

# Gladstone Uniting Church

Easter 2

27 April 2025

# Welcome

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 <u>gladuca@bigpond.com</u> if you have any queries or we can be of assistance. There's no storm that God won't carry you through. No bridge that God won't help you cross. No battle that God won't help you win. No heartache that God won't help you let go of. He is SO much bigger than anything you will face today. Leave everything in His hands and embrace this day confidently knowing that He WILL take care of you. ♥

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

## **Lectionary Bible Readings**

Next Week: Easter 3		
Acts 9: 1-6		
Psalm 30		
Revelations 5: 11-14		
John 21: 1-19		

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

#### The Revolution of Praise

The basement wasn't much. Fluorescent lights buzzed overhead, and the old lino curled like it was trying to leave. The staff called it the "multipurpose room," but everyone knew that was a generous term. Most days, it was where bingo happened, lukewarm tea was served, and on Thursdays, a man named Jack would take his trumpet out of its velvet-lined case. Jack had lived at the aged care home for just under three years. He'd once been part of a swing band, long



before knees went bad and fingers curled stiff with arthritis. Now his playing was hit and miss—notes sometimes cracking like a dropped mug—but he kept at it. The trumpet, battered and brassy, was one of the few things he hadn't let go of.

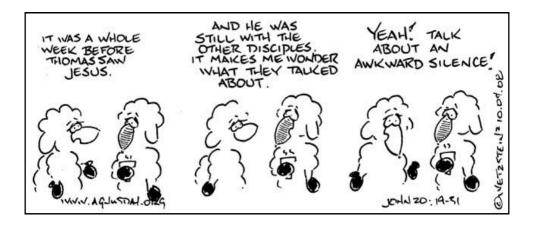
In the weeks leading up to Easter, something shifted in the home. A new manager had come in, all smiles and clipboards, and suddenly everything was about quiet. The kind of quiet that isn't peaceful, just controlled. No singing after dinner. No impromptu poetry recitals. And definitely no trumpet in the basement.

Jack hadn't made a fuss. He never did. But he stopped unpacking the trumpet on Thursdays. The velvet case stayed shut. Residents noticed, of course. They whispered over scones and custard, shared glances, but no one said anything.

It was Easter Sunday. Morning services had come and gone—streamed into the common room on a flat-screen TV where the volume was always just a bit too low. People sat politely, nodded at the right times, and returned to their rooms without fanfare. Lunch was lamb and peas. Dessert was trifle.

#### Continue reading the full story here.

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

	<u>4 May 2025</u>	Monday 28 April 2025	
Preaching	Levon Kardashian	9-11am	Little Explorers—In Hall
Worship Lead-in	Dulcie van W	Tuesday 29 April 2025	
Notices & Prayers	Dulcie van W	9am-1pm	Bookshop Open
Vestry Elders	G. Caird, H. Holmes	7.30pm	Church Council Meeting
Bible Reader	Jill Rohde	We	dnesday 30 April 2025
Song Selector	Nicky Rippingale		
Back Up Singer		<u> </u>	hursday 1 May 2025
Piano	Nicky Rippingale	9am-1pm	Bookshop Open
Additional Music	Tony Leong	Friday 2 May 2025	
Data Projector	Nathan Rippingale	<u>Saturday 3 May 2025</u>	
Sound System		In Hall	Federal Election Voting
Church Steward/Valet	Geoff Rohde	9am-1pm	Bookshop Open
Welcome Host		<u>s</u>	Sunday 4 May 2025
Count Offering	Geoff R, Helper please	7:45am	Tannum Worship
Morning Tea	HELP REQUIRED	9am	Worship Gladstone

Playgroup starts up again this Monday!! Thank you so much to those people who silently put meals in the freezer. Sometimes we feel like the lady with the jar of oil that never runs out. That being said, we'd like to stock up the freezer a little more for the start of this term; for our studying parents, our double job parents, our single parents, our never ending appointment parents, and just our parents doing parenting as best they can. So if anyone is planning on cooking up a storm please consider

popping some aside for a parent or a family. We can also buy you the food required for a recipe if that helps too.



Ever-living God, We remember those whom you have gathered from the storm of war

into the peace of your presence. May the same peace calm our fears, bring justice to all peoples and establish harmony among the nations, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen



Dates to Note

\* New Auckland Place Service 6 May 1pm \* Eden Vale Service May 19 10am

#### High Tea 17 May

### Daily Lectionary Readings

Monday April 28 Psalm 122 Esther 7:1-10 Revelation 1:9-20 Tuesday April 29 Psalm 122 Esther 8:1-17 Revelation 2:8-11

Wed April 30 Psalm 122 Esther 9:1-5, 18-23 Luke 12:4-12

Friday May 2 Psalm 30 Isaiah 6:1-4 Revelation 4:1-11 Thursday May 1 Psalm 30

Isaiah 5:11-17 Revelation 3:14-22

Saturday May 3 Psalm 30 Genesis 18:1-8 Luke 14:12-14 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.

#### Only God can turn a MESS into a message, a TEST into a testimony, a TRIAL into a triumph, a VICTIM into a victory.

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HOW CAN YOU NOT BELIEVE IN JESUS?!? HE IS STANDING ... RIGHT ... HERE!

#### 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.

Cops, it seems like our website is currently taking a cosmic coffee break!

Thank you for your patience!

#### 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 <u>Nut & Egg</u> <u>Free Church.</u> *Please note that Egg as an ingredient in cakes or biscuits is fine.* Your assistance in this matter is much appreciated.

# EGG & NUT FREE