



Gladstone Uniting Church Interface

First Sunday in Lent

9 March 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.

**Jesus, beloved friend,
you call us to a season of growth and
repentance.
You have high hopes for us; may we not
disappoint you.
May we see your face ahead of us,
beaming at the end of our Lenten
journey.
Give us strength and energy to run
toward you during this season.
Give us integrity and generosity in each
new challenge.
We ask this of you who live and reign
with God the Father
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God,
for ever and ever. Amen**

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

Lectionary Bible Readings

This Week: Lent 1

Next Week: Lent 2

Deuteronomy 26: 1-11

Psalms 91: 1-2, 9-16

Romans 10: 8b-13

Luke 4: 1-13



Genesis 15: 1-12, 17-18

Psalms 27

Philippians 3: 17-4: 1

Luke 13: 31-35



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

Taken Out of Context: The Devil is in the Details

The church hall was quiet, except for the murmur of quiet voices over coffee and the rustle of Bibles being opened. It was a typical Wednesday evening, and the congregation of St. Matthew's was gathered for their Bible study. The evening's theme? Scriptural interpretation.

But tonight, something was wrong—something Elijah had sensed the moment he walked in.



Elijah Cole had been a pastor for years, and he had seen a lot of debates about theology, but this was different. They were studying a book by a popular author, Dr. Thomas Ryle, who had a novel approach to interpreting Scripture. He often used different Bible translations to express his ideas. Still, as Elijah skimmed through the pages of the study guide, he realised: Ryle was cherry-picking verses out of context—almost without the group noticing.

“But what about this verse?” Mrs. Harper, one of the leaders, asked as she pointed to a passage in Dr. Ryle's book. “*‘By His stripes, we are healed.’* Surely, this means physical healing is guaranteed, doesn't it?”

Elijah was about to speak up, but before he could, David Miller, another leader who was known for his strong opinions, chimed in, “That's exactly it! When we claim God's healing, it's like signing a spiritual contract. We are entitled to it, if we have enough faith.”

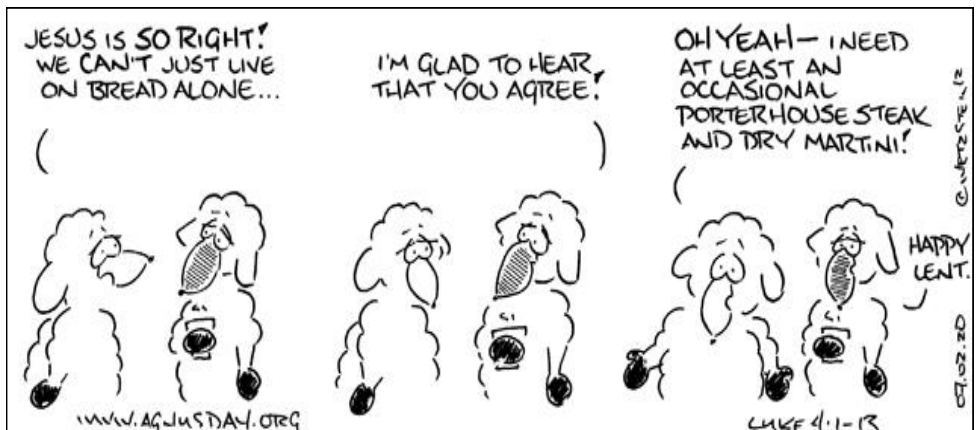
The group nodded. Even those who had barely opened their Bibles in recent months were now nodding enthusiastically.

This is wrong, Elijah thought. He felt the familiar weight in his chest—the tension of standing up for truth when most people didn't see the danger.

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Levon

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Next Week's Roster & Church Activities

<u>16 March 2025</u>	
Preaching	Presbytery
Worship Lead-in	Presbytery
Notices & Prayers	Presbytery
Vestry Elders	L. McKay, G. Caird
Bible Reader	Helen Evans
Song Selector	Ros Bambrick
Back Up Singer	Ros Bambrick
Piano	Emily Field
Additional Music	Band
Data Projector	Ian Anderson
Sound System	Warren Clark
Church Steward/Valet	Wise Kafoa
Welcome Host	Frances Clark
Count Offering	
Morning Tea	

<u>Monday 10 March 2025</u>	
9-11am	Little Explorers—In Hall
<u>Tuesday 11 March 2025</u>	
9am-1pm	Bookshop Open
<u>Wednesday 12 March 2025</u>	
<u>Thursday 13 March 2025</u>	
9am-1pm	Bookshop Open
<u>Friday 14 March 2025</u>	
<u>Saturday 15 March 2025</u>	
9am-1pm	Bookshop Open
<u>Sunday 16 March 2025</u>	
9am	Combined Worship
	Gladstone Worship Centre

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



Messy Church

4pm TODAY @ Canoe Point Tannum Sands

MessyChurchGladstone@gmail.com

Daily Lectionary Readings

Monday March 10 Psalm 17 1 Chronicles 21:1-17 1 John 2:1-6	Tuesday March 11 Psalm 17 Zechariah 3:1-10 2 Peter 2:4-21
Wed March 12 Psalm 17 Job 1:1-22 Luke 21:34-22:6	Thursday March 13 Psalm 27 Genesis 13:1-7, 14-18 Philippians 3:2-12
Friday March 14 Psalm 27 Genesis 14:17-24 Philippians 3:17-20	Saturday March 15 Psalm 27 Psalm 118:26-29 Matthew 23:37-39

Please note that the exercise class is now at 8am Monday mornings so please make sure to pack up all the tables and chairs after morning tea on Sunday.

At the Church Council AGM the following people were elected:

Chair - Wayne Davidson
Deputy Chair– Nathan Rippingale
Secretary - Selena Anderson
Treasurer - Ian McKay

We thank them for sharing their time and talents.

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 Silvertown Dr

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Thanks to Steve Doyal (See Matthew 4:1-11) 03-31-2005

**INTO BREAD? ... IF YOU'RE GOING TO
TEMPT IN THIS DAY AND AGE YOU CAN'T
GO ALL CARB ON PEOPLE FYI**

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.

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