



Gladstone Uniting Church

Interface

Pentecost 13 (21)

23 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.

Lord Jesus Christ,
Send down your Spirit upon me.
When I am uncertain, grant me wisdom.
When I am confused, grant me understanding.
When I am ignorant, grant me knowledge.
When I am wandering, grant me counsel.
When I am afraid, grant me fortitude.
When I am separated from you, grant me piety.
When I am selfish, grant me the fear of the Lord.
I ask for an outpouring of your Spirit with all of
these gifts in your name.
Amen.

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

Lectionary Bible Readings

Today: Pentecost 13 (21)

Exodus 1: 8 - 2: 10

Psalms 124

Romans 12: 1-8

Matthew 16: 13-20



Next Week: Pentecost 14 (22)

Exodus 3: 1-15

Psalms 105: 1-6, 23-26, 45b

Romans 12: 9-21

Matthew 16: 21-28



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

A Man of Principle (and One Tractor)

Based on Exodus 1:8–2:10 — Pharaoh turns political fear into state policy, while midwives and women repeatedly disobey, deceive, and undermine the system designed to kill Hebrew children.

Arthur Bell had been lending things to people for longer than anyone could remember. His shed stood behind his house on the highest end of town and contained a tractor old enough to have opinions, two generators, three pumps, several chainsaws, enough tools to dismantle most of the district, and shelves of parts that looked useless until Arthur found exactly the one somebody needed. When the power failed, Arthur lent a generator. When the creek rose, Arthur brought a pump. When somebody put a ute into a ditch, Arthur arrived with the tractor and extracted both vehicle and dignity, although usually not at the same time.



Then the council discovered Arthur. A review of emergency preparedness identified his shed as a significant community resource, and soon Arthur received forms asking him to register his equipment. Registration brought an inspection. Inspection brought compliance requirements. Compliance required training, including a course explaining the safe operation of a tractor Arthur had bought before the instructor was born. Eventually the council's emergency plan listed his generators, pumps and tractor among the resources available to the community. Arthur read the document carefully, returned it unsigned and withdrew everything.

The town noticed. At the shop, a woman who had once brought him plum jam every Easter began sending her husband instead. Someone left an anonymous note in his letterbox suggesting he consider what forty years of goodwill were worth if he meant to spend his last on spite. When his neighbour's pump failed in a dry spell that winter, Arthur still walked one over, but the neighbour thanked him stiffly, as though accepting a favour from a man who no longer entirely deserved to give one. After forty years of helping anyone who knocked on his door, Arthur Bell had apparently become selfish.

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

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Levon



Next Week's Roster

30 August 2026

Preaching	Levon Kardashian
Worship Lead-in	Pam Elliott
Notices & Prayers	Pam Elliott
Vestry Elders	Wayne D, Delwyn B
Bible Readers	
Praise Songs	Ros Bambrick
Back Up Singer	
Piano	Selena Anderson
Additional Music	
Data Projector	Ian Anderson
Sound System	
Valet	Wise Kafoa
Welcome Host	
Count Offering	
Morning Tea	Pam Elliott

Monday 24 August 2026

Tuesday 25 August 2026

9am -1pm Bookshop Open

No Office Today

Wednesday 26 August 2026

Thursday 27 August 2026

9am -1pm Bookshop Open

Friday 28 August 2026

Saturday 29 August 2026

9am -1pm Bookshop Open

Sunday 30 August 2026

8:45am Sunday School GWC

9:15am Combined Worship GWC

Dates to Note

* New Auckland Place Service

1 September 1pm

* Eden Vale Service

15 September 10.30am

Safe Church Training

Saturday 5 Sept 8.30am

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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.**



Daily Lectionary Readings

Monday August 24

Psalm 18:1-3, 20-32
1 Samuel 7:3-13
Romans 2:1-11

Wednes August 26

Psalm 18:1-3, 20-32
Isaiah 28:14-22
Matthew 26:6-13

Friday August 28

Psalm 26:1-8
Jeremiah 15:1-9
2 Thessalonians 2:7-12

Tuesday August 25

Psalm 18:1-3, 20-32
Deute 32:18-20, 28-39
Romans 11:33-36

Thursday August 27

Psalm 26:1-8
Jeremiah 14:13-18
Ephesians 5:1-6

Saturday August 29

Psalm 26:1-8
Jeremiah 15:10-14
Matthew 8:14-17



Thanks to Dad Hengeveld (See Matthew 7:24-27) 01-11-2000
 THE FOOLISH MAN'S DESCENDANTS LEARNED
 FROM THE ORIGINAL FOOLISH MAN'S
 MISTAKE AND BUILT THEIR HOUSE UPON A
 ROCK ...UNFORTUNATELY, THEY WERE
 STILL FOOLISH

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 Silvertown 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/>

COME
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

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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.

