



Gladstone Uniting Church Interface

Easter 5

3 May 2026

Welcome

Hello and welcome to worship this morning. We extend a special welcome to all visitors joining us today. May your time of worship be truly blessed.

If you are a visitor or newcomer to our church, please contact us at office@gladstoneuniting.org.au if you have any questions or if we can be of assistance.

There's no storm that God won't carry you through. No bridge that God won't help you cross. No battle that God won't help you win. No heartache that God won't help you let go of. He is SO much bigger than anything you will face today. Leave everything in His hands and embrace this day confidently knowing that He WILL take care of you. ♥

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

Lectionary Bible Readings

Today: Easter 5

Next Week: Easter 6

Acts 7: 55-60

Psalms 31: 1-5, 15-16

1 Peter 2: 2-10

John 14: 1-14



Acts 17: 22-31

Psalms 66:8-20

1 Peter 3: 13-22

John 14: 15-21



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

First Stone

Based on Acts 7:55-60 – Stephen proclaims truth before those who cannot bear it and is killed for it.



They kept saying someone had to do something. Not loudly, not as a decision, but in that quiet, circling way people talk when something is wrong, and no one wants to be the first to say it outright. It began as fragments. A comment left hanging. A look exchanged. A sentence that trailed off just before it became an accusation. He cannot keep saying things like that. He is stirring people up. It will get out of hand.

I did not disagree. I never disagreed. I listened. And the more I listened, the more the words began to gather weight, as though they were not just observations but responsibilities waiting to be claimed. No one said it directly, but it settled over us all the same. If no one steps in, things fall apart. That is simply how things work. Order does not maintain itself. Someone has to hold it together.

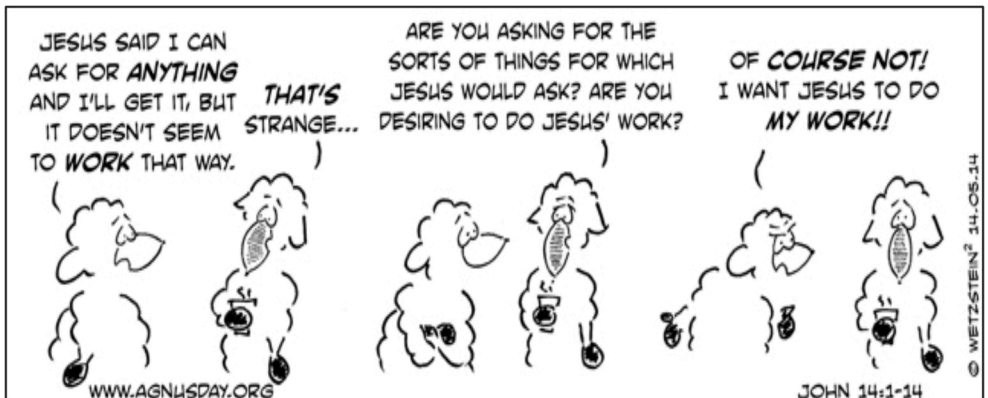
By the time we gathered, it did not feel like a mob. That word belongs to chaos, to shouting and frenzy. This was not that. This was measured. People stood in small groups, speaking quietly, as if we were attending to something important and delicate. There were no raised voices yet, just a shared understanding forming between us, something unspoken but firm.

He was already there. Not pacing, not arguing, not even trying to leave. He stood still, watching us the way you watch a storm roll in. Not surprised, not panicked, just aware that it is coming and there is nothing to be done about it. That unsettled me more than anger would have.

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

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Levon



Next Week's Roster

10 May 2026

Preaching	Gavin Caird
Worship Lead-in	Gavin Caird
Notices & Prayers	Gavin Caird
Vestry Elders	Ian & Laraine M
Bible Readers	Pam Elliott
Praise Songs	Ros Bambrick
Back Up Singer	Tony Leong
Piano	Emily Field
Additional Music	
Data Projector	Nathan Ripplingale
Sound System	
Valet	
Welcome Host	
Count Offering	Harold H, Helper pls
Morning Tea	Dulcie vW, Helper pls

Dates to Note

* New Auckland Place Service

5 May 1pm

* Eden Vale Service

19 May 10am

DFV Remembrance Service 6 May 7.30am

26 May QCA Table Talk 5: 30pm

Congregational Meeting TWC May 31

Daily Lectionary Readings

Monday May 4

Psalm 102:1-17
Exodus 13:17-22
Acts 7:17-40

Wednesday May 6

Psalm 102:1-17
Proverbs 3:13-18
John 8:31-38

Friday May 8

Psalm 66:8-20
Genesis 7:1-24
Acts 27:13-38

Tuesday May 5

Psalm 102:1-17
Proverbs 3:5-12
Acts 7:44-56

Thursday May 7

Psalm 66:8-20
Genesis 6:5-22
Acts 27:1-12

Saturday May 9

Psalm 66:8-20
Genesis 8:13-19
John 14:27-29

Monday 4 May 2026

Tuesday 5 May 2026

9am - 1pm Bookshop Open

Wednesday 6 May 2026

Thursday 7 May 2026

9am - 1pm Bookshop Open

Adult Fellowship

11:30am Barney Point Beach BYO Fish & Chips

See Pam for more information

Friday 8 May 2026

Saturday 9 May 2026

9am - 1pm Bookshop Open

Sunday 10 May 2026

7:45am Worship TWC

8:45am Sunday School GWC

9:15am Worship GWC

MMM will be visiting our church from the 20th of June to the 2nd of July to carry out some painting and other jobs for us.



There will be 9 adults and 3 children who will require morning tea and lunch each day. We are looking for somebody to take on the role of organising a roster and food for this time. We are sure that there will be plenty of people willing to help with the catering, but we just need someone to be the contact person.

Josh from MMM has said that he hoped that the morning tea and lunch times would be a chance for members of the congregation to come and meet the MMM team and share with them. He said they usually have prayer and a devotion at lunch and would love to share with us.

If anyone is interested in helping with the food, please speak with Laraine.

