



Gladstone Uniting Church Interface

Lent 4

15 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 who created me,
You offer me new life through your Son
and through the gift of your sacraments.
While I see new life all around me,
I don't always recognize the new life you
offer me.

Help me to grow this Lent in an awareness
of the gifts you place in my life



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

Lectionary Bible Readings

This Week: Lent 4

Next Week: Lent 5

1 Samuel 16: 1-13

Psalms 23

Ephesians 5: 8-14

John 9: 1-41



Ezekiel 37: 1-14

Psalms 130

Romans 8: 6-11

John 11: 1-45



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

The Whisper of Dar al-Nur (House of Light)

Based on John 9:13-34 – Religious leaders question the healing and investigate what has happened.

Lanterns flickered along Suq al-Sahra as the crowd pressed closer to the steps of the gathering hall. A hush fell when the healer appeared, his hands raised, the light catching the embroidery of his robe. Whispers ran through the marketplace: “The blind see.” “The fever disappears.” Some scoffed. Others bowed their heads.



Two figures pushed through the throng, moving silently toward the hall. One carried a leather-bound notebook, its pages already filled with scribbled testimonies; the other balanced a satchel of letters from distant towns, each sealed with wax and ink. Both had been sent to observe, to report. Neither spoke, but every gaze tracked the healer, noting the crowd’s reactions—the sudden gasps, the quiet prayers, the faint tremor in those who clutched coins to their chests.

A shout erupted from the back alley: a man stumbled forward, claiming the healer had taken his child and restored her voice. The crowd surged. Lanterns swung. A table overturned. In the chaos, the two observers glimpsed a shadow slipping between stalls—a traveller whose robes seemed too fine for the marketplace, whose eyes darted with keen calculation. The healer paused, meeting the stranger’s gaze, and for a heartbeat, the entire hall fell silent. Then the man moved on, vanishing through Bab al-Jami.

The crowd quieted again, but the investigators exchanged a look. Something had shifted. They could not say whether the shadowed traveller was an ally, a deceiver, or something else entirely. And as the healer began to chant, voices rising in a strange harmony, a small tremor ran through the gathered faithful—and one of the observers felt a sudden, unshakable certainty: this night would end with questions no one could answer.

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

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Levon



Next Week's Roster & Church Activities

<u>22 March 2026</u>	
Preaching	Delwyn Bambrick
Worship Lead-in	Delwyn Bambrick
Notices & Prayers	Delwyn Bambrick
Vestry Elders	Ian M, Harold H
Bible Reader	Dulcie van W
Song Selector	Ros Bambrick
Back Up Singer	
Piano	Selena Anderson
Additional Music	
Data Projector	Ian Anderson
Sound System	
Church Steward/Valet	
Welcome Host	
Count Offering	John P, Helper please
Morning Tea	Pam E, Helper please

<u>Monday 16 March 2026</u>	
<u>Tuesday 17 March 2026</u>	
9am-1pm	Bookshop Open
<u>Wednesday 18 March 2026</u>	
<u>Thursday 19 March 2026</u>	
9am-1pm	Bookshop Open
<u>Friday 20 March 2026</u>	
<u>Saturday 21 March 2026</u>	
9am-1pm	Bookshop Open
<u>Sunday 22 March 2026</u>	
7:45am	Tannum Sands Worship
8:45am	Sunday School GWC
9:15am	Gladstone Worship



Easter Prayer Vigil 1am –2am
Saturday 4 April Auckland Hill
Prayer points—Easter Activities.
People's safety and Christian
outreach opportunities.

Dates to Note

* **New Auckland Place Service**

7 April 1pm

* **Eden Vale Service**

17 March 10am

Sunday 19 April 30th Anniversary GUC

Billet Needed – Gladstone Uniting Church 30th Anniversary

As part of the Gladstone
 Uniting Church 30th
 Anniversary celebrations,

we are delighted that Rev Mano is planning to
 join us for the weekend.

We are looking for someone who may be able to
 provide a billet from Friday 17 March to Monday
 20 March. Rev Mano will be arriving on the Tilt
 Train and will be part of the anniversary
 celebrations during the weekend.

If you are able to help, or would like more details,
 please contact the church office or Levon.



Daily Lectionary Readings

Monday March 16

Psalm 146
 Isaiah 59:9-19
 Acts 9:1-20

Tuesday March 17

Psalm 146
 Isaiah 42:14-21
 Colossians 1:9-14

Wed March 18

Psalm 146
 Isaiah 60:17-22
 Matthew 9:27-34

Thursday March 19

Psalm 130
 Ezekiel 1:1-3; 2:8-
 3:3
 Revelation 10:1-11

Friday March 20

Psalm 130
 Ezekiel 33:10-16
 Revelation 11:15-19

Saturday March 21

Psalm 130
 Ezekiel 36:8-15
 Luke 24:44-53

LENT

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



Thanks to Brenda Humphries

05-11-2005

"MAN", THOUGHT CLARENCE ... "THIS STUFF DOESN'T WORK AT ALL"

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 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://theoblog.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

Interface

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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.

