



# Gladstone Uniting Church Interface

Christ the King

24 November 2024

## Welcome

**H**ello 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](mailto:gladuca@bigpond.com) if you have any queries or we can be of assistance.

*Shepherd King,*  
TRANSFORM OUR DESIRE  
FOR POWER, WEALTH AND APPROVAL  
INTO A LONGING TO SERVE YOU  
AND OTHERS.  
MAKE US EVER AWARE OF  
HOW OUR LIVES IMPACT THOSE  
MOST IN NEED OF OUR GENEROUS  
SERVICE, AND GIVE US THE COURAGE TO  
CHANGE THE WAY WE LIVE. *Amen.*

For the most up-to-date information on our church please remember  
[www.gladstoneuniting.org.au](http://www.gladstoneuniting.org.au)

### Lectionary Bible Readings

**This Week: Christ the King**

**Next Week: Advent 1**

2 Samuel 23: 1-7

Psalms 132: 1-12

Revelation 1: 4b-8

John 18: 33-37



Jeremiah 33: 14-16

Psalms 25: 1-10

1 Thessalonians 3: 9-

Luke 21: 25-36



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

## The Gardner King

In the kingdom of **Verdania**, the annual **Festival of the Crown** celebrates the king's authority. However, discontent brews as Lord Braxus, a power-hungry noble, declares that the king has abandoned his people and seizes the opportunity to claim the crown.



Meanwhile, a young girl named Ella wanders into the royal gardens, where she meets a humble gardener. He speaks of quiet service being more valuable than grand displays, but their conversation is interrupted as guards drag the gardener to the festival.

Revealed as the king, the gardener endures humiliation as Braxus mocks his simple ways and crowns himself. The crowd wavers in doubt until villagers step forward, sharing stories of how the gardener-king personally helped them—mending roofs, digging wells, and providing food during hard times.

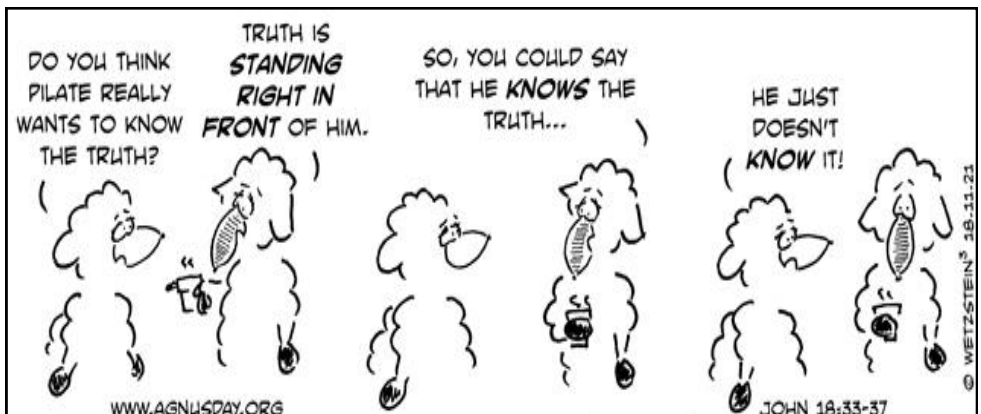
The crowd's admiration grows, and their chants of support for the gardener-king overwhelm Braxus, who flees in disgrace. The king picks up the crown but refuses to wear it, declaring that true leadership lies in service and fellowship, not power or wealth.

Inspired by his example, the people of Verdania unite to care for one another, and the kingdom thrives—not through riches but through the bonds of love and service.

χάρις & εἰρήνη - Հնորիք եւ Խաղաղութիւն - Grace and Peace

*Levon*

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



## *Next Week's Gladstone Roster & Church Activities*

<u>1 December 2024</u>	
<b>Preaching</b>	Levon Kardashian
<b>Intro to Worship</b>	Helen Evans
<b>Notices &amp; Prayers</b>	Helen Evans
<b>Vestry Elders</b>	G. Caird, D. Bambrick
<b>Bible Reader</b>	Helen Evans
<b>Song Selector</b>	Ros Bambrick
<b>Back Up Singer</b>	
<b>Piano</b>	Selena Anderson
<b>Additional Music</b>	Tony Leong
<b>Data Projector</b>	Ian Anderson
<b>Sound System</b>	
<b>Church Steward/Valet</b>	Harold Holmes
<b>Welcome Host</b>	Dulcie Van W
<b>Count Offering</b>	Harold. H, Dulcie Van W
<b>Morning Tea</b>	Helper Please

<u>Monday 25 November 2024</u>	
9-11am	Little Explorers—In Hall
<u>Tuesday 26 November 2024</u>	
9am-1pm	Bookshop Open
<u>Wednesday 27 November 2024</u>	
<u>Thursday 28 November 2024</u>	
9am-1pm	Bookshop Open
<u>Friday 29 November 2024</u>	
<u>Saturday 30 November 2024</u>	
9am-1pm	Bookshop Open
<u>Sunday 1 December 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*

Church Council Meeting 20 Jan 7.30pm  
 New Auckland Place 3 December 1pm  
 Eden Vale Service 18 December 10am  
**Christmas Carols 13 December 6pm**  
**Blue Christmas 21 December 2.30pm**  
**Christmas Day 7.30am 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>	
<b>Monday Nov 25</b> Psalm 76 Daniel 7:19-27 Revelation 11:1-14	<b>Tuesday Nov 26</b> Psalm 76 Ezekiel 29:1-12 Revelation 11:15-19
<b>Wednesday Nov 27</b> Psalm 76 Ezekiel 30:20-26 John 16:25-33	<b>Thursday Nov 28</b> Psalm 25:1-10 Nehemiah 9:6-15 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
<b>Friday Nov 29</b> Psalm 25:1-10 Nehemiah 9:16-25 1 Thessalonians 5:12-22	<b>Saturday Nov 30</b> Psalm 25:1-10 Nehemiah 9:26-31 Luke 21:20-24



**\$10**



**\$15**



**\$25**



**\$75**

**\$90**



**\$50**



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## Your impact: Acting for Peace in the world



In Zimbabwe, Christian Care are helping to create more hopeful futures in the face of climate change by providing conservation farming and alternative livelihoods trainings. Celia and her family now raise poultry, using the income to buy food and send their children to school.

In a world that often feels divided, you've come together with churches across Australia to stand alongside those uprooted by conflict and disaster.

Thank you for standing with Act for Peace's local partners to bring practical care – as well as hope, peace, joy, love, and light – to people in urgent need around the world.

From preventing displacement for communities facing climate disasters in Zimbabwe and Indonesia, to providing safety in exile for refugees in Jordan, to helping Sri Lankan refugees return home after fleeing conflict, together we can make a lasting difference for people displaced by conflict and disaster.

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**

# Born to Be King

Jesus answered, "You are right in saying I am a king. In fact, for this reason I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth." John 18:37 (NIV)

Based on John 18:33-37



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WORLD  
ARREST  
BORN  
KING

SERVANTS  
LISTENS  
FIGHT  
EVERYONE

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Thanks to Mikel Rice (See Psalm 31:5) 10-16-2002

SO DO YOU, UH, WELL, PROMISE TO TELL THE, UH, WHOLE TRUTH SO HELP, ER, UH, YOURSELF?



**Sunday 24 Nov 4pm**

**GLADSTONE UNITING CHURCH HALL**

Messy Church is a form of church for children and adults that involves creativity, celebration and hospitality. Dinner will be served after Messy Church.

[MessyChurchGladstone@gmail.com](mailto:MessyChurchGladstone@gmail.com)

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.



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 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](http://www.gladstoneuniting.org.au) and are published on our Facebook page.

Gladstone Worship Centre

Cnr Uniting Place & Dixon Dr

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12 Silverton Dr

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**Open Tues & Thurs**

**9.00am—12.00pm**

**(times subject to change in school holidays)**

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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.