



# Gladstone Uniting Church Interface

Transfiguration

23 February 2025

## 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.

Almighty God, the resplendent light of your truth shines from the mountaintop into our hearts. Transfigure us by your beloved Son, and illumine the world with your image, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. 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: Transfiguration**

**Next Week: Lent 1**

Exodus 34: 29-35

Psalms 99

2 Corinthians 3: 12-4:2

Luke 9: 28-36



Deuteronomy 26: 1-11

Psalms 91: 1-2, 9-16

Romans 10: 8b-13

Luke 4: 1-13



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

## The Glory and the Yakka: A Mountain's Secret

It was supposed to be a journey. A quiet retreat away from the buzz of the world. But when Jonah arrived at the base of Mount Orm, he could not shake the feeling that something was wrong. The mountain was shrouded in mist, its towering peaks veiled by the grey sky. He had heard stories about the mountain—rumours of hidden caves, old artefacts, and even whispers of a long-lost treasure. But Jonah was not here for any of that. He was here to find peace.



At least, that was the plan.

Jonah had recently walked away from a high-powered corporate job, burned out from the constant grind. His mind, his body, his soul—all had been running on empty. He had read about a mysterious mountain retreat, an ancient place where monks practised silent contemplation and connected with the divine. It was just what he needed: serenity, quiet, and an escape from the chaos.

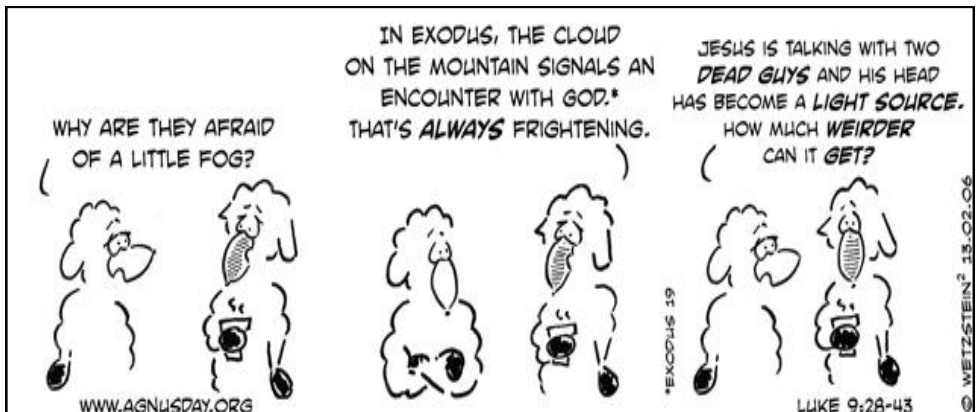
He trekked up steadily, the trail winding up through the dense forest. The further he went, the quieter it became. There were no sounds of animals, no rustle of leaves—just the echo of his own footsteps on the rocky terrain. By the time he reached the summit, the clouds had thickened, obscuring everything below.

Jonah stumbled into the retreat's courtyard, a vast, open area surrounded by stone walls. A single monk, rugged up in deep brown robes, stood by a simple stone altar, his face calm and chilled out. His eyes glowed faintly, almost as if he were a part of the mountain itself.

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Levon

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

<u>9 March 2025</u>	
<b>Preaching</b>	Levon Kardashian
<b>Worship Lead-in</b>	Dulcie Van W
<b>Notices &amp; Prayers</b>	Dulcie Van W
<b>Vestry Elders</b>	Ian M, Selena A
<b>Bible Reader</b>	Dulcie Van W
<b>Song Selector</b>	Ros Bambrick
<b>Back Up Singer</b>	
<b>Piano</b>	Emily Field
<b>Additional Music</b>	
<b>Data Projector</b>	Ian Anderson
<b>Sound System</b>	Wise Kafoa
<b>Church Steward/Valet</b>	Ian Rippingale
<b>Welcome Host</b>	
<b>Count Offering</b>	
<b>Morning Tea</b>	Linda R, Helper Please

<u>Monday 3 March 2025</u>	
9-11am	Little Explorers—In Hall
<u>Tuesday 4 March 2025</u>	
9am-1pm	Bookshop Open
<u>Wednesday 5 March 2025</u>	
<u>Thursday 6 March 2025</u>	
9am-1pm	Bookshop Open
<u>Friday 7 March 2025</u>	
10am	World Day of Prayer
<u>Saturday 8 March 2025</u>	
9am-1pm	Bookshop Open
<u>Sunday 9 March 2025</u>	
7.45am	Tannum Worship Service
9am	Gladstone Worship Service
4pm	Messy Church @ Canoe Pt

**CQ Presbytery Meeting 14-16 March 2025**  
 Gladstone UCA will be hosting the 14-16 March 2025 Presbytery Meeting. Helpers for food serving, preparing Morning and Afternoon teas, hosting billets etc will be required. Please mark on the forms in the Narthex if you are able to host billets and make or serve food. Please speak to Levon for any more information.

*Dates to Note*

- \* **Eden Vale Service**  
18 Mar 10am
- \* **Church Council Meeting**  
17 March 7:30pm

**Messy Church 4pm 9 March Canoe Point**  
 High Tea 17 May

**World Day of Prayer 2025**  
**Cook Islands**

'I made you wonderful'



World Day of Prayer  
 Friday 7 March  
 10am  
 Star of the Sea  
 Catholic Church

For more information  
 please speak to  
 Pam Elliott

### *Daily Lectionary Readings*

<b>Monday March 3</b> Psalm 35:11-28 Exodus 35:1-29 Acts 10:9-23a	<b>Tuesday March 4</b> Psalm 35:11-28 Ezekiel 1:1-2:1 Acts 10:23b-33
<b>Wednesday March 5</b> Joel 2:1-2, 12-17 Psalm 103:8-14 2 Cor 5:20b-6:10 Matt 6:1-6, 16-21	<b>Thursday March 6</b> Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16 Exodus 5:10-23 Acts 7:30-34
<b>Friday March 7</b> Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16 Exodus 6:1-13 Acts 7:35-42	<b>Saturday March 8</b> Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16 Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 John 12:27-36

