



Gladstone Uniting Church

Interface

Pentecost 4

6 July 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.

Trust in the Lord
with all your heart,
and do not lean on
your own
understanding.
In all your ways
acknowledge him,
and he will make
straight your paths.

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

Lectionary Bible Readings

This Week: Pentecost 4

2 Kings 5: 1-14

Psalms 30

Galatians 6: (1-6) 7-16

Luke 10: 1-11, 16-20



Next Week: Pentecost 5

Amos 7: 7-17

Psalms 82

Colossians 1: 1-14

Luke 10: 25-37



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

Has Anyone Seen That Street Girl?

Based on 2 Kings 5:1-14 – The unnamed servant girl whose small, dismissed voice made healing possible. They called her that street girl. Never by name. Just that street girl.

She was always there. Barefoot, dust-smeared, hair thick with knots and wind, sitting on the crumbling wall outside the housing estate. Morning, evening, even in the rain — a fixture like the old milk crate outside the corner shop.

Martin Drayton stepped out of the car with a clipboard in one hand and his tie pulled tight against the winter air. He nodded at the cameras, shook hands with the minister, and gestured toward the housing blocks behind them like they were already improved. A bold new plan, they said. A renewal. A fresh start for troubled places.

That street girl sat with her knees drawn up, eyes half-lidded against the commotion. She didn't look interested. She never did.

Martin didn't notice her until the third visit when someone mentioned that she'd been there "every bloody time."

"What's her name?" he asked, not looking up from the latest draft of the community engagement summary.

"Dunno," the staffer shrugged. "She's just always around. One of those estate kids, probably. Or maybe not. No one really knows."

That street girl was there when he gave his



speech about investment and safety and restoring dignity. She was there when someone shouted from a balcony, and he kept speaking through it. She was there when he promised community consultation and walked back to his car without having spoken to a single resident.

The fourth visit was the worst. A local youth worker, exhausted and angry, pulled him aside and said the minister's plan wasn't going to work — that it looked like a sell-off dressed up in concern. Martin tightened his jaw and kept it civil, but he was rattled. He hated being accused of not caring. He cared very much. He had a drawer full of reports to prove it.

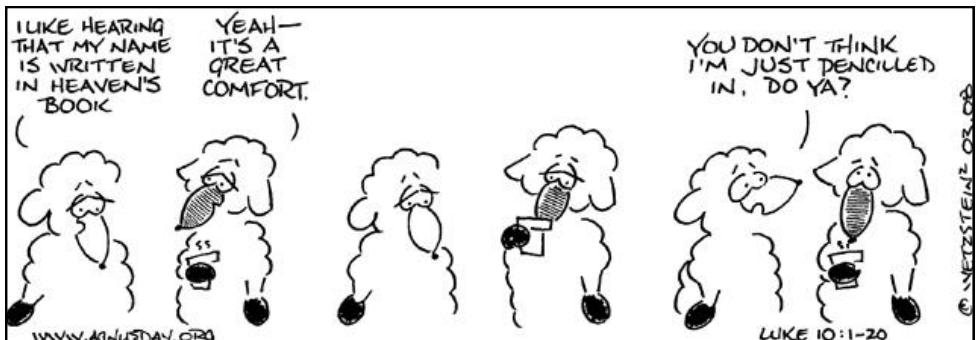
As he walked toward the car park, coat pulled tight and his voice low with frustration, he muttered to no one in particular, "You try doing this job. Everyone wants change, no one wants to work with us."

A quiet voice came from behind him. Not sharp, not rude. Just clear.

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Levon

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Next Week's Roster & Church Activities

13 July 2025

Preaching	Levon Kardashian
Worship Lead-in	Laraine McKay
Notices & Prayers	Laraine McKay
Vestry Elders	I. McKay, G. Caird
Bible Reader	Laraine McKay
Song Selector	Ros Bambrick
Back Up Singer	Ian McKay
Piano	Nicky Rippingale
Additional Music	
Data Projector	Nathan Rippingale
Sound System	
Church Steward/Valet	Wise Kafoa
Welcome Host	
Count Offering	
Morning Tea	

A special welcome this morning to Callum and Sarah who bring Elsie to be baptised. We also warmly welcome their family & friends who join them this day.



Baptism is God's gift to us – adult and child alike. There is nothing we can do to earn, deserve, or purchase baptism. It is first of all a sign that God, in Christ, has done all that is necessary to redeem or save us. The mystery of faith is that God's act of self-giving is offered to us freely, long before we begin to recognise, desire or understand it. The gift once given is never taken back.

Save the Date

Saturday 26 July 1pm—3pm, QLD Community Alliance Gladstone will be hosting a **“Table Talk”** at the Gladstone Uniting Church. Watch this space for more information.

Monday 7 July 2025

9-11am Little Explorers—Holidays

Tuesday 8 July 2025

9am-1pm Bookshop Open

Wednesday 9 July 2025

Thursday 10 July 2025

9am-1pm Bookshop Open

Friday 11 July 2025

Saturday 12 July 2025

9am-1pm Bookshop Open

Sunday 13 July 2025

7:45am Tannum Worship

9am Worship Gladstone

Dates to Note

* **New Auckland Place Service**

5 August 1pm

* **Eden Vale Service**

15 July 10am

* **QLD Community Alliance Table Talk**

Saturday 26 July

* **Soup and Trivia Night**

Saturday 16 August 6pm

Daily Lectionary Readings

Monday July 7

Psalm 6
2 Kings 5:15-19a
Acts 19:21-27

Tuesday July 8

Psalm 6
2 Kings 5:19b-27
Acts 19:28-41

Wed July 9

Psalm 6
2 Kings 6:1-7
Luke 10:13-16

Thursday July 10

Psalm 82
Amos 1:1-2:3
James 2:14-26

Friday July 11

Psalm 82
Amos 2:4-11
Acts 7:9-16

Saturday July 12

Psalm 82
Amos 2:12-3:8
John 3:16-21

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 Carl Serkland

08-13-1999

JUST ANOTHER BEAR WE HAVE TO CROSS

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

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9.00am—12.00pm

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Sermon ideas and story:

<https://theoblog.org.au/reflections/>

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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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