

# Gladstone Uniting Church Interface

**Pentecost Sunday** 

8 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 <a href="mailto:gladuca@bigpond.com">gladuca@bigpond.com</a> if you have any queries or we can be of assistance.



Come, Holy Spirit,
breathe new life into
your people.
Show us the true
meaning of the gospel
and enkindle our
hearts with a love that will
transform our lives!
Amen

For the most up-to-date information on our church please remember <a href="www.gladstoneuniting.org.au">www.gladstoneuniting.org.au</a>

## **Lectionary Bible Readings**

## This Week: Pentecost Sunday

**Next Week: Trinity Sunday** 

Genesis 11: 1-9

Psalm 104: 24-34, 35b

Acts 2: 1-21

John 14: 8-17 (25-27)

Proverbs 8: 1-4, 22-31

Psalm 8

Romans 5: 1-5

John 16: 12-15



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

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# Pentecost 2.0–Now With 100% More Fire: Nothing Burned Except Our Expectations

Tahlia was already bored. Her nan had dragged her to this half-frozen church with creaky pews, paper-thin tea, and more cobwebs than congregants. Pentecost Sunday, apparently. Whatever that meant. She didn't care. She sat down in the back pew, slid one earbud in, and opened TikTok. As Rev. Lena took to the pulpit, wearing a red stole that looked like it had seen more moths than sunlight, Tahlia smirked and hit record.



"Today we talk about fire," Lena began, dry as dust. "The kind that doesn't burn buildings, but burns excuses. The kind we pretend doesn't happen anymore." Her tone was sharp, almost amused at the absurdity. "Don't worry. It won't happen again."

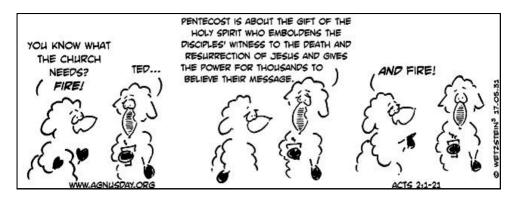
Tahlia typed a caption as she filmed: 'Church is weird #flaminghotfaith #sundayscroll'. She glanced up at the sparse congregation—maybe twenty souls, mostly grey-haired, mostly half-asleep. Her nan gave her a nudge and a look. Tahlia faked a solemn nod and looked back at her phone.

Halfway through the second hymn—something about breath and spirit, barely sung above a murmur—a sudden gust slammed the old side doors open. The congregation jumped. A few chuckled nervously. Then someone at the front shouted, "Smoke!"

At first, it was subtle—a thin tendril curling out from the vestry. Then more. Sirens weren't part of the liturgy, but the fire alarm blared to life. People stood, confused, then chaotic. Rev. Lena grabbed the mic. "Everyone out. This is not a metaphor. Move."

## Continue reading the full story here.

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#### Church Activities

	Next Week's Roster &
	15 June 2025
Preaching	Levon Kardashian
Worship Lead-in	Dulcie van W
Notices & Prayers	Dulcie van W
Vestry Elders	I. McKay, L. McKay
Bible Reader	Dulcie van W
Song Selector	Ros Bambrick
Back Up Singer	
Piano	Selena Anderson
Additional Music	
Data Projector	Ian Anderson
Sound System	
Church Steward/Valet	Wise Kafoa
Welcome Host	
Count Offering	
Morning Tea	

Hello all fellowship people. Thursday 12th is our next gathering. This month is board games at the church, 9.30 start. It's always a fun morning, so see you there. Pam



Anyone who wishes to donate non-perishable food items or hygiene items for Uniting Care to distribute, there is a collection point in the Narthex. There are paper shopping bags in the kitchen for donations.

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.

## Monday 9 June 2025 9-11am Little Explorers—In Hall Tuesday 10 June 2025 9am-1pm **Bookshop Open** Wednesday 11 June 2025 Thursday 12 June 2025 9.30am Fellowship @ Church 9am-1pm **Bookshop Open** Friday 13 June 2025 Saturday 14 June 2025 9am-1pm **Bookshop Open** Sunday 15 June 2025 7:45am Tannum Worship 9am Worship Gladstone

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- \* New Auckland Place Service
  - 1 July 1pm
  - \* Eden Vale Service June 18 10am
  - \* Soup and Trivia Night Saturday 16 August 6pm

**Congregation Meeting 29 June** 

## Daily Lectionary Readings

Monday June 9

Psalm 48

Ephesians 4:1-6

Tuesday June 10

Psalm 48

Luke 2:41-52

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Joel 2:18-29	Ezekiel 11:14-25
1 Corinthians 2:1-11	1 Corinthians 2:12-16
Wed June 11	Thursday June 12
Psalm 48	Psalm 8
Numbers 24:1-14	Proverbs 3:13-18
Luke 1:26-38	Ephesians 1:17-19
Friday June 13	Saturday June 14
Psalm 8	Psalm 8
Proverbs 3:19-26	Proverbs 4:1-9

## **Combined Churches Pentecost Service**



**TONIGHT** 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 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://theoblogy.org.au/reflections/



## MOSES? DO I HAVE YOUR FULL ATTENTION?

#### **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 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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