



Gladstone Uniting Church

Interface

Pentecost 13

7 September 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.

Gracious God,
bless fathers and all father
figures with such love and
faithfulness that children
flourish and grow in
uprightness and joy.
Bless those who long to be
fathers and those for whom
this day is difficult.
Amen.

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

Lectionary Bible Readings

This Week: Pentecost 13

Jeremiah 18: 1-11

Psalms 139: 1-6, 13-18

Philemon 1-21

Luke 14: 25-33



Next Week: Pentecost 14

Jeremiah 4: 11-12, 22-28

Psalms 14

1 Timothy 1: 12-17

Luke 15: 1-10



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

The Onesimus Nobody Hears... for Now

Based on Philemon 1–21 – Paul’s letter on behalf of a runaway slave.

Disclaimer: A Midrashic Reading of the Epistle to Philemon – Not a retelling of what was, but an imagining of what might have been. Scripture leaves Onesimus silent. Here, we listen for the unspoken voice between the lines.

Run, Oni, run!”

The words lashed the air behind him, half-mocking, half-urgent. Oni’s chest burned as he pelted down the narrow street, sandals slapping against stones slick with last night’s rain. He didn’t dare look back.

“Thief!” another voice rang out, sharp as glass.

“Coward,” someone hissed from a doorway.

The words clung to him like shadows. Whether truth or rumour, Oni knew they were louder than his own breath. He ducked into an alley, chest heaving, and pressed his back against the cool wall. From there, he could hear the world still speaking about him — always about him, never with him.

“Slave.”

“Runaway.”

“Trouble.”

The words chased him harder than any pursuer.

He had thought about leaving for months. The household was heavy with tension: whispered bargains, doors that closed too quickly, laughter that stopped when he entered a room. He was useful, yes. His name itself meant useful, though some spat it like a joke. But usefulness had a price. It made him owned. It made him less than whole.

When the coins went missing, eyes turned his way before questions were even asked. Maybe he took them. Maybe he didn’t. In the end, it didn’t matter. The story was already written on his skin. “Oni the thief” — it fit too well for anyone to doubt.

And so he ran



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Levon

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Next Week's Roster & Church Activities

14 September 2025

Preaching	Levon Kardashian
Worship Lead-in	Ros Bambrick
Notices & Prayers	Ros Bambrick
Vestry Elders	L. McKay, D. Bambrick
Bible Reader	Ros Bambrick
Song Selector	Ros Bambrick
Back Up Singer	
Piano	Emily Field
Additional Music	
Data Projector	Nathan Rippingale
Sound System	
Church Steward/Valet	Wise Kafoa
Welcome Host	
Count Offering	Ian R, Helper Pls
Morning Tea	Pauline S, Linda R

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.



Rev Donna Muston's mother Shirley Matheson passed away Wednesday night (27 August). Funeral Service at The Outdoor Chapel, Biloela Lawn Cemetery on Monday 8 September Commencing at 11am.



Hello Fellowship people. Our gathering is on Thursday 11 Sept at 9.30am. "Poetry in the Park". Venue is Spinnaker Park, turn right after you pass the cafe. BYO morning tea and poems, and enjoy the (hopefully) lovely Spring weather. Cheers Pam

Monday 8 September 2025

9-11am Little Explorers—In Hall

Tuesday 9 September 2025

9am-1pm Bookshop Open

Wednesday 10 September 2025

Thursday 11 September 2025

9am-1pm Bookshop Open

Friday 12 September 2025

Saturday 13 September 2025

9am-1pm Bookshop Open

Sunday 14 September 2025

7:45am Tannum Sands Worship

9.00am Gladstone Worship

Dates to Note

* New Auckland Place Service

7 Oct 1pm

* Eden Vale Service

16 Sept 10am

* Generic Key Code Retiring

30 Sept 2025

* Pastoral Care Training 7-9 Nov

Daily Lectionary Readings

Monday Sept 8

Psalm 2
Jeremiah 28:12-23
1 Timothy 3:14-4:5

Tuesday Sept 9

Psalm 2
Jeremiah 19:1-15
1 Timothy 4:6-16

Wednesday Sept 10

Psalm 2
Jeremiah 20:1-18
Luke 18:18-30

Thursday Sept 11

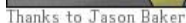
Psalm 14
Jeremiah 13:20-27
1 Timothy 1:1-11

Friday Sept 12

Psalm 14
Jeremiah 4:1-10
2 Peter 2:1-10a

Saturday Sept 13

Psalm 14
Jeremiah 4:13-21, 29-31
John 10:11-21



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GREAT, THERE WENT OUR CHANCES FOR
WINNING THE FATHER & SON BOWL-OFF

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

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9.00am—12.00pm

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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

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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