

# Gladstone Uniting Church

Easter 7

1 June 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. Dear Lord, thank you for the blessing of seeing another day. We lift up to you all who we love and care for and ask you to bless them and meet their needs. May your peace and joy fill our cups to overflowing and may your grace sustain us. Thank you for being our healer, protector and provider and for every good thing that comes from your hands. We commit this day to you and ask you to go before us. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

For the most up-to-date information on our church please remember <u>www.gladstoneuniting.org.au</u>				
Lectionary Bible Readings				
This Week: Easter 7	Next Week: Pentecost Sunday			
Acts 16: 16-34	Genesis 11: 1-9			
Psalm 97	Psalm 104: 24-34, 35b			
Rev 22: 12-14, 16-17, 20-21	Acts 2: 1-21			
John 17: 20-26	John 14: 8-17 (25-27)			
Our Vision is for the Gladstone Region to be a community where everyone experiences the				

transforming love of Jesus.

### Come, Lord Jesus (But Not Like That)

They used to say she lit up the church. Mira, always early, always helping. She led the youth Bible study and sang the alto line that held the hymns steady when the organ wavered. People liked her smile quiet, sincere, the kind that made you feel seen. That's what made it worse.

The man she trusted—Mr. Duncan, the elder with a booming laugh and a folder of sermon outlines, had touched her in the vestry. She told someone. Softly.

As if saying it gently would hurt the church less.

At first, it was a concern. Then doubt. Then sharpness. "Are you sure?"

"That's a serious accusation."

"He's been here longer than you."

Eventually, they told her not to come back. For "unity." For "reputation." For "healing." She watched everything she loved being buried. The pew she used to sit in. The songs she used to sing. Communion without her name called.

But this time, no angel appeared at the tomb.

She stopped believing soon after that. Not out of anger, but because it seemed pointless to believe in a God whose people didn't. She found other things. Fleeting lovers. Long night shifts. And eventually, a rhythm: waking early, walking the streets, keeping people alive. Soup, bandages, tampons, shoes. A pocket knife when needed. No prayers, but plenty of grace.

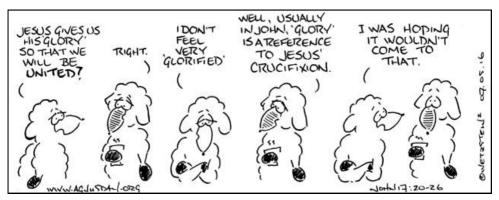
The churches were full again. Someone had started preaching that the end was coming. Properly this time. No metaphors. Blood moons, locusts, the whole Revelation bingo card. Flyers taped to power poles: HE IS COMING.

They meant Jesus.

#### Continue reading the full story here.

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# Levon





# Next Week's Roster & Church Activities

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	<u>8 June 2025</u>	Monday 2 June 2025		
Preaching	Levon Kardashian	9-11am Little Explorers—In Hall		Hall
Worship Lead-in	Helen Evans	Tuesday 3 June 2025		
Notices & Prayers	Helen Evans	9am-1pm Bookshop Open		
Vestry Elders	G. Caird, D. Bambrick	1pm New Auckland Place		е
Bible Reader	Helen Evans	Wednesday 4 June 2025		
Song Selector	Tony Leong			
Back Up Singer		Thursday 5 June 2025		
Piano	Selena Anderson	9am-1pm Bookshop Open		
Additional Music		Friday 6 June 2025		
Data Projector	Ian Anderson	Saturday 7 June 2025		
Sound System		9am-1pm Bookshop Open		
Church Steward/Valet		<u>Sunday 8 June 2025</u>		
Welcome Host		7:45am Tannum Worship		
Count Offering	Ian R, Helper Please	9am Worship Gladstone		
Morning Tea	Dulcie vW, Helper pls	Detest to Mote		
Messy Church TODAY 4pm		* New Auckland Place Service		
Gladstone Uniting Church Hall.		3 June 1pm * Eden Vale Service		
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Anyone who wishes to a	lonate non-perishable food	* Soup and Trivia Night		
	ms for Uniting Care to	Saturday 16 August 6pm		
	collection point in the	Congregation Meeting 29 June		
Narthex. There are pa kitchen fo	Daily Lectionary Readings			
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Due to unforeseen d	ircumstances the Mobile	Monday Ju Psalm 2	•	
Mission Maintenance t	eam have had to postpone	Exodus 40:16-38 2 Chronicles		
their maintenance v	visit. As soon as there is	Acts 16:35-40 Acts 26:19-29		6:19-29
another date we	e will let you know.	Thursday I and Thursday I and T		
L		Wed June 4 Thursday June 5   Psalm 29 Psalm 104:24-34, 35b		
	g to tidy up the narthex. A	Ezekiel 3:12-21 Isaiah 32:11-17		
	been placed on the pew in	Luke 9:18-27 Galatians 5:16-25		
	take any that you would to browse the books in the	Friday Iv	na C. Caturdau I	
	o browse the books in the	Friday June 6 Saturday June 7   Psalm 104:24-34, 35b Psalm 104:24-34, 35b		
-	derful. What books aren't	Isaiah 44:1-4 2 Kings 2:1-15a		
	will be recycled.	Galatians 6:7-10 Luke 1:5-17		

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 <u>Tannum Worship Centre</u> 12 Silverton Dr <u>Gladstone Office Details:</u> Open Tues & Thurs 9.00am—12.00pm (times subject to change in school holidays) Email: gladuca@bigpond.com (07) 4979 3323

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Thanks to Richard Germain THEY ALL LATER AGREED THAT IT HAD INDEED BEEN ONE POWERFUL PRAYER

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#### **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.



#### 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 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