



# Gladstone Uniting Church

# Interface

Pentecost 11

24 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 [office@gladstoneuniting.org.au](mailto:office@gladstoneuniting.org.au) if you have any queries or we can be of assistance.

Lord, I come before you ready  
to pour out my worries, anxieties,  
and fears at Your feet. I am  
claiming and declaring Your  
promises for blessings of peace  
and strength over my life.  
Bring a peace into my soul that  
passes all worldly understanding  
and make me a light for others  
to see Your strength.

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 11

#### Next Week: Pentecost 12

Jeremiah 1: 4-10

Psalms 71: 1-6

Hebrews 12: 18-29

Luke 13: 10-17



Jeremiah 2: 4-13

Psalms 81: 1, 10-16

Hebrews 13: 1-8, 15-16

Luke 14: 1, 7-14



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

## Surviving the Fire-Breathing Mountain

*Based on Hebrews 12:18–29 – The unshakable kingdom (fellowship)*

*Disclaimer: No bushfires were started in the writing of this story. While the places named are real and the events described are realistic, the story itself is fictional.*



The flames snapped and hissed as another log settled into the fire. Sparks leapt upward into the dark Bunya night, vanishing into the great spread of stars. The children were sprawled around the fire with marshmallows on sticks, their faces sticky, eyes wide. “Tell us a story, Grandma,” one of them said, poking her arm. “A real one. Not just a made-up one.”

She stirred the embers with the end of her stick and gave a half-smile. “Alright. A real one, then. Once, not too far from here, I came so close to being swallowed by fire I could smell my own hair singeing.”

The youngest gasped. “Like this fire?” She shook her head. “Not like this one. This fire is tame. A friend for cooking and keeping us warm. That fire was wild. It had teeth and claws.”

The children sat up straighter. “Did it chase you?” another asked.

“Not at first,” she said, her voice dropping a little lower. “We were walking through tall grass with my dad. The grass was higher than my shoulders, and it brushed against our arms as we made our way down a slope. I thought we were just out for a wander, but Dad had seen something. Smoke. Thin at first, like a whisper against the sky.”

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

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Levon



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

**31 August 2025**

**Preaching** Levon Kardashian

**Worship Lead-in**

**Notices & Prayers**

**Vestry Elders**

**Bible Reader**

**Song Selector** Tony Leong

**Back Up Singer**

**Piano** Emily Field

**Additional Music**

**Data Projector** Ian Anderson

**Sound System**

**Church Steward/Valet**

**Welcome Host**

**Count Offering**

**Morning Tea**

**Monday 25 August 2025**

9-11am Little Explorers—In Hall

**Tuesday 26 August 2025**

9am-1pm Bookshop Open

**Wednesday 27 August 2025**

**Thursday 28 August 2025**

9am-1pm Bookshop Open

**Friday 29 August 2025**

**Saturday 30 August 2025**

9am-1pm Bookshop Open

**Sunday 31 August 2025**

7:45am Combined Worship

@ Tannum Sands

### **Key Audit**

*Can all those who have keys for the Church or the Hall, who use the shared generic alarm codes, please make contact with the Office to organise a personalised alarm code as the generic code is being retired and will no longer work after Tuesday 30 September.*



*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.*



### **Dates to Note**

- \* **New Auckland Place Service**  
2 Sept 1pm
- \* **Eden Vale Service**  
16 Sept 10am
- \* **Generic Key Code Retiring**  
30 Sept 2025

### **Daily Lectionary Readings**

**Monday August 25**

Psalm 10  
Jeremiah 7:1-15  
Hebrews 3:7-4:11

**Tuesday August 26**

Psalm 10  
Jeremiah 7:16-26  
Revelation 3:7-13

**Wed August 27**

Psalm 10  
Jeremiah 7:27-34  
Luke 6:6-11

**Thursday August 28**

Psalm 81:1, 10-16  
Jeremiah 11:1-17  
1 Peter 3:8-12

**Friday August 29**

Psalm 81:1, 10-16  
Jeremiah 12:1-13  
1 Peter 4:7-11

**Saturday August 30**

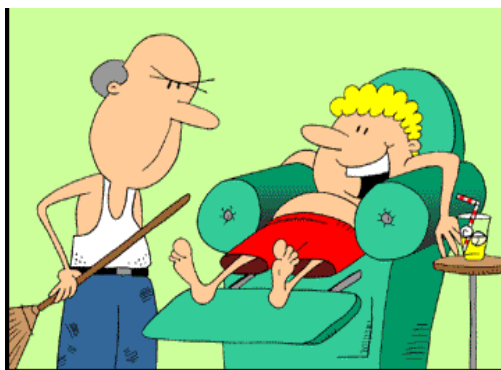
Psalm 81:1, 10-16  
Jeremiah 2:1-3, 14-22  
Matthew 20:20-28

**Please note the updated email address for the Church Office.**  
**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.**



Thanks to Benoit Paquette (See Exodus 20:8) 06-23-1999

I'VE DECIDED TO REMEMBER THE SABBATH  
 DAY AND KEEP IT HOLY SEVEN DAYS A  
 WEEK

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**