



Gladstone Uniting Church

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Pentecost 15 (23)

6 September 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.

Gracious God,
bless fathers and all father
figures with such love and
faithfulness that children
flourish and grow in
uprightness and joy.
Bless those who long to be
fathers and those for whom
this day is difficult.
Amen.

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

Lectionary Bible Readings

Today: Pentecost 15 (23)

Next Week: Pentecost 16 (24)

Exodus 12: 1-14

Psalms 149

Romans 13: 8-14

Matthew 18: 15-20



Exodus 14: 19-31

Psalms 114

Romans 14: 1-12

Matthew 18: 21-35



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

Three Seventeen: Nothing Came Next

Exodus 12:1–14 — Israel eats the Passover meal dressed for departure, preparing to leave the only social world generations have known.

She had left once before, although nobody knew it. She had packed a bag while he was at work, gathered the papers she thought mattered, and stood beside the front door with her daughter strapped into the pram. For nearly ten minutes she had stared at the handle. She had nowhere arranged to go, little money of her own, and no idea what would happen when he found her. More frighteningly, she knew exactly what would happen if she stayed. Eventually she had taken the baby from the pram, unpacked everything and returned each item to precisely where it belonged. By the time he came home, there was no evidence of rebellion. Dinner was nearly ready. The television was on. The house looked normal. She had become very good at making things look normal.

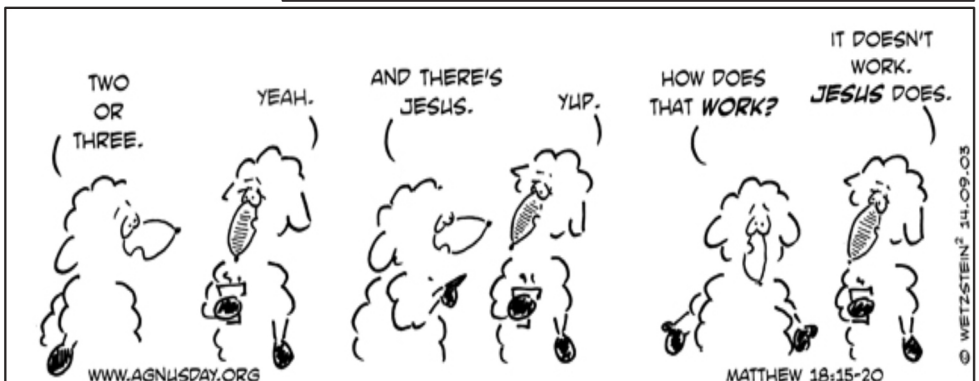
This time there was a plan. The support worker had spent weeks preparing it with her, patiently working through things she had never considered. Documents had been copied. Money had been put aside. Somewhere safe had been arranged for her and the baby. A small bag of clothes and nappies had been hidden where he would not notice it. They knew his routine, when he left for work and approximately when he returned. The support worker would wait outside in the car. When everything was ready, she would walk out carrying her daughter, and they would drive away. No confrontation. No announcement. No final explanation. She had imagined leaving would require courage, but the plan depended upon something far less dramatic: timing. At three seventeen that afternoon, she picked up her daughter and walked towards the front door.



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

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Levon

Adult Fellowship Thursday 10
September 9.30am Poetry in the
Park. BYO poem to share.



Next Week's Roster

13 September 2026

Preaching	Levon Kardashian
Worship Lead-in	Pam Elliott
Notices & Prayers	Pam Elliott
Vestry Elders	L. McKay, F. Clark
Bible Readers	Helen Evans
Praise Songs	Ros Bambrick
Back Up Singer	Somi Sris
Piano	Nicky Rippingale
Additional Music	
Data Projector	Nathan Rippingale
Sound System	
Valet	Harold Holmes
Welcome Host	
Count Offering	John P, Helper please
Morning Tea	Dulcie vW,

Dates to Note

* **New Auckland Place Service**

6 October 1pm

* **Eden Vale Service**

15 September 10.30am

Safe Church Training
to be completed by 30 September

Daily Lectionary Readings

Monday Sept 7

Psalm 119:65-72
Levitic 4:27-31; 5:14-16
1 Peter 2:11-17

Wednes Sept 9

Psalm 119:65-72
Leviticus 16:1-5, 20-28
Matthew 21:18-22

Friday Sept 11

Psalm 103:[1-7] 8-13
Genesis 41:53-42:17
Acts 7:9-16

Tuesday Sept 8

Psalm 119:65-72
Deuteronomy 17:2-13
Romans 13:1-7

Thursday Sept 10

Psalm 103:[1-7] 8-13
Genesis 37:12-36
1 John 3:11-16

Saturday Sept 12

Psalm 103:[1-7] 8-13
Genesis 45:1-20
Matthew 6:7-15 26:1-8

Monday 7 September 2026

Tuesday 8 September 2026

9am -1pm Bookshop Open

Wednesday 9 September 2026

Thursday 10 September 2026

9am -1pm Bookshop Open

Adult Fellowship Spinnaker Park 9.30am

Friday 11 September 2026

Saturday 12 September 2026

9am -1pm Bookshop Open

Sunday 13 September 2026

7:45am Worship TWC

8:45am Sunday School GWC

9:15am Worship GWC

Lord, help me be a blessing today.

Help me to lessen the load of others.

Equip me to encourage, and cue me to
show compassion.

Where I can, help me walk alongside of those
who need a friend, with a listening ear,
and a helping hand.

Help me to not add to the burden of
any person, in any way.

Allow me to voice words of sympathy,
sorrow, and caring.

Help me to also speak blessings, compliments,
and congratulations wherever I'm able.

Give me a heart to comfort and not compare,
and to serve without strife.

Lord, open my eyes to the ones who feel invisible.

Allow me to see those who aren't seen.

May I notice those who feel unnoticed.

Lead me to love without conditions, believe the best
in others, and shine your light to everyone I meet.

I pray others see Jesus in me today.

Amen.



Thanks to Jason Baker

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GREAT, THERE WENT OUR CHANCES FOR
WINNING THE FATHER & SON BOWL-OFF

Dates Levon is Not Preaching at Gladstone

September 27

October 4

October 25 - Synod Meeting

November 8

November 15 - Presbytery Meeting

Gladstone Worship Centre

Cnr Uniting Place & Dixon Dr

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12 Silvertown Dr

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9.00am—12.00pm

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

Come Divine Spirit –
Rattle our cages –
Break into our locked houses –
Water our parched land –
Undo our bends and twistedness –
Awaken our hearts –
Help us to overflow with kindness –
And –
Give us unending joy!
AMEN!

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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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.

