



Gladstone Uniting Church

Interface

Lent 3

8 March 2026

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.

God of the journey, Christ of compassion, Spirit in our midst, walk with me. Even though I stray from your path; when I fail to follow your lead. As I go my own way, bring me along with you. Forgive me, for I think that I know what I do. I think I know where I should go. Command my attention. Reset my moral compass to point to your justice. Map my way again so that I may walk in the footsteps of Christ.

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

Lectionary Bible Readings

This Week: Lent 3

Next Week: Lent 4

Exodus 17: 1-7

Psalms 95

Romans 5: 1-11

John 4: 5-42



1 Samuel 16: 1-13

Psalms 23

Ephesians 5: 8-14

John 9: 1-41



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

Water, Water, Everywhere, but Not a Drop to Drink

The wind had stopped, but the waiting had not.

By mid-morning, the evacuation centre smelled of damp carpet, instant coffee, and too many people breathing the same air. The basketball hoops hung uselessly above rows of camp chairs. Rainwater still dripped from the hems of jeans and pooled beneath stacked sandbags at the doors.



Lara had been on her feet since 3 a.m. She was the volunteer coordinator, which meant she owned the clipboard and, therefore, apparently, the cyclone.

“Any word on the truck?” someone called.

“On its way,” she said for the fifteenth time. The supply truck had been delayed when the highway flooded near the bridge. Food and bottled water were coming from a nearby emergency staging centre. They just were not here yet.

At the far end of the hall, a toddler began to cry. Not loud at first; just a tired, dry sound. The kind that needles into everyone’s nerves.

A man in a faded blue singlet stepped out of the line and walked toward Lara. He had a little girl on his hip. Her cheeks were blotchy; her hair stuck to her forehead.

“She hasn’t eaten since last night,” he said. Not aggressive. Not yet. Just stating a fact.

“I know,” Lara said. “The truck ...”

“Yeah. The truck.” He shifted the child to the other arm. “We’ve all heard about the truck.”

Behind him, more people were listening.

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

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Levon



Next Week's Roster & Church Activities

<u>15 March 2026</u>	
Preaching	Gavin Caird
Worship Lead-in	Gavin Caird
Notices & Prayers	Gavin Caird
Vestry Elders	L. McKay, Dulcie v W
Bible Reader	Helen Evans
Song Selector	Fiona Binney
Back Up Singer	
Piano	Craig Binney
Additional Music	
Data Projector	Ian Anderson
Sound System	
Church Steward/Valet	
Welcome Host	
Count Offering	H. Holmes, Helper pls
Morning Tea	Heather W, Helper pls

<u>Monday 9 March 2026</u>	
<u>Tuesday 10 March 2026</u>	
9am-1pm	Bookshop Open
<u>Wednesday 11 March 2026</u>	
<u>Thursday 12 March 2026</u>	
9am-1pm	Bookshop Open
9.30am	Adult Fellowship
<u>Friday 13 March 2026</u>	
<u>Saturday 14 March 2026</u>	
9am-1pm	Bookshop Open
<u>Sunday 15 March 2026</u>	
7:45am	Tannum Sands Worship
8:45am	Sunday School GWC
9:15am	Gladstone Worship

Hi Fellowship people. Next Thursday 12th we will visit the Hope Shop (op shop) in Dalrymple Drive. Have a browse and see what bargains you can find, then up to the cafe at Edenvale for a cuppa and recover. See you then. Pam

Free me, Lord Jesus, from anything that obstructs my way to you. Clear away the clutter of petty grudges. Remove smudges of resentment and bitterness. Cleanse me of thoughts filled with anger envy, or self-pity.

Create space in my life for more kindness and less spitefulness, greater generosity and stronger compassion.

Enlarge my heart with a spirit of gratitude this Lent, so that I recognize the simple gifts that lay in abundance all around me.

In your sacred name, I pray. Amen.

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Dates to Note

* **New Auckland Place Service**

7 April 1pm

* **Eden Vale Service**

17 March 10am

Sunday 19 April 30th Anniversary GUC

Daily Lectionary Readings

Monday March 9

Psalm 81
Genesis 24:1-17
2 John 1-13

Tuesday March 10

Psalm 81
Genesis 29:1-14
1 Corinthians 10:1-4

Wed March 11

Psalm 81
Jeremiah 2:4-13
John 7:14-31, 37-39

Thursday March 12

Psalm 23
1 Samuel 15:10-21
Ephesians 4:25-32

Friday March 13

Psalm 23
1 Samuel 15:22-31
Ephesians 5:1-9

Saturday March 14

Psalm 23
1 Samuel 15:32-34
John 1:1-9

LENT

is a call
to renew
a commitment
grown dull,
perhaps,
by a life
more marked
by routine than
by reflection.



Dates Levon is Not Preaching at Gladstone

Sunday 1 Feb

Sunday 22 Feb—Staying at Tannum

Sunday 15 March—Presbytery

Sunday 22 March—Staying at Tannum

Sunday 3 May—Sunday 17 May (Inclusive)-
Annual Leave

Gladstone Worship Centre

Cnr Uniting Place & Dixon Dr

Tannum Worship Centre

12 Silvertown Dr

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Open Tues & Thurs

9.00am—12.00pm

(times subject to change in school holidays)

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Sermon ideas and story:

<https://theoblog.org.au/reflections/>

Direct EFT Giving

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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 Free Church. Please do not bring or use peanuts or peanut products.

Your assistance in this matter is much appreciated.

