



Gladstone Uniting Church

Interface

Trinity Sunday

15 June 2025

Welcome

Hello 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 if you have any queries or we can be of assistance.

O blessed Trinity,
in whom we know the Maker of all
things seen and unseen,
the Savior of all both near and far:
By your Spirit enable us so to worship
your divine majesty,
that with all the company of heaven
we may magnify your glorious name,
saying:
Holy, holy, holy.
Glory to you, O Lord most high.
Amen.

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

Lectionary Bible Readings

This Week: Trinity Sunday

Next Week: UCA Anniversary

Proverbs 8: 1-4, 22-31

Psalms 8

Romans 5: 1-5

John 16: 12-15



2 Chronicles 30: 1-9

Psalms 100

Ephesians 2: 19-22

John 17: 1-11



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

On the Saturday before Trinity Sunday, Lynette arrived early to arrange the altar flowers. She was a creature of habit, arriving with the punctuality of a liturgical calendar and the precision of a well-folded linen. The sanctuary was quiet except for the low whirr of a fan and the squeak of her sensible shoes on the polished tiles.

That's when she saw it.

Behind the communion table, hanging in place of the usual maroon velvet frontal, was a large, vibrant banner. At the centre stood a striking figure—a Pacific Islander woman waist-deep in river water, eyes lifted in calm defiance, the water around her glowing. To one side, an Aboriginal Elder knelt with ochre-stained hands, pressing them gently into the earth, eyes closed in reverence. Above them, a firebird arched across a swirling night sky, its wings tipped with gold and flame.



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Lynette's floral foam block wobbled. "That's not my Jesus," she muttered, loud enough to startle the arrangement.

Fuming, she marched toward the vestry, where Reverend Tolutasi, Tolu to most, was halfway through sorting hymn numbers.

"Reverend," she snapped. "Have you seen what someone's hung behind the table?"

Tolu smiled warmly. "Yes. Grace painted it."

Lynette blinked. "Grace... the one who joined from the Congo?"

"Yes," he said. "She's a gifted artist. We asked her to create something for tomorrow's service. We're reflecting on the diversity of the congregation, and the Spirit's work among us."

Lynette folded her arms. "We're not a gallery. And honestly, if you want to reflect diversity, why not use flags or national costumes? That at least makes sense."

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

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Next Week's Roster & Church Activities

<u>22 June 2025</u>	
Preaching	Gavin Caird
Worship Lead-in	Gavin Caird
Notices & Prayers	Gavin Caird
Vestry Elders	D. Bambrick, H. Holmes
Bible Reader	Pauline Shields
Song Selector	Gavin Caird
Back Up Singer	Ros Bambrick
Piano	Nicky Rippingale
Additional Music	
Data Projector	Ian Anderson
Sound System	Wise Kafoa
Church Steward/Valet	
Welcome Host	
Count Offering	Ian R, Helper Please
Morning Tea	Pauline, Dulcie

<u>Monday 16 June 2025</u>	
9-11am	Little Explorers—In Hall
<u>Tuesday 17 June 2025</u>	
9am-1pm	Bookshop Open
<u>Wednesday 18 June 2025</u>	
10am	Eden Vale Service
<u>Thursday 19 June 2025</u>	
9am-1pm	Bookshop Open
<u>Friday 20 June 2025</u>	
<u>Saturday 21 June 2025</u>	
9am-1pm	Bookshop Open
<u>Sunday 22 June 2025</u>	
7:45am	Tannum Worship
9am	Worship Gladstone



Holy God, faithful and unchanging; enlarge our minds with the knowledge of Your truth and draw us more deeply into the mystery of Your love, that we may truly worship You, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

<u><i>Dates to Note</i></u>	
* New Auckland Place Service	1 July 1pm
* Eden Vale Service	June 18 10am
* Congregation Meeting	Sunday 29 June 10:30am
* Soup and Trivia Night	Saturday 16 August 6pm

Daily Lectionary Readings

Monday June 16 Psalm 124 Proverbs 7:1-4 Ephesians 4:7-16	Tuesday June 17 Psalm 124 Proverbs 8:4-21 Ephesians 5:15-20
Wed June 18 Psalm 124 Daniel 1:1-21 Luke 1:46b-55	Thursday June 19 Psalm 42 and Psalm 43 Genesis 24:1-21 Romans 2:17-29
Friday June 20 Psalm 42 and Psalm 43 Job 6:14-30 Galatians 3:15-22	Saturday June 21 Psalm 42 and Psalm 43 Proverbs 11:3-13 Matthew 9:27-34

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. What books aren't taken away will be recycled.

COME
HOLY SPIRIT
 FILL THE HEARTS
 OF YOUR FAITHFUL
 AND KINDLE IN THEM
THE FIRE OF YOUR LOVE.
 SEND FORTH YOUR SPIRIT
 AND THEY SHALL BE CREATED
AND YOU SHALL RENEW
THE FACE OF THE
EARTH.



Thanks to Gert-Jan van Heugten

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NOT ONLY IS IT 100% FREE, BUT THERE'S
 ALSO A 3-IN-1 TRINITY SPECIAL ... BUT
 ACT NOW, YOU HAVE LIMITED TIME

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 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/>

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

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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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