



Gladstone Uniting Church

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Pentecost 12

31 August 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 office@gladstoneuniting.org.au if you have any queries or we can be of assistance.

A MORNING PRAYER

God, please enlighten my mind with truth;

Inflame my heart with love;

Inspire my will with courage;

Enrich my life with service.

Pardon what I have been;

Sanctify what I am;

And order what I shall be.

Amen



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www.gladstoneuniting.org.au

Lectionary Bible Readings

This Week: Pentecost 12

Jeremiah 2: 4-13

Psalms 81: 1, 10-16

Hebrews 13: 1-8, 15-16

Luke 14: 1, 7-14



Next Week: Pentecost 13

Jeremiah 18: 1-11

Psalms 139: 1-6, 13-18

Philemon 1-21

Luke 14: 25-33



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

When God Hid in a Barrel

Based on Luke 14:1, 7-14 – Jesus invites the marginalised to the table.

Alex had taken the job for the money. It was meant to be a simple week's work on the other side of the divide, a project worth enough to make the risk of travelling into militia-controlled territory seem tolerable. Crossing the border the first time had been easier than he expected. A few questions, a flash of the right documents, and he was through. He told himself he would keep his head down, do the work, and return home before anyone noticed.



But the week stretched long, the sound of gunfire never far away. Each night, he lay on a borrowed mattress, telling himself he had chosen wisely by staying instead of commuting. He worked quickly by day and counted the money in his head by night, a rhythm that made sense until the morning his papers went missing.

He had placed the envelope beside his chair at a café while eating bread and olives. When he reached for it, only crumbs remained. Panic punched through him. Without those papers, he was nobody. He sprinted out to the street, scanning alleys, until he caught sight of a boy darting between carts with the envelope tucked under his arm.

Alex chased him through the market, weaving between baskets of figs and barrels of pickled vegetables. The boy was quick, but not careful. A stall toppled in his wake, spilling lentils across the stones. Alex gained ground as the boy disappeared around a corner. When Alex rounded it, silence met him. Empty street. No boy.

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Levon

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Next Week's Roster & Church Activities

7 September 2025

Preaching	Levon Kardashian
Worship Lead-in	Helen Evans
Notices & Prayers	Helen Evans
Vestry Elders	H. Holmes, D. Bambrick
Bible Reader	Helen Evans
Song Selector	Ros Bambrick
Back Up Singer	Ian McKay
Piano	Selena Anderson
Additional Music	
Data Projector	Ian Anderson
Sound System	Wise Kafoa
Church Steward/Valet	
Welcome Host	
Count Offering	John P, Helper Pls
Morning Tea	

Monday 1 September 2025

9-11am Little Explorers—In Hall

Tuesday 2 September 2025

9am-1pm Bookshop Open

Wednesday 3 September 2025

Thursday 4 September 2025

9am-1pm Bookshop Open

Friday 5 September 2025

Saturday 6 September 2025

9am-1pm Bookshop Open

Sunday 7 September 2025

7:45am Tannum Sands Worship

9.00am Gladstone Worship

4pm Messy Church

Dates to Note

* New Auckland Place Service

2 Sept 1pm

* Eden Vale Service

16 Sept 10am

* Generic Key Code Retiring

30 Sept 2025

* Pastoral Care Training 7-9 Nov

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.



Daily Lectionary Readings

Monday Sept 1

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

Tuesday Sept 2

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

Wednesday Sept 3

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

Thursday Sept 4

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

Friday Sept 5

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

Saturday Sept 6

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

Rev Donna Muston's mother Shirley Matheson (who has been residing in Eden Vale) passed away Wednesday night (27 August). Funeral to be held in Biloela on a date to be confirmed.



Please note the updated email address for the Church Office.
office@gladstoneuniting.org.au

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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.

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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Tannum Worship Centre

12 Silvertown Dr

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Open Tues & Thurs

9.00am—12.00pm

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