



# Gladstone Uniting Church

# Interface

Pentecost 6

20 July 2025

## Welcome

**H**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 [gladuca@bigpond.com](mailto:gladuca@bigpond.com) if you have any queries or we can be of assistance.

*Lord,*

You are the wind in my sails.  
You guide me as I steer and find direction.  
You give me the strength to keep on going.  
You watch over me as I navigate stormy seas.  
You are the harbour where I stop for rest.  
You are my encourager when I lose hope.  
You are the lighthouse that keeps my path safe.  
You are with me always.  
Thank you.  
Amen.

For the most up-to-date information on our church please remember  
[www.gladstoneuniting.org.au](http://www.gladstoneuniting.org.au)

### Lectionary Bible Readings

#### This Week: Pentecost 6

Amos 8: 1-12

Psalms 52

Colossians 1: 15-28

Luke 10: 38-42



#### Next Week: Pentecost 7

Hosea 1: 2-10

Psalms 85

Colossians 2: 6-15 (16-19)

Luke 11: 1-13



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

## Crumb and Punishment: You Are Toast

*Based on Amos 8:1–12 – A vision of summer fruit and judgment.*

They always said the church had the best coffee in town. You could smell it before you hit the doors—something rich and dark and impossibly smooth. There was a sign in the foyer that said, *Welcome to Abundance Fellowship. We've been expecting you.*

No one expected him.

He wasn't on the roster. He wasn't wearing a name badge. He walked in just as the lights dimmed and the pre-service slideshow rolled. In one hand, he carried a reusable shopping bag. In the other, a toaster.

He didn't speak to the greeters. He didn't scan the QR code. He just found the second row—dead centre—and sat down. Right in front of the sound desk. Right in front of someone's carefully placed handbag. She glared. He smiled.

The countdown hit zero. The band launched into the opener—something with a fog machine, thumping bass, and hands lifted just high enough to be reverent but not sweaty. People clapped. The screens beamed confidence. A drone camera fed a live flyover of the auditorium onto the side walls.

He plugged the toaster into the floor socket beneath his seat.

And waited.

The first worship block ended with a rousing bridge and the lights sweeping the crowd in a sort of soft spiritual interrogation. Then came the welcome.

Pastor Trent bounded up in skinny jeans and a microphone headset. "Welcome to the table! Welcome to abundance! We are a people of joy, of overflow, of breakthrough!" He paused for applause, then added: "And if this is your first time here, welcome home."

The man in the second row lowered a slice of bread into the toaster.

It clicked audibly.



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

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Levon



## *Next Week's Roster & Church Activities*

### 27 July 2025

<b>Preaching</b>	Levon Kardashian
<b>Worship Lead-in</b>	Helen Evans
<b>Notices &amp; Prayers</b>	Helen Evans
<b>Vestry Elders</b>	G. Caird, I. McKay
<b>Bible Reader</b>	Helen Evans
<b>Song Selector</b>	Ros Bambrick
<b>Back Up Singer</b>	Caitlin Price
<b>Piano</b>	Nicky Rippingale
<b>Additional Music</b>	
<b>Data Projector</b>	Nathan Rippingale
<b>Sound System</b>	
<b>Church Steward/Valet</b>	Wise Kafoa
<b>Welcome Host</b>	Kerry Price
<b>Count Offering</b>	Ian R, Grant P
<b>Morning Tea</b>	Linda R, Helper please

### Monday 21 July 2025

9-11am Little Explorers—In Hall

### Tuesday 22 July 2025

9am-1pm Bookshop Open

### Wednesday 23 July 2025

### Thursday 24 July 2025

9am-1pm Bookshop Open

### Friday 25 July 2025

### Saturday 26 July 2025

9am-1pm Bookshop Open

1pm-3pm Community Table Talk

### Sunday 27 July 2025

7:45am Tannum Worship

9am Worship Gladstone



### *Dates to Note*

\* New Auckland Place Service

5 August 1pm

\* Eden Vale Service

19 August 10am

\* \* Soup and Trivia Night

Saturday 16 August 6pm

## *Daily Lectionary Readings*

### **Monday July 21**

Psalm 119:17-32

Amos 7:1-6

Colossians 1:27-2:7

### **Tuesday July 22**

Psalm 119:17-32

Amos 8:13-9:4

1 John 2:1-6

### **Wed July 23**

Psalm 119:17-32

Amos 9:5-15

John 6:41-51

### **Thursday July 24**

Psalm 85

Hosea 4:1-19

Acts 1:15-20

### **Friday July 25**

Psalm 85

Hosea 5:1-15

Acts 2:22-36

### **Saturday July 26**

Psalm 85

Hosea 1:11-2:15

Luke 8:22-25

*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 Exodus 20:8-11)

HOW COME IF YOU'RE ALWAYS TELLIN' US NOT TO WORK ON SUNDAYS I CATCH YOU WORKIN' HERE AT CHURCH EACH WEEK?

## Gladstone Worship Centre

## Tannum Worship Centre

**Gladstone Office Details:**

9.00am—12.00pm

Email: [gladuca@bigpond.com](mailto:gladuca@bigpond.com)

**Minister:**

**Rev Levon Kardashian**

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### Sermon ideas and story:

<https://theoblogy.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

## 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 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.

# EGG & NUT FREE