



# Gladstone Uniting Church

## Interface

Easter 5

18 May 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.

*DAILY PRAYER: Father God, Let me love unconditionally as you love me. Help me forgive without holding on to anger or disappointment. Let me be kind and forgiving as you have forgiven me. Help me not to bring past issues into the present and to forgive the wrongs of others. May your love, peace, joy, and patience reside in my heart. In *Jesus'* name I pray. 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: Easter 5

Acts 11: 1-18

Psalms 148

Revelations 21: 1-6

John 13: 31-35



#### Next Week: Easter 6

Acts 16: 9-15

Psalms 67

Revelations 21: 10, 22– 22:5

John 5: 1-9



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



## All Are Welcome (Terms and Conditions Apply)

*Based on Acts 11:1-18 and Revelation 21:1-6 –  
God's Fellowship has no fences (but we still keep  
building them)*

There was a small, scattered community—  
newcomers from across the world—drawn  
together by language, loss, and faith. Many

had arrived in Australia with stories pressed into silence, their hopes carried in plastic  
folders, and their wounds bandaged with whispered prayers. Some had lived in detention;  
others in limbo. But together, they had found in worship a way to breathe again.

Their gatherings were simple: scripture in two or three languages, songs sung out of tune,  
and children circling like satellites around prayer. They met wherever space was available—  
a picnic shelter, a community hall, even under a gum tree once, when the rain held off long  
enough to let joy spill out.

One day, the pastor helping guide this group—let's call him Elias—thought it might be time  
to worship in a church building again. The community had grown, and it felt right to seek  
shelter, not just from the weather, but from the sense that they were always on the move.  
He approached a church that was easy to get to by public transport and fairly central for  
everyone. It was well-resourced, tastefully progressive, and known in town for its strong  
social conscience. He asked, gently, if the refugee congregation might be able to use the  
space for worship once, just once, Sunday afternoon to begin with. Nothing fancy—just  
prayers, music, and scripture.

The conversation went well at first. The church leader spoke warmly of inclusion, of justice,  
of standing with the marginalised. Then, as the discussion reached its end, there was a  
pause. A shift in tone.



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

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Levon





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

### 25 May 2025

<b>Preaching</b>	Levon Kardashian
<b>Worship Lead-in</b>	Laraine McKay
<b>Notices &amp; Prayers</b>	Laraine McKay
<b>Vestry Elders</b>	H. Holmes, I. McKay
<b>Bible Reader</b>	Pauline Shields
<b>Song Selector</b>	Ros Bambrick
<b>Back Up Singer</b>	
<b>Piano</b>	Selena Anderson
<b>Additional Music</b>	
<b>Data Projector</b>	Ian Anderson
<b>Sound System</b>	
<b>Church Steward/Valet</b>	
<b>Welcome Host</b>	
<b>Count Offering</b>	John Parnell, Helper Pls
<b>Morning Tea</b>	

### Monday 19 May 2025

9-11am Little Explorers—In Hall

### Tuesday 20 May 2025

9am-1pm Bookshop Open

### Wednesday 21 May 2025

10am Eden Vale Service

### Thursday 22 May 2025

9am-1pm Bookshop Open

### Friday 23 May 2025

### Saturday 24 May 2025

9am-1pm Bookshop Open

### Sunday 25 May 2025

7:45am Tannum Worship

9am Worship Gladstone



We are looking to grow our ministry of pastoral care and are inviting those who feel called to support others to consider getting involved. If you are interested, we

encourage you to have a chat with (one of the church councillors) about how you think pastoral care could work best in our congregation. Your insights and ideas are important as we shape a caring ministry together. Pastoral care can also happen outside of the church. Training will be provided for everyone who wishes to take part, so that we can offer thoughtful and compassionate support.

A huge thank you to those who have put their names down for the roster. Unfortunately, there are still gaps that need to be filled. A draft of the roster on the table in the Narthex. Please make sure to check you are rostered on correctly or if there are any places where you might be able to assist, if not already rostered on. Thank you.

### *Dates to Note*

\* **New Auckland Place Service**

3 June 1pm

\* **Eden Vale Service**

May 21 10am

## *Daily Lectionary Readings*

### **Monday May 19**

Psalm 133

1 Samuel 20:1-23, 35-42

Acts 11:19-26

### **Wed May 21**

Psalm 133

Leviticus 19:9-18

Luke 10:25-28

### **Friday May 23**

Psalm 67

Proverbs 2:6-8

Acts 16:1-8

### **Tuesday May 20**

Psalm 133

1 Samuel 1:4-27

Acts 11:27-30

### **Thursday May 22**

Psalm 67

Proverbs 2:1-5

Acts 15:36-41

### **Saturday May 24**

Psalm 67

Proverbs 2:9-15

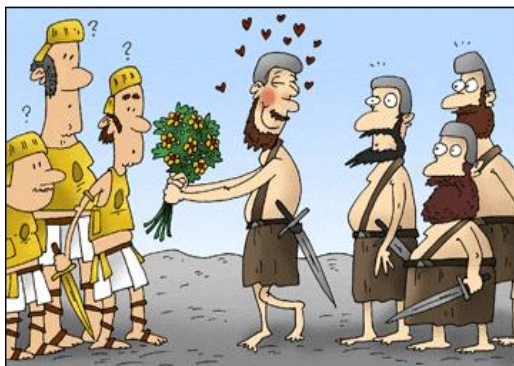
Luke 19:1-10



Lord, the resurrection of  
Your Son has given us new  
life and renewed hope.

Help us to live as new  
people in pursuit of the  
Christian ideal.

Grant us wisdom to  
know what we must do,  
the will to want to do it,  
the courage to undertake  
it, the perseverance to  
continue to do it, and the  
strength to complete it.



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

#### Tannum Worship Centre

12 Silverton Dr

#### Gladstone Office Details:

Open Tues & Thurs

9.00am—12.00pm

(times subject to change in school holidays)

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Sermon ideas and story:

<https://theoblog.org.au/reflections/>

#### 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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#### 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**