookshop Open
<u>Sunday 24 November 2024</u>	
8am	Tannum Worship Service
9am	Gladstone Worship Service

The Church Christmas Tree Coming Soon

As has become our custom our church Christmas tree 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

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 18

Psalm 13
Daniel 8:1-14
Hebrews 10:26-31

Tuesday Nov 19

Psalm 13
Daniel 8:15-27
Hebrews 10:32-39

Wednesday Nov 20

Psalm 13
Zechariah 12:1-13:1
Mark 13:9-23

Thursday Nov 21

Psalm 93
Ezekiel 28:1-10
Acts 7:54-8:1a

Friday Nov 22

Psalm 93
Ezekiel 28:20-26
1 Corinthians 15:20-28

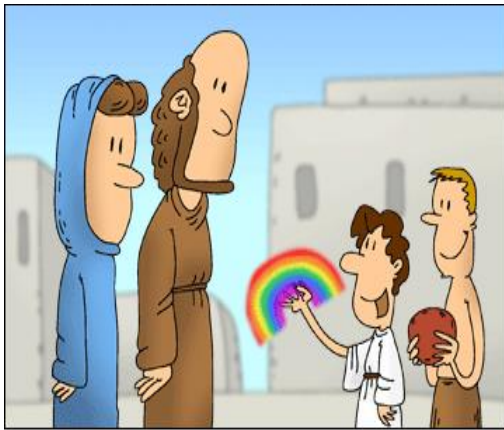
Saturday Nov 23

Psalm 93
Daniel 7:1-8, 15-18
John 3:31-36

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.





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I PROMISE I'LL FINISH MY HOMEWORK IF YOU LET ME PLAY A LITTLE MORE ... HERE'S A RAINBOW, EVEN

God is the best listener.
You don't need to shout
nor cry out loud
because He hears even
the silent prayer
of a sincere heart!

Gladstone Worship Centre

Cnr Uniting Place & Dixon Dr

Tannum Worship Centre

12 Silverton Dr

Gladstone Office Details:

Open Tues & Thurs

9.00am—12.00pm

(times subject to change in school holidays)

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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.

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.

EGG & NUT FREE