

Gladstone Uniting Church Interface

Pentecost 15

21 September 2025

Welcome

ello and welcome all 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 gueries or we can be of assistance.



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

Lectionary Bible Readings

This Week: Pentecost 15

Jeremiah 8: 18-9: 1

Psalm 79: 1-9

1 Timothy 2: 1-7

Luke 16: 1-13



Next Week: Pentecost 16

Jeremiah 32: 1-3a, 6-15

Psalm 91: 1-6, 14-16

1 Timothy 6: 6-19

Luke 16: 19-31



Our Vision is for the Gladstone Region to community where evervone experiences thetransforming love of Jesus.

When the Rubble Speaks

Based on Psalm 79:1-9 – Ruins testify to injustice and the consequences of human choices.

Warning: This story draws on real events from the author's life during wartime. The narrative depicts bombings, injury, and the aftermath of destruction, which may be distressing for some readers. While based on true experiences, the timeline has been rearranged to



express the themes of lament, resilience, and communal action reflected in the Psalm reading and the story's topic.

I was nine years old. Rockets screamed overhead, rattling windows and shaking concrete walls. Dust filled the apartment as we crouched behind whatever we could, hearts pounding, counting each thump. Then, suddenly, silence.

My father grabbed my hand. "Come on!" he yelled. I ran after him through streets thick with dust and rubble. Smoke curled from a building hit just moments before, chunks of brick and concrete scattered across the asphalt. Neighbours were already running toward it, lifting slabs, sweeping shattered glass, checking if anyone was trapped. I followed immediately, barely thinking, only acting.

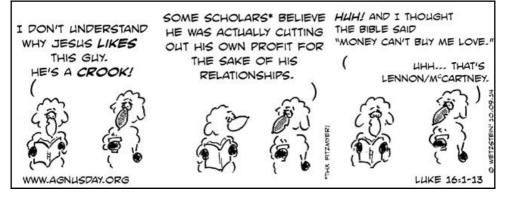
We worked fast. Concrete beams were dragged aside with grunts and heaves, broken bricks swept into piles, windows patched with nylon stretched taut over jagged frames. A plank jammed under a leaning wall held it upright temporarily. Someone held up a half-fixed cabinet, screws spilling onto the street, and a neighbour laughed: "Factory leftovers! Keep them out here for coffee breaks!" We laughed too. Absurdity amidst chaos made our hands lighter, our hearts steadier.

Kids ran around us, turning chunks of rubble into wickets, balancing beams like bats, tossing stones as balls. Shouts, laughter, and dust swirled around them. One kid missed the stone entirely, sending it skimming into a pile of bricks, and the others collapsed laughing. Even in the middle of danger, play went on.

Continue reading the full story here.

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Levon



Next Week's Roster & Church Activities

28 September 2025 **Preaching** Levon Kardashian Worship Lead-iff Ros Bambrick **Notices & Praye** Ros Bambrick **Vestry Elders** D. Bambrick, I. McKay **Bible Reader** Ros Bambrick **Song Selector** Res Bambrick **Back Up Singer** Piano **Additional Music Data Projector Sound System Church Steward/Valet** Ian Ripping Welcome Host **Count Offering** Ian R, Helper pis

Key Audit

Morning Tea

Can all those who have keys for the Church or the Hall, who use the shared generic alarm codes, please make contact with the



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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 nonperishable 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

Monday 22 September 2025

9-11am Little Explorers—In recess

Tuesday 23 September 2025

9am-1pm Bookshop Open

Wednesday 24 September 2025

Thursday 25 September 2025

9am-1pm Bookshop Open

Friday 26 September 2025

Saturday 27 September 2025

9am-1pm Bookshop Open

Sunday 28 September 2025

7:45am Tannum Sands Worship

9.00am Gladstone Worship

Detes to Note

* New Auckland Place Service

7 Oct 1pm

* Eden Vale Service 21 Oct 10am

* Generic Key Code Retiring 30 Sept 2025

* Pastoral Care Training 7-9 Nov

Daily Lectionary Readings

Monday Sept 22 Tue

Psalm 106:40-48 Jeremiah 9:12-26 Acts 4:1-12 Tuesday Sept 23
Psalm 106:40-48
Jeremiah 10:1-16
1 Corinthians 9:19-23

Wednesday Sept 24

Psalm 106:40-48 Jeremiah 10:17-25 Luke 20:45-21:4 Thursday Sept 25

Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16 Jeremiah 23:9-22 2 Corinthians 8:8-15

Friday Sept 26

Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16 Jeremiah 23:23-32 Ephesians 2:1-10

Saturday Sept 27

Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16 Jeremiah 24:1-10 Luke 9:43b-48



Dates Levon is Not Preaching at Gladstone

Oct 12 - staying at Tannum after service
Oct 19 - preaching at the Lutheran Church in
Gladstone.

Oct 26 - Queensland Churches Together AGM in Brisbane

Nov 9 - staying at Tannum after service Nov 16 - Presbytery meeting in Proserpine

Gladstone Worship Centre

Cnr Uniting Place & Dixon Dr

Tannum Worship Centre

12 Silverton 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://theoblogy.org.au/reflections/



Thanks to Abri Stegmann

DON'T JUST STAND THERE ... PRAY SOMETHING

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

Back copies of the weekly Interface are available on request. Remember also that these can also be downloaded from the Gladstone UC website at:

<u>www.gladstoneuniting.org.au</u> 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.

