



Gladstone Uniting Church

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Pentecost 17

5 October 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.

Lord, the resurrection of Your Son has given us new life and renewed hope.

Help us to live as new people in pursuit of the Christian ideal.

Grant us wisdom to know what we must do, the will to want to do it, the courage to undertake it, the perseverance to continue to do it, and the strength to complete it.

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

Lectionary Bible Readings

This Week: Pentecost 17

Lamentations 1: 1-6

Psalms 137

2 Timothy 1:1-14

Luke 17: 5-10



Next Week: Pentecost 18

Jeremiah 29: 1, 4-7

Psalms 66:1-12

2 Timothy 2: 8-15

Luke 17: 11-19



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

Ginger Hall

Based on 2 Timothy 1:1-14 – Paul urges Timothy not to be ashamed of testimony or suffering, but to rely on God’s power.

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Virtueville was a democracy, maybe, a parish of sorts, perhaps, where all voices are heard, but some voices are heard more than others.

The city’s Civic Hall stood on a corner of Elm and Main, freshly painted and gleaming, with polished brass handles and banners proclaiming the virtues of civic duty. Inside, the council chamber smelled faintly of disinfectant and over-polished wood, a scent Elias associated with authority and small absurdities. Rows of chairs waited for the public — citizens called to witness, applaud, or frown at carefully orchestrated performances.

Elias Hartley stepped through the glass doors, his shoes echoing on the tile. At the reception desk, a clerk without interest handed him a slip: “Public Testimony Session — Mr. Elias Hartley — 10:15 AM.” He pocketed it and walked the corridor to the chamber.

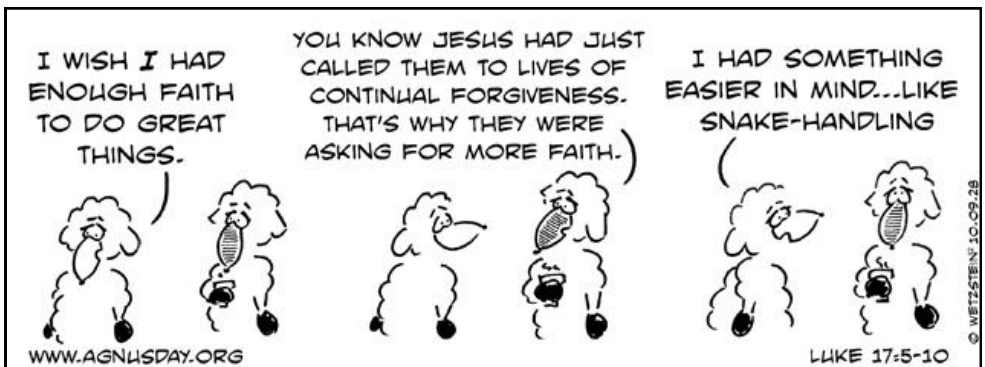
Inside, the council members sat elevated behind a polished bench, each with a cup of ginger tea, the only drink permitted in the Civic Hall. They wore suits, ties, and robes, each garment pressed and serious, yet slightly overdone — as if dignity could be stitched into fabric. Cameras lined the back wall, capturing every gesture and every pause, broadcasting the proceedings to a public trained to nod at all the right moments. Above the dais, a banner read, All voices are heard, but some voices are heard more than others.

The mayor leaned forward, hands clasped, a smile that didn’t reach his eyes. “Mr. Hartley, we thank you for attending. Your recent statements have caused... concern. The council must review the impact on our civic harmony.”

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Next Week's Roster & Church Activities

<u>12 October 2025</u>	
Preaching	Gavin Caird
Worship Lead-in	Gavin Caird
Notices & Prayers	Gavin Caird
Vestry Elders	H. Holmes, Helper pls
Bible Reader	Helen Evans
Song Selector	Ros Bambrick
Back Up Singer	
Piano	Selena Anderson
Additional Music	
Data Projector	Ian Anderson
Sound System	Wise Kafoa
Church Steward/Valet	H. Holmes
Welcome Host	
Count Offering	Ian R, Helper Please
Morning Tea	Linda R, Pam E

<u>Monday 6 October 2025</u>	
9-11am	Little Explorers—Public Hol
<u>Tuesday 7 October 2025</u>	
9am-1pm	Bookshop Open
<u>Wednesday 8 October 2025</u>	
<u>Thursday 9 October 2025</u>	
9am-1pm	Bookshop Open
<u>Friday 10 October 2025</u>	
<u>Saturday 11 October 2025</u>	
9am-1pm	Bookshop Open
<u>Sunday 12 October 2025</u>	
7:45am	Tannum Sands Worship
9.00am	Gladstone Worship

Pastoral Care Training Nov 7-9

A program designed to equip individuals with the skills and spiritual foundation needed to support others through life's challenges. It focuses on active listening, empathy, prayer, confidentiality, and practical help, all grounded in biblical principles. This training is ideal for church leaders, small group leaders, ministry volunteers, and any church members who feel called to care for others in a more intentional way. Pastoral care training prepares you to walk alongside them with compassion and confidence.



Please note that the Generic Alarm Code has now been retired. If anyone who has a key and still needs to get a unique code, please contact the Office ASAP. Keys not required, please return them to the Office.



Dates to Note

- * **New Auckland Place Service**
7 Oct 1pm
- * **Eden Vale Service**
21 Oct 10am
- * **Pastoral Care Training 7-9 Nov**
- * **Congregational AGM 30 Nov after worship**

Daily Lectionary Readings

Monday Oct 6 Psalm 137 Lamentations 1:16-22 James 1:2-11	Tuesday Oct 7 Psalm 137 Lamentations 2:13-22 1 John 5:1-5, 13-21
Wednesday Oct 8 Psalm 137 Lamentations 5:1-22 Mark 11:12-14, 20-24	Thursday Oct 9 Psalm 66:1-12 Jeremiah 25:1-14 2 Timothy 1:13-18
Friday Oct 10 Psalm 66:1-12 Jeremiah 27:1-22 2 Timothy 2:1-7	Saturday Oct 11 Psalm 66:1-12 Jeremiah 28:1-17 Luke 5:12-16



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