



Gladstone Uniting Church Interface

Palm Sunday

29 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.

The Light of God - surround us.
The Love of God - enfold us.
The Power of God - protect us.
The Presence of God - watch over us.
The Mind of God - guide us.
The Law of God - direct us.
Wherever we are - God,
be our strength and harbor.

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

Lectionary Bible Readings

This Week: Palm Sunday

Next Week: Easter Sunday

Isaiah 50: 4-9a

Psalms 118: 1-2, 19-29

Philippians 2: 5-11

Matthew 21: 1-11



Jeremiah 31: 1-6

Psalms 118: 1-2, 14-24

Acts 10: 34-43

Matthew 28: 1-10



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

The Gospel of Just Put Up With It

Based on Isaiah 50:4-9a – The servant endures abuse while trusting God's vindication.

The door closed behind her with a soft click, but it felt heavier than any lock. For months, she had been walking on tiptoe, counting breaths, reading the air like it carried codes only she could decipher. And now, finally, she was here, in the familiar sanctuary of the church, hoping that someone who knew God might know what to do.

Pastor Whitfield sat behind his polished desk, with a warm smile that never quite reached his eyes. He gestured to the chair across from him.

"I just... I don't know what to do anymore," she began, her voice trembling. "It's... it's never-ending."

Pastor Whitfield leaned forward. "You know, sometimes God calls us to bear our burdens patiently. Sometimes the lowly path is the one God calls us to walk. The faithful are those who endure, not those who flee."

She swallowed hard. "But it's... It's abusive. I'm scared. I don't know how to... survive without... without making it worse."

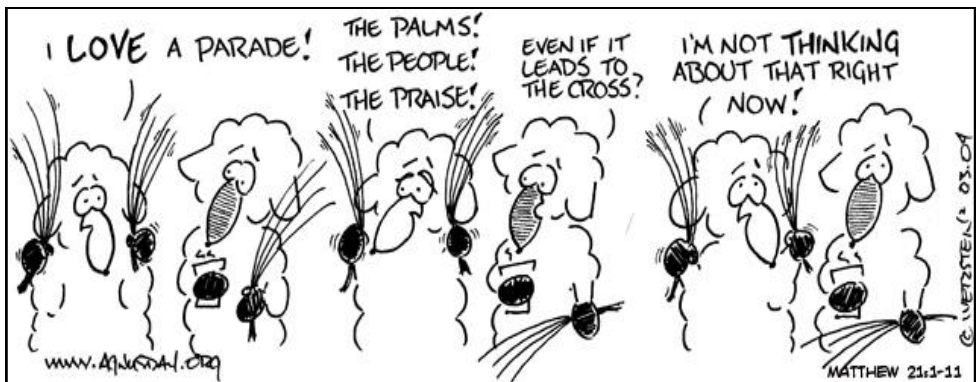
He spoke gently, but the words sank like stones. "Remember the servant who endured, who spoke only truth and bore suffering without retaliation. God honours that obedience. Humility, faith, trust, these are not easy, but they are holy."

She nodded, feeling the weight pressing down on her chest. The language of God had become chains. Every reference to obedience, every whispered lesson about faith and patience, was now entangled with fear. Her instincts screamed: Run. Protect yourself. Do not endure this. Yet here was the voice of God, or at least, what she had been taught was God, saying endure.

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

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Levon



Next Week's Roster & Church Activities

<u>5 April 2026</u>	
Preaching	Levon Kardashian
Worship Lead-in	Dulcie van W
Notices & Prayers	Dulcie van W
Vestry Elders	Dulcie, vW, Delwyn B
Bible Reader	Dulcie van W
Song Selector	Ros Bambrick
Back Up Singer	
Piano	Nicky Rippingale
Additional Music	
Data Projector	Nathan Rippingale
Sound System	
Church Steward/Valet	Harold Holmes
Welcome Host	
Count Offering	Harold H, helper please
Morning Tea	Heather W, helper pls

<u>Monday 30 March 2026</u>	
<u>Tuesday 31 March 2026</u>	
9am-1pm	Bookshop Open
<u>Wednesday 1 April 2026</u>	
<u>Thursday 2 April 2026</u>	
9am-1pm	Bookshop Open
6pm	Maundy Thursday Dinner
<u>Friday 3 April 2026</u>	
7.30am	Good Fri Service @ GWC
<u>Saturday 4 April 2026</u>	
9am-1pm	Bookshop Closed
<u>Sunday 5 April 2026</u>	
6am	Sunrise Service—Canoe Pt Followed by breakfast
9am	Easter Service @ GWC



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

Dates to Note

* **New Auckland Place Service**

7 April 1pm

* **Eden Vale Service**

21 April 10am

Sunday 19 April 30th Anniversary GUC

Easter Events to Note

Maundy Thursday Dinner
 6pm for 6.30pm Start

Good Friday Service 7.30am

Good Friday night Prayer
Vigil
 1am -2am

Easter Sunday morning services

6am Sunrise service Canoe Point Tannum Sands
followed by breakfast.

9:15am Worship at Gladstone Worship Centre
 Please note - NO 7.45am Service at TWC on Easter Sunday



Daily Lectionary Readings

Monday March 30

Isaiah 42:1-9
 Psalm 36:5-11
 Hebrews 9:11-15
 John 12:1-11

Wed April 1

Isaiah 50:4-9a
 Psalm 70
 Hebrews 12:1-3
 John 13:21-32

Friday April 3

Isaiah 52:13-53:12
 Psalm 22
 Hebrews 10:16-25
 John 18:1-19:42

Tuesday March 31

Isaiah 49:1-7
 Psalm 71:1-14
 1 Corinthians 1:18-31
 John 12:20-36

Thursday April 2

Exodus 12:1-4 [5-10]
 11-14
 Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19
 1 Corinthians 11:23-26
 John 13:1-17, 31b-35

Saturday April 4

Romans 6:3-11
 John 20:1-18
 Luke 24:44-53

As we prepare to celebrate the 30th anniversary of our church on Sunday 19 April, there are several special events and opportunities for fellowship to look forward to.



We warmly invite all members of the congregation, along with visiting friends and former members, to a Saturday evening Bring & Share dinner (18 April). This will be a wonderful time to reconnect, share memories, and welcome those travelling to Gladstone for the celebrations.

In the lead-up to the big day, we'll also be hosting two Working Bees on Easter Monday (6 April) and Saturday (11 April). These will be great opportunities to come together, lend a hand, and help prepare our church grounds and facilities. Many hands make light work, and your support will be greatly appreciated.

On Sunday 19 April, following the anniversary service, please join us for an extended morning tea. This will be a special time of fellowship as we celebrate God's faithfulness over the past 30 years and look ahead with hope to the future.

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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<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.

