



Gladstone Uniting Church

Interface

Pentecost 5

13 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.

Lord, as I start this day,
I ask for Your blessing
and protection. Please
fill my heart with Your
peace and joy, and help
me to walk in Your
ways. Guide my
thoughts and actions so
that they may be
pleasing to You. Thank
You for the gift of this
new day. Amen.

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

Lectionary Bible Readings

This Week: Pentecost 5

Next Week: Pentecost 6

Amos 7: 7-17

Psalms 82

Colossians 1: 1-14

Luke 10: 25-37



Amos 8: 1-12

Psalms 52

Colossians 1: 15-28

Luke 10: 38-42



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

The Dead Samaritan: Prophet in the Wrong Place – a fan fiction story

Based on Luke 10:25–37: the cost of mercy when neighbourliness crosses boundaries and provokes suspicion. A prophetic reimagination.

When Chayatan first opened his eyes, it was to the sound of someone slicing bread behind a wall and the steady creak of shutters in the wind. His chest felt like it had been kicked by a mule. Breathing reminded him he was still alive.

He tried to sit, failed, and let the blanket fall back. The cot beneath him was rough, but clean. Someone had washed the blood from his skin. A poultice wrapped his ribs. His satchel was gone, but a clay cup beside the bed held cool water. He drank it all.

The innkeeper came the second day.

"You're awake. Thought you might not be. You were half-dead when he dragged you in."

"Who?"

The man shrugged. "Didn't give a name. Paid in advance. Left before dawn. Might've been a merchant."

But merchants didn't carry men half their weight. Merchants didn't speak with voices rough from mountain winds. And merchants didn't bind wounds with linen so worn it had to have come from their own tunic.

Chayatan remembered being lifted — jostled onto a donkey's back. Someone walking beside him, murmuring words he couldn't understand. He had smelled sweat and fear and something older, like grief.

The bruises faded. He walked with a stick, slowly, down alleyways that buzzed with late-summer gossip.

That was when he first heard the name. Tzamarad. A Samaritan elder, known for his disputes with the temple hierarchy. Rumours filled the town before Chayatan's ribs finished healing. Tzamarad had crossed into Judea. Had helped a man. Had touched him, stayed with him, brought him to an inn. Had disappeared for days.

And now he was under arrest.

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



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Levon



Next Week's Roster & Church Activities

20 July 2025

Preaching	Gavin Caird
Worship Lead-in	Gavin Caird
Notices & Prayers	Gavin Caird
Vestry Elders	L. McKay, H. Holmes
Bible Reader	Pauline Shields
Song Selector	Ros Bambrick
Back Up Singer	
Piano	Selena Anderson
Additional Music	
Data Projector	Ian Anderson
Sound System	Dulcie van W
Church Steward/Valet	
Welcome Host	
Count Offering	
Morning Tea	

Monday 14 July 2025

9-11am Little Explorers—In Hall

Tuesday 15 July 2025

9am-1pm Bookshop Open

Wednesday 16 July 2025

Thursday 17 July 2025

9am-1pm Bookshop Open

Friday 18 July 2025

Saturday 19 July 2025

9am-1pm Bookshop Open

Sunday 20 July 2025

7:45am Tannum Worship

9am Worship Gladstone

Dates to Note

* New Auckland Place Service

5 August 1pm

* Eden Vale Service

16 July 10am

* QLD Community Alliance Table Talk

Saturday 26 July

* **Soup and Trivia Night**

Saturday 16 August 6pm

Lord

help me to remember
that nothing is going to happen
to me today that you and I
together can't handle.

Amen

Daily Lectionary Readings

Monday July 14

Psalm 7

Amos 3:9-4:5

James 2:1-7

Tuesday July 15

Psalm 7

Amos 4:6-13

1 John 3:11-17

Wed July 16

Psalm 7

Amos 5:1-9

Matthew 25:31-46

Thursday July 17

Psalm 52

Amos 5:10-17

Hebrews 5:1-6

Friday July 18

Psalm 52

Amos 5:18-27

Ephesians 3:14-21

Saturday July 19

Psalm 52

Amos 6:1-14

Luke 8:4-10

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.

Table Talk

On Saturday 26 July from 1 - 3 pm, the church will host a **Table Talk** in the hall, run by QLD Community Alliance Gladstone. It will explore what Gladstone needs to be a better place to live, and how our church can better help people encounter God.

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.



(See Luke 10:30-36)

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DON'T GET TOO EXCITED FELLA, I'M THE
 MEDIOCRE SAMARITAN ... I ONLY GIVE
 YOU A BAND-AID AND THEN I'M OFF

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

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://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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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 **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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