



Gladstone Uniting Church Interface

Fifth Sunday in Lent

6 April 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.

God, help me love the life I live right now. Show me the good things I often overlook and help me be content with what I have. Forgive me when I compare myself to others, forgive me for longing for things outside of you and your kingdom. Thank you for loving me right where I am, right as I am. Help me keep my eyes on you.

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

Lectionary Bible Readings

This Week: Lent 5

Next Week: Palm Sunday

Isaiah 43: 16-21

Psalms 126

Philippians 3: 4b-14

John 12: 1-8



Isaiah 50: 4-9a

Psalms 118: 1-2, 19-29

Philippians 2: 5-11

Luke 19: 28-40



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

Not Every Gift Must Serve a Mission

Pastor Caleb Dawson sat in his office, staring at the blank page before him. His sermon notes for Sunday weren't coming together. Not because he was uninspired but because his mind was somewhere else.

The church needed renewal—not just in spirit but also in its worship space. The sanctuary felt tired, and worship felt like an afterthought. Everything in the church budget went to mission work, and while Caleb believed in feeding the hungry, housing the homeless, and caring for the community, something gnawed at him. Where was the space for beauty? For awe? For worship that lifted people beyond their everyday struggles?

He'd dreamed of a stained-glass window behind the altar for years. Something vibrant, something that would bathe the congregation in colour when the morning sun hit it. A reminder of the divine breaking through the ordinary.

But they didn't have the money.

So, was it foolish to ask?

The next evening, he raised the idea in the finance meeting.

"We need to invest in worship," he said, hands folded on the table. "I want to propose a stained-glass window behind the altar. We invite the congregation to give towards it—not from the regular budget, but as an offering of devotion."

Silence.

Then Ethan Carlisle, the finance chair, cleared his throat. "Pastor, I'll be blunt. We can't afford it."

"I know," Caleb said. "That's why we—"

"—ask people to give more?" Ethan interrupted. "When we're already asking them to stretch every dollar for mission work?"

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Levon



[Continue reading the full story here.](#)

Next fellowship is Thursday 10th April at the church. We will meet at 9.30 for a craft morning, and Sue has it all organised. Just turn up ready for a fun morning. Cheers Pam



Next Week's Roster & Church Activities

<u>13 April 2025</u>	
Preaching	Levon Kardashian
Worship Lead-in	Delwyn Bambrick
Notices & Prayers	Delwyn Bambrick
Vestry Elders	L. McKay, H. Holmes
Bible Reader	
Song Selector	Tony Leong
Back Up Singer	
Piano	Selena Anderson
Additional Music	
Data Projector	Ian Anderson
Sound System	
Church Steward/Valet	
Welcome Host	
Count Offering	
Morning Tea	

<u>Monday 7 April 2025</u>	
9-11am	Little Explorers—Holidays
<u>Tuesday 8 April 2025</u>	
9am-1pm	Bookshop Open
<u>Wednesday 9 April 2025</u>	
<u>Thursday 10 April 2025</u>	
9am-1pm	Bookshop Open
9.30am	Fellowship
<u>Friday 11 April 2025</u>	
<u>Saturday 12 April 2025</u>	
9am-1pm	Bookshop Open
<u>Sunday 13 April 2025</u>	
7:45am	Worship Tannum Sands
9am	Worship Gladstone

Easter Events to Note

Maundy Thursday Dinner 6pm
Good Friday Service 7.30am

Good Friday night Prayer Vigil
Midnight–1am
 Please see Gavin with questions

Easter Sunday morning services
6am Sunrise service with Anglicans and Catholics @ Canoe Point Tannum Sands followed by breakfast.

9am Worship at Gladstone Worship Centre
 Please note - NO 7.45am Service at TWC on Easter Sunday



Dates to Note

- * **New Auckland Place Service**
6 May 1pm
- * **Eden Vale Service**
April 15 10am
- * **Church Council Meeting**
28 April 7:30pm

High Tea 17 May

<i>Daily Lectionary Readings</i>	
Monday April 7	Tuesday April 8
Psalm 20	Psalm 20
Exodus 40:1-15	Judges 9:7-15
Hebrews 10:19-25	1 John 2:18-28
Wed April 9	Thursday April 10
Psalm 20	Psalm 31:9-16
Habakkuk 3:2-15	Isaiah 53:10-12
Luke 18:31-34	Hebrews 2:1-9
Friday April 11	Saturday April 12
Psalm 31:9-16	Psalm 31:9-16
Isaiah 54:9-10	Leviticus 23:1-8
Hebrews 2:10-18	Luke 22:1-13



Let light shine in
the darkness

LENT

LENT

is a call
to renew
a commitment
grown dull,
perhaps,
by a life
more marked
by routine than
by reflection.

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 Silvertown Dr

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9.00am—12.00pm

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Thanks to Mikel Rice (See John 13:2-5)

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Direct EFT Giving

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BSB: 014010 A/C: 192134483

Account Name: UCA Gladstone Congregation

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www.gladstoneuniting.org.au and are

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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.

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