



# Gladstone Uniting Church

## Interface

Pentecost 8

3 August 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.

Heavenly Father, we give You thanks for waking us up on this glorious day.

We thank You for protection, not only over ourselves, but for our loved ones as well.

We give thanks for health, strength, grace, forgiveness, peace, joy, for loving us unconditionally and never failing us.



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 8**

**Next Week: Pentecost 9**

Hosea 11: 1-11

Psalms 107: 1-9, 43

Colossians 3: 1-11

Luke 12: 13-21



Isaiah 1: 1, 10-20

Psalms 50: 1-8, 22-23

Hebrews 11: 1-3, 8-16

Luke 12: 32-40



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

**Don't forget Messy Church in the Hall TONIGHT at 4pm.**

## The Church With a Rainy Day Fund (and Endless Sunshine)

*Based on Luke 12:13-21 – “Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.”*

The church council prided itself on being careful. Not miserly, just wise, as they liked to say. Every cent was accounted for. Ron, the treasurer, knew the accounts so well that he could tell you, without looking, how much was in the “roof fund” or the “future stipend reserve.” He said it with the satisfaction of a man who had wrestled with decades of electricity bills and insurance premiums and still kept the lights on. During meetings, there was always a conversation about being “responsible stewards of God’s money,” and everyone would nod in agreement, feeling that invisible weight of duty to make sure the church would still be standing in ten, twenty, or thirty years.

They weren’t exactly rolling in cash, but the savings account gave them comfort. A little buffer for the lean years. They did fund community projects now and then, raising funds, topping up a local appeal, or inviting people to give towards special causes. Whenever someone suggested doing more, though, the room would grow cautious. “We need to be sustainable,” someone would say. “We can’t help others if we can’t pay our own bills.” Everyone agreed. There were no villains in this conversation, just people trying to do the right thing.

One winter evening, when the council gathered around the table in the hall, the heater buzzing gently in the background, Ron tapped his pen against the balance sheet with a grin. “If we keep going like this,” he said, “we’ll have enough to cover the next big roof repair without needing to touch the reserves.” There were murmurs of approval, and someone joked that the roof might outlast all of them if Ron had anything to do with it. It felt good to be prudent. It felt like faithfulness.

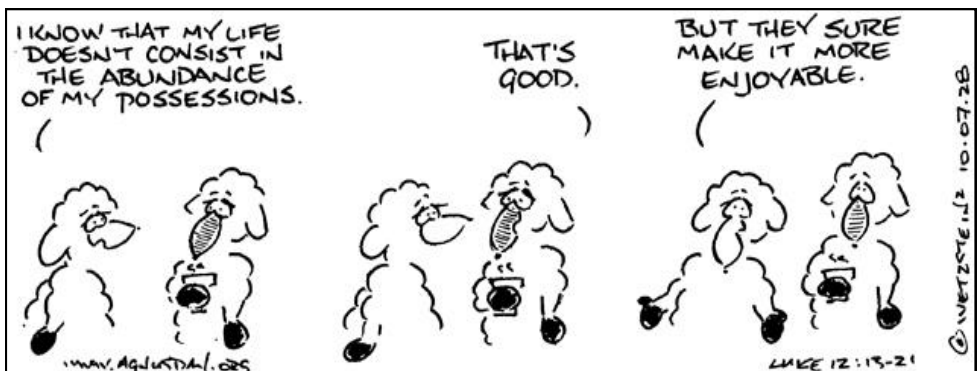
Meanwhile, two streets away, Emma ...



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Levon

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

### 10 August 2025

<b>Preaching</b>	Levon Kardashian
<b>Worship Lead-in</b>	Levon Kardashian
<b>Notices &amp; Prayers</b>	Ros Bambrick
<b>Vestry Elders</b>	I. McKay, H. Holmes
<b>Bible Reader</b>	Ros Bambrick
<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>	
<b>Welcome Host</b>	Kerry Price
<b>Count Offering</b>	Grant. P, Helper pls
<b>Morning Tea</b>	P. Elliott, Helper pls

### Monday 4 August 2025

9-11am Little Explorers—In Hall

### Tuesday 5 August 2025

9am-1pm Bookshop Open

### Wednesday 6 August 2025

### Thursday 7 August 2025

9am-1pm Bookshop Open

### Friday 8 August 2025

### Saturday 9 August 2025

9am-1pm Bookshop Open

### Sunday 10 August 2025

No Service Tannum Worship

9am Worship Gladstone

### Soup & Trivia Night

**Saturday August 16 @ 6pm.**

**Teams of 6.**

**Please contact  
Selena for more  
information or if  
you need a lift.**



### *Dates to Note*

\* New Auckland Place Service

2 Sept 1pm

\* Eden Vale Service

19 August 10am

\* **Soup and Trivia Night**

Saturday 16 August 6pm

### *Daily Lectionary Readings*

**Monday August 4**

Psalm 60

Hosea 11:12-12:14

Colossians 3:18-4:1

**Tuesday August 5**

Psalm 60

Hosea 13:1-16

Colossians 4:2-6

**Wed August 6**

Psalm 60

Hosea 14:1-9

Luke 12:22-31

**Thursday August 7**

Psalm 50:1-8, 22-23

Isaiah 9:8-17

Romans 9:1-9

**Friday August 8**

Psalm 50:1-8, 22-23

Isaiah 9:18-10:4

Acts 7:1-8

**Saturday August 9**

Psalm 50:1-8, 22-23

Isaiah 1:2-9, 21-23

Matthew 6:19-24

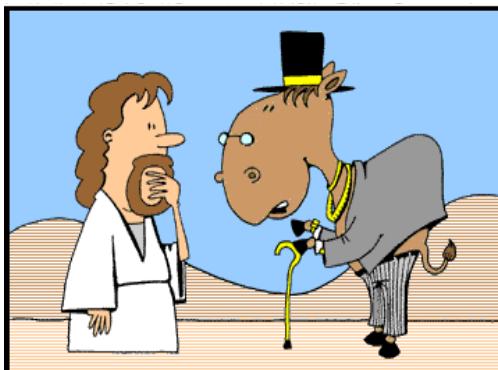
Anyone who wishes to donate non-perishable food items or hygiene items for Uniting Care to distribute, there is a collection point in the Narthex. There are paper shopping bags in the kitchen for donations.



**Please note the updated email  
address for the Church Office.  
[office@gladstoneuniting.org.au](mailto:office@gladstoneuniting.org.au)**



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 Matthew 19:16-24)

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SO TELL ME THEN JESUS, HOW HARD WOULD  
 IT BE FOR A RICH CAMEL TO ENTER THE  
 KINGDOM OF HEAVEN

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

#### Interface

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[www.gladstoneuniting.org.au](http://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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 NUT  
 FREE**