



# Gladstone Uniting Church

## Interface

Second Sunday in Lent

16 March 2025

## Welcome

**H**ello and welcome all to worship this morning. We extend a special welcome to all visitors, especially members of Presbytery of CQ, 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.

*God of the journey, Christ of compassion, Spirit in our midst, walk with me. Even though I stray from your path; When I fail to follow your lead. As I go my own way, bring me along with you. Forgive me, for I think that I know what I do. I think I know where I should go. Command my attention. Reset my moral compass to point to your justice. Map my way again so that I may walk in the footsteps of Christ.*

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: Lent 2

Genesis 15: 1-12, 17-18

Psalms 27

Philippians 3: 17-4: 1

Luke 13: 31-35



#### Next Week: Lent 3

Isaiah 55:1-9

Psalms 63:1-8

1 Corinthians 10:1-13

Luke 13: 1-9



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

## Shattered Faith

The bus rattled over potholes as storm clouds darkened the late afternoon sky. Daniel adjusted his tie, gripping his briefcase tighter. He had never taken public transport before. He usually drove his company car, but a sudden emergency had left his vehicle in the shop, and his assistant was on leave. Annoyed, he checked his watch. If he was late for his board meeting, he'd have to apologise to people who were usually the ones apologising to him.



At the next stop, a dishevelled man in a torn hoodie and faded jeans climbed aboard, his dark eyes scanning the passengers. Daniel felt a wave of unease. He had lived a good life—his faith was strong, his business thriving. God blessed those who trusted Him. That's how it worked.

The man sat across from Daniel, rubbing his hands together. Something about his frantic energy set Daniel on edge. He turned his gaze toward the rain-spattered window, but his unease didn't fade.

Then, the man muttered under his breath, "Not fair. It's never fair." Daniel glanced back. The man was rocking slightly, eyes flicking from side to side. His fingers trembled as he clenched his fists.

Daniel hesitated. Maybe he should mind his own business. But his pastor had recently preached about seeing the brokenness in others. A perfect opportunity to be the hands and feet of Christ.

"Rough day?" Daniel asked, offering a rehearsed smile.

The man snorted. "A rough life."

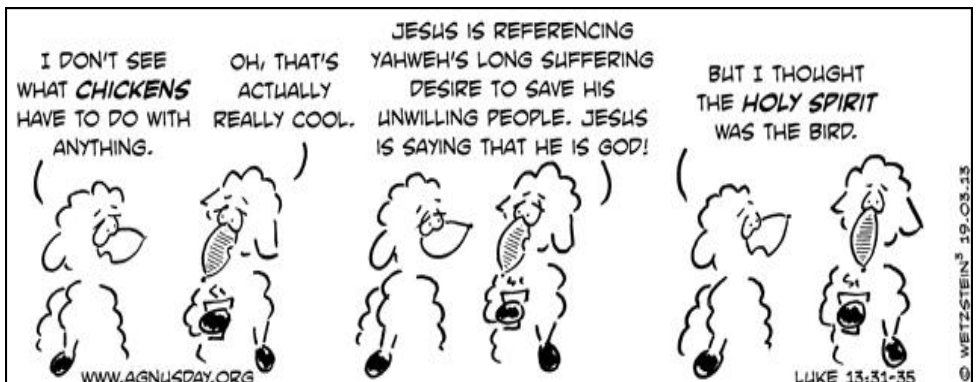
Daniel nodded sagely. "I hear you. But you know, faith in God can carry us through any storm."

The man's eyes snapped to his. For a second, Daniel saw something raw and unsettling—an anger not directed at him, but at something deeper, something that had been festering for years.

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For the rest of the story <https://theoblogy.org.au/lent->



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

### 23 March 2025

<b>Preaching</b>	Gavin Caird
<b>Worship Lead-in</b>	Gavin Caird
<b>Notices &amp; Prayers</b>	Gavin Caird
<b>Vestry Elders</b>	Harold H, Delwyn B
<b>Bible Reader</b>	Harold Holmes
<b>Song Selector</b>	Fiona Binney
<b>Back Up Singer</b>	
<b>Piano</b>	Craig Binney
<b>Additional Music</b>	Tony Leong
<b>Data Projector</b>	
<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 VW
<b>Morning Tea</b>	Pauline , Helper Pls

### **CQ Presbytery Meeting**

We are sharing in the Presbytery's closing service this morning and we extend a special warm welcome to all those who have attended the Presbytery of CQ Meeting here this week end. We hope you time together was fruitful, the fellowship welcoming and that the journey home is safe.



**A huge and special thank you to all those who have provided hospitality in the form of food, set up, clean up and billets.**

*our journey together continues . . .*



### Monday 17 March 2025

9-11am Little Explorers—In Hall

### Tuesday 18 March 2025

9am-1pm Bookshop Open

### Wednesday 19 March 2025

### Thursday 20 March 2025

9am-1pm Bookshop Open

### Friday 21 March 2025

### Saturday 22 March 2025

9am-1pm Bookshop Open

### Sunday 23 March 2025

9am Gladstone Worship Service

7:45am Tannum Worship Service

### *Dates to Note*

#### **\* New Auckland Place Service**

1 April 1pm

#### **\* Eden Vale Service**

April 15 10am

#### **\* Church Council Meeting**

17 March 7:30pm

**High Tea 17 May**

### *Daily Lectionary Readings*

#### **Monday March 17**

Ps 105:1-15 [16-41] 42  
Exodus 33:1-6  
Romans 4:1-12

#### **Tuesday March 18**

Ps 105:1-15 [16-41] 42  
Numbers 14:10b-24  
1 Corinthians 10:1-13

#### **Wed March 19**

Ps 105:1-15 [16-41] 42  
2 Chronicles 20:1-22  
Luke 13:22-31

#### **Thursday March 20**

Psalms 63:1-8  
Daniel 3:19-30  
Revelation 2:8-11

#### **Friday March 21**

Psalms 63:1-8  
Daniel 12:1-4  
Revelation 3:1-6

#### **Saturday March 22**

Psalms 63:1-8  
Isaiah 5:1-7  
Luke 6:43-45

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

**Tannum Worship Centre**

12 Silverton Dr

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**Open Tues & Thurs**

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Thanks to David Betz

11-18-2005

**JUST LOOK AT HIM ... HE TOTALLY  
THINKS HE'S GOD'S GIFT TO THE WORLD**

**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**

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[www.gladstoneuniting.org.au](http://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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FREE**