



Gladstone Uniting Church Interface

Pentecost 14 (22)

30 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, help me
Be prepared, but not anxious.
Be aware, but not desperate.
Be vigilant, but not in fear.
Be joyful, but not clueless.
Be faithful, but not careless.
Lord, be my hope and strength.

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

Lectionary Bible Readings

Today: Pentecost 14 (22)

Next Week: Pentecost 15 (23)

Exodus 3: 1-15

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

Romans 12: 9-21

Matthew 16: 21-28



Exodus 12: 1-14

Psalms 149

Romans 13: 8-14

Matthew 18: 15-20



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

Did You Try The Handle?

Matthew 16:21–28 — Peter rejects Jesus' prediction of suffering and death and is rebuked for opposing the path Jesus has chosen

The apartment building had been built into the side of a steep Lebanese hill, which meant that it never looked quite the same from any direction. From the road, some of the lower apartments seemed almost buried beneath street level; from the other side, they opened above the slope with balconies and windows exposed to the valley. During the worst weeks of fighting, that odd geography became useful. The hill itself partly protected the entrance side of the building. When the shelling grew heavy, the residents gathered there, dragging mattresses, blankets, chairs and whatever else made waiting more bearable. It was not comfortable, but comfort had long ceased to be the standard by which anything was judged. Safe enough was good enough. The entrance was crowded, the air became stale, children grew restless, adults pretended not to be listening to every explosion, and everyone learned the strange wartime skill of distinguishing between a shell that was far away, one that was nearer, and one that required no discussion at all.

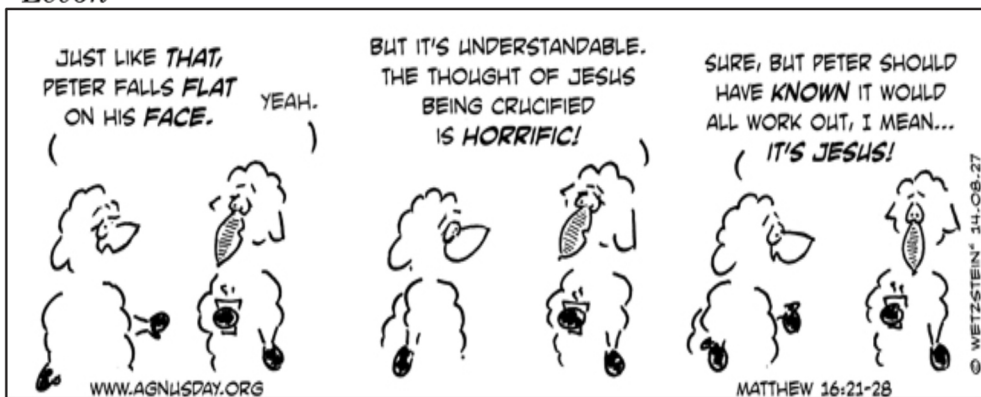


One afternoon the distinction became academic. Several shells struck the building itself, shaking dust from the ceiling and sending broken glass across rooms that had already lost most of their windows. Then someone smelled smoke. Two apartments were burning, one above the other near the entrance. That changed the problem immediately. The entrance had been chosen because it was the safest place during shelling, but it was also the way out, and the lower burning apartment stood almost beside it. If the fire spread, the residents could find themselves sheltering in the safest part of the building with no safe way to leave it. One of the fathers picked up a crowbar and went upstairs. Nobody appointed him. Nobody gave a speech about courage. There was a fire, there was a crowbar, and he was already moving before anyone had time to turn the situation into a committee meeting.

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

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Levon



Next Week's Roster

6 September 2026

Preaching	Levon Kardashian
Worship Lead-in	Helen Evans
Notices & Prayers	Helen Evans
Vestry Elders	D. Bambrick, H. Holmes
Bible Readers	Gavin Caird
Praise Songs	Ros Bambrick
Back Up Singer	Somi Sris
Piano	Emily Field
Additional Music	
Data Projector	Nathan Rippingale
Sound System	
Valet	Wise Kafoa
Welcome Host	Frances Clark
Count Offering	Harold, helper please
Morning Tea	

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

Daily Lectionary Readings

Monday August 31

Psalm 17
2 Samuel 11:2-26
Revelation 3:1-6

Wednes Sept 2

Psalm 17
Jeremiah 17:5-18
Matthew 12:22-32

Friday Sept 4

Psalm 119:33-40
Ezekiel 24:15-27
Romans 10:15b-21

Tuesday Sept 1

Psalm 17
2 Samuel 11:27b-12:15
Revelation 3:7-13

Thursday Sept 3

Psalm 119:33-40
Ezekiel 24:1-14
2 Corinthians 12:11-21

Saturday Sept 5

Psalm 119:33-40
Ezekiel 33:1-6
Matthew 23:29-36

Monday 31 August 2026

Tuesday 1 September 2026

9am -1pm Bookshop Open

Wednesday 2 September 2026

Thursday 3 September 2026

9am -1pm Bookshop Open

Friday 4 September 2026

Saturday 5 September 2026

9am -1pm Bookshop Open

8.30am Safe Church Training

Sunday 6 September 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.**





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

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

