



# Gladstone Uniting Church

## Interface

Easter 6

25 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.

*Lord,*

You are the wind in my sails.  
You guide me as I steer and find direction.  
You give me the strength to keep on going.  
You watch over me as I navigate stormy seas.  
You are the harbour where I stop for rest.  
You are my encourager when I lose hope.  
You are the lighthouse that keeps my path safe.  
You are with me always.  
Thank you.  
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 6**

**Next Week: Easter 7**

Acts 16: 9-15

Psalms 67

Revelations 21: 10, 22–

John 5: 1-9



Acts 16: 16-34

Psalms 97

Rev 22: 12-14, 16-17, 20-21

John 17: 20-26



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

## The Gospel According to Buster

It was Pentecost Sunday, and everything had been carefully prepared.

The banners were red, the flame-shaped streamers had been sticky-taped to the front of the pulpit, and the choir had rehearsed “Come Down, O Love Divine” so many times that even the pigeons on the roof had started humming along. The church was full. Alice was in her usual spot—third pew from the front on the left, just beneath the fan that occasionally worked. She was in her

80s, sharp as a tack, but slowed down these days. Arthritis, she said, but also grief. She never said over what. Or who. Just that it came in waves. Like tides, she said. Or Spirit. With her, as always, was Buster. He was a mongrel of unidentifiable origin, with wiry grey fur, expressive eyebrows, and the kind of gentle patience only rescue dogs seem to master. Buster wore a vest that said “Assistance Dog,” but everyone knew he was more of a “Companion Who Just Gets It” kind of dog.

He came every week. He sat quietly under Alice’s pew. He even bowed his head—well, lowered it slightly—during prayer. Some thought it was inappropriate to have a dog in church. But they never said it out loud. Mostly because Buster was better behaved than several of the choir altos.

This Sunday, the sermon went a bit long, as Pentecost sermons often do when the preacher gets excited. There’d been talk of fire and tongues, dreams and old men, visions and young women. Then came communion. The table was set. The minister spoke the words—“Christ invites to his table all who love him”—and people began to stand, stretch, and shuffle forward.

Alice stood slowly, gripping her walker. Buster stood too, as he always did. But this time, something changed.



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

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Levon



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

### 1 June 2025

|                      |                       |
|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Preaching            | Levon Kardashian      |
| Worship Lead-in      | Ros Bambrick          |
| Notices & Prayers    | Ros Bambrick          |
| Vestry Elders        | L. McKay, H. Holmes   |
| Bible Reader         | Ros Bambrick          |
| Song Selector        | Fiona Binney          |
| Back Up Singer       |                       |
| Piano                | Selena Anderson       |
| Additional Music     |                       |
| Data Projector       | Ian Anderson          |
| Sound System         |                       |
| Church Steward/Valet |                       |
| Welcome Host         |                       |
| Count Offering       | John P, Helper please |
| Morning Tea          |                       |

*The Mobile Mission Maintenance team are going to be in Gladstone from the 2nd to the 13th of June to paint our hall and carry out other various jobs for us. They are looking for accommodation for a young couple with 2 children under 3 for Monday the 2nd, Tuesday the 3rd and Wednesday the 4th, preferably close to the church. If you are able to help, please let Laraine know ASAP so that she can confirm with Josh from MMM. This is a great opportunity for our church to have some much needed maintenance carried out and it would be great if we could accommodate this young family.*

**We are currently trying to tidy up the narthex. A number of books have been placed on the pew in the narthex. Please take any that you would like. Also if you want to browse the books in the corner and take any from there that you would like, that would be wonderful. What books aren't taken away will be recycled. We will continue this process for the next few weeks.**

### Monday 26 May 2025

9-11am Little Explorers—In Hall

### Tuesday 27 May 2025

9am-1pm Bookshop Open

### Wednesday 28 May 2025

### Thursday 29 May 2025

9am-1pm Bookshop Open

### Friday 30 May 2025

### Saturday 31 May 2025

9am-1pm Bookshop Open

### Sunday 1 June 2025

7:45am Tannum Worship

9am Worship Gladstone

### *Dates to Note*

**\* New Auckland Place Service**

3 June 1pm

**\* Eden Vale Service**

June 18 10am

**Soup and Trivia Night**

**Saturday 16 August 6pm**

**Congregation Meeting 29 June**

## *Daily Lectionary Readings*

**Monday May 26**

Psalm 93

1 Chronicles 12:16-22

Revelation 2:5-14

**Tuesday May 27**

Psalm 93

2 Chronicles 15:1-15

Revelation 21:15-22

**Wed May 28**

Psalm 93

2 Chronicles 34:20-33

Luke 2:25-38

**Thursday May 29**

Acts 1:1-11

Psalm 47 or Psalm 93

Ephesians 1:15-23

Luke 24:44-53

**Friday May 30**

Psalm 97

Exodus 33:12-17

Revelation 22:6-9

**Saturday May 31**

Psalm 97

Exodus 33:18-23

John 1:14-18

**Combined Churches  
Pentecost Service**

Sunday evening  
June 8  
6pm

Gladstone Baptist  
Church  
Archer Street



You are the God of peace  
when all around is fear.  
You are the God of joy  
when all around is sadness.  
You are the God of love  
when all around is hatred.  
You are the God of hope  
when all around is despair.

**Gladstone Worship Centre**

Cnr Uniting Place & Dixon Dr

**Tannum Worship Centre**

12 Silvertown Dr

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**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/>



Thanks to Shane Blanchard (See 2Thessalonians 3:10) 08-05-2002

**DON'T HEAL ME ... I'VE GOT GREAT  
DISABILITY**

**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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