



Gladstone Uniting Church Interface

Pentecost 12 (20)

16 August 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.

God, we come before you with grateful hearts for the gift of your son, Jesus Christ.

We thank you for his sacrifice on the cross and for the hope of eternal life that his resurrection brings.

May we never take for granted the magnitude of your love for us, and may we **always** be filled with gratitude for your blessings.
In Jesus' name.

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

Lectionary Bible Readings

Today: Pentecost 12 (20)

Genesis 45: 1-15

Psalms 133

Romans 11: 1-2a, 29-32

Matthew 15: 10-28



Next Week: Pentecost 13 (21)

Exodus 1: 8 - 2: 10

Psalms 124

Romans 12: 1-8

Matthew 16: 13-20



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

Kumbaya My Lord, Not For Me

Based on Psalm 133 — *The psalm imagines communal life as something precious, abundant, and blessed rather than merely tolerable.*

By the time the church council gathered on the first Tuesday of each month, everyone knew where Arthur and Len would sit. Arthur took the chair nearest the window, where he could spread his papers in careful piles and make notes in the margins. Len sat opposite him, usually with nothing more than the agenda folded once in front of him. Neither arrangement had ever been formally approved, which was probably fortunate, because agreement on a seating plan might have required a special meeting. Somewhere between the opening prayer and the finance report, one of them would object to something the other had said. Sometimes it was the wording of a notice. Sometimes it was whether the hall needed repainting. Once they spent twenty minutes discussing where the spare light bulbs should be stored, and by the end nobody was entirely sure whether the issue was electrical safety, responsible stewardship, or the decline of civilisation. The light bulbs, meanwhile, remained exactly where they had been.

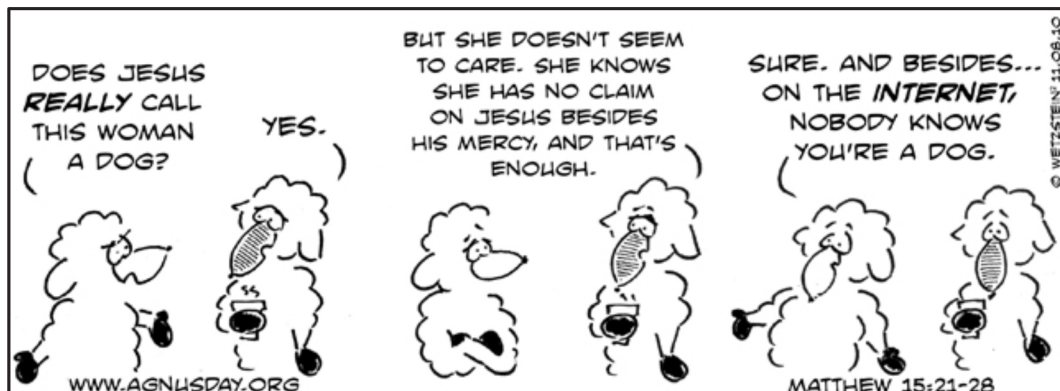


Nobody doubted that both men loved the church. Arthur repaired doors, balanced budgets and arrived at working bees before the people who had the keys. Len visited people in hospital, organised the food stall at the annual fête and could somehow produce volunteers from a congregation that had, only moments earlier, been unanimous in having other plans. The problem was not commitment. The problem was that each man regarded the other as living proof that God had given humanity free will and perhaps been a little too generous about it. Put either man to work alone, and things got done. Put them across a table from each other, and the council discovered that eternity was not merely a theological concept. Even on Sundays the congregation had begun noticing the careful manoeuvres: one heading towards morning tea as the other found an urgent reason to inspect the noticeboard; one lingering at the front while the other developed an unusually deep interest in the car park. Everyone wanted peace, preferably before the next council meeting.

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

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Levon



Next Week's Roster

23 August 2026

Preaching	Gavin Caird
Worship Lead-in	Gavin Caird
Notices & Prayers	Gavin Caird
Vestry Elders	Harold H, Ian Mc
Bible Readers	Laraine McKay
Praise Songs	Ros Bambrick
Back Up Singer	
Piano	Emily Field
Additional Music	
Data Projector	Nathan Rippingale
Sound System	
Valet	
Welcome Host	
Count Offering	John P, Helper please
Morning Tea	

Dates to Note

* New Auckland Place Service

1 September 1pm

* Eden Vale Service

18 August 10am

*Safe Church Training
Saturday 5 Sept 8.30am*

Daily Lectionary Readings

Monday August 17

Psalm 87
2 Kings 5:1-14
Acts 15:1-21

Tuesday August 18

Psalm 87
Isaiah 43:1-13
Romans 11:13-29

Wednes August 19

Psalm 87
Isaiah 66:18-23
Matthew 8:1-13

Thursday August 20

Psalm 138
Ezekiel 28:11-19
1 Corinthians 6:1-11

Friday August 21

Psalm 138
Ezekiel 31:15-18
2 Corinthians 10:12-18

Saturday August 22

Psalm 138
Ezekiel 36:33-38
Matthew 16:5-12

Monday 17 August 2026

Tuesday 18 August 2026

9am -1pm Bookshop Open

Wednesday 19 August 2026

Thursday 20 August 2026

9am -1pm Bookshop Open

Friday 21 August 2026

Saturday 22 August 2026

9am -1pm Bookshop Open

Sunday 23 August 2026

7:45am Worship TWC

8:45am Sunday School GWC

9:15am Worship GWC

Safe Church Training Saturday 5 September

Creating a safe, welcoming, and respectful environment for everyone is an important part of our ministry. All volunteers, *which includes all those on the Roster and in the Bookshop*, are encouraged to attend our Safe Church Training on Saturday 5 Sept at 8.30am. Please bring a plate to share for morning tea.

This training provides practical guidance on safeguarding vulnerable people, recognising and responding to concerns, and understanding our shared responsibility to ensure our church remains a safe place for all.

If you are unable to attend this training in person, please let Ros in the Office know so that she can give you the online links to do the training at home.

All volunteers must complete this training in September.





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Dates Levon is Not Preaching at Gladstone

Sunday 3 May—Sunday 17 May Annual Leave
 Sunday 14 June Levon staying at TWC
 Sunday 28 June Levon away
 Sunday 26 July Presbytery Meeting
 Sunday 23 August Levon away

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://theobloggy.org.au/reflections/>

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HOLY SPIRIT
 FILL THE HEARTS
 OF YOUR FAITHFUL
 AND KINDLE IN THEM
THE FIRE OF YOUR LOVE.
 SEND FORTH YOUR SPIRIT
 AND THEY SHALL BE CREATED
AND YOU SHALL RENEW
 THE FACE OF THE
 EARTH.

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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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.

