



Gladstone Uniting Church

Interface

Epiphany 7

23 February 2025

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.

When evil darkens our world, give us light. When despair numbs our souls, give us hope. When we stumble and fall, lift us up. When doubts assail us, give us faith. When nothing seems sure, give us trust. When ideals fade, give us vision. When we lose our way, be our guide! That we may find serenity in Your presence, and purpose in doing Your will.

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

Lectionary Bible Readings

This Week: Epiphany 7

Next Week: Transfiguration

Genesis 45: 3-11, 15

Exodus 34: 29-35

Psalms 37: 1-11, 39—30

Psalms 99

1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50

2 Corinthians 3: 12-4:2

Luke 6: 27-38

Luke 9: 28-36

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

The Choice: A Modern Retelling of Joseph’s Story

Michael had once been the rising star of **Westbridge Consulting**. Hardworking, innovative, and always the first one in and last one out. But that changed five years ago when **Daniel**, his closest colleague—and, he thought, friend—stabbed him in the back.

It had been a high-stakes project, one that could secure a massive client and propel careers forward.

Michael had done the research, built the strategy, and crafted the perfect pitch. But the night before the big presentation, his files mysteriously vanished from the shared drive. The next morning, Daniel presented **Michael’s work** as his own.

Michael had no proof of the sabotage, and when he tried to explain, it sounded like petty jealousy. Daniel got the promotion, and Michael was sidelined and then pushed out entirely.

The last thing he saw as he left Westbridge Consulting was **Daniel shaking hands with the CEO**, standing in the position Michael had earned.

Michael had spent months in **freefall**.

No one wanted to hire someone who had been quietly pushed out of a company. The industry was small, and though no one outright accused him of anything, **doors mysteriously closed** when he knocked.

He swallowed his pride and took **short-term contracts**—low-level consulting gigs, working under people far less experienced than him. Sometimes, he recognised old colleagues in meetings. They’d glance at him, surprised, before quickly looking away.

For a while, bitterness was **his only companion**.

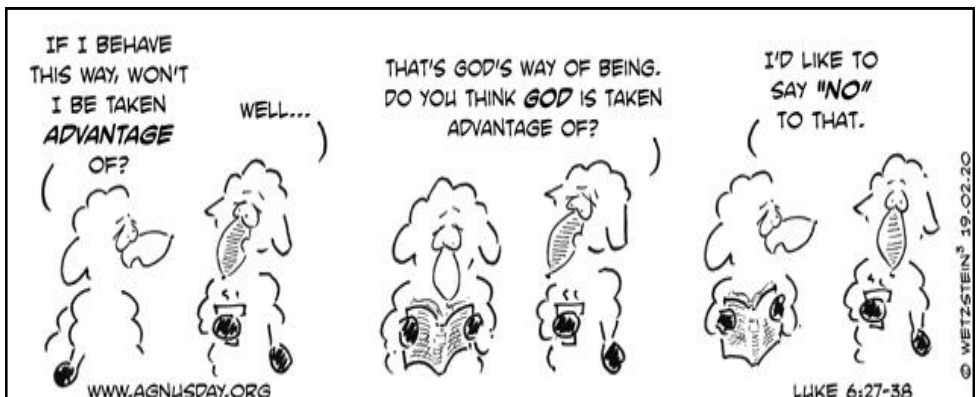
But he refused to stay down. He used every opportunity to prove himself again, one small project at a time. He worked harder than he ever had, taking on roles others turned down. Slowly, people **started to notice**.



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Levon

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Next Week's Roster & Church Activities

<u>2 March 2025</u>	
Preaching	Levon Kardashian
Worship Lead-in	Pam Elliott
Notices & Prayers	Pam Elliott
Vestry Elders	Gavin C, Delwyn B
Bible Reader	Pam Elliott
Song Selector	Ros Bambrick
Back Up Singer	Caitlin Price
Piano	Nicky Rippingale
Additional Music	
Data Projector	Nathan Rippingale
Sound System	
Church Steward/Valet	Wise Kafoa
Welcome Host	
Count Offering	John P, Helper Pls
Morning Tea	Dulcie VW, Helper Pls

<u>Monday 24 February 2025</u>	
9-11am	Little Explorers—In Hall
7.30pm	Church Council Meeting
<u>Tuesday 25 February 2025</u>	
9am-1pm	Bookshop Open
<u>Wednesday 26 February 2025</u>	
<u>Thursday 27 February 2025</u>	
9am-1pm	Bookshop Open
<u>Friday 28 February 2025</u>	
<u>Saturday 1 March 2025</u>	
9am-1pm	Bookshop Open
<u>Sunday 2 March 2025</u>	
7.45am	Tannum Worship Service
9am	Gladstone Worship Service

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

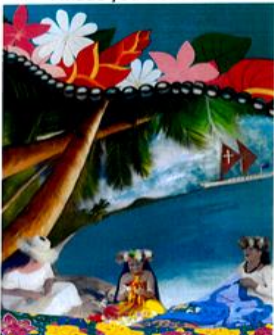
- * **Eden Vale Service**
18 Mar 10am
- * **Church Council Meeting**
24 February 7:30pm

Daily Lectionary Readings

Monday February 24 Psalm 38 Genesis 33:1-17 1 Corinthians 11:2-16	Tuesday February 25 Psalm 38 1 Samuel 24:1-22 1 Corinthians 11:17-22, 27-33
Wednesday Feb 26 Psalm 38 Leviticus 5:1-13 Luke 17:1-4	Thursday February 27 Psalm 99 Deuteronomy 9:1-5 Acts 3:11-16
Friday February 28 Psalm 99 Deuteronomy 9:6-14 Acts 10:1-8	Saturday March 1 Psalm 99 Deuteronomy 9:15-24 Luke 10:21-24

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

Look for Christ
and you will find Him.
And with Him,
everything else.

- C. S. Lewis



Thanks to Gail's Mom Group (See Matthew 5:43-48) 03-09-2012

HE WAS GREAT AT LOVING HIS ENEMIES
... BUT NOT SO GREAT AT PICKING
APPROPRIATE TIMES OR KNOWING HOW FAR
TO TAKE IT

Only God can turn
a **MESS** into a
message, a **TEST** into a
testimony, a **TRIAL** into
a **triumph**, a **VICTIM**
into a **victory**.

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

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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

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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.

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