



Gladstone Uniting Church Interface

Pentecost 21 (29)

18 October 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 of the journey, Christ of compassion, Spirit in our midst, walk with me, even though I stray from your path. When I fail to follow your lead and I go my own way, bring me along with you. Forgive me, for I think that I know what I do. I think I know where I should go. Command my attention. Reset my moral compass to point to your justice. Map my way again so that I may walk in the footsteps of Christ.



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

Lectionary Bible Readings

Today: Pentecost 21 (29)

Exodus 33: 12-23

Psalm 99

1 Thessalonians 1: 1-10

Matthew 22: 15-22



Next Week: Pentecost 22 (30)

Deuteronomy 34: 1-12

Psalm 90: 1-6, 13-17

1 Thessalonians 2: 1-8

Matthew 22: 34-46



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

A Burning Matter

Based on Exodus 33:12–23; Psalm 99; 1 Thessalonians 1:1–10 — God resists complete human understanding, divine holiness is expressed through justice, and the Thessalonians turn away from idols.



The cross was gone. Not misplaced, not moved, not hidden behind the Christmas decorations that nobody had bothered to put away. Gone.

Mrs Henderson discovered its absence at eight fifteen on Sunday morning, when she came into the sanctuary to arrange the chrysanthemums. For forty-three years the wooden cross had stood behind the communion table, two and a half metres high, made by old Mr Whitfield from timber salvaged when the original church was demolished. Two carefully placed lights threw shadows on the wall behind it, so that visitors saw three crosses on Calvary and members saw the finest of the three. Mrs Henderson, who had dusted it every Saturday for twenty years, stood motionless with the vase in her hands. She had never thought of the cross as a possession, only as the thing that made the room make sense, and she found the empty wall a heavier cross to bear than the cross itself.

Outside, snow fell steadily, and the temperature sat at twelve below. Inside, the heating had been running since six. By eight thirty she had telephoned the minister, the chairperson of the church council and three people with no official role but a remarkable gift for distributing news.

By nine o'clock the sanctuary resembled a crime scene, although no crime had been reported.

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

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Levon



Next Week's Roster

25 October 2026

Preaching	Wayne Davidson
Worship Lead-in	Helen Evans
Notices & Prayers	Helen Evans
Vestry Elders	D. Bambrick, L. McKay
Bible Readers	Ian McKay
Praise Songs	Ros Bambrick
Back Up Singer	
Piano	Emily Field
Additional Music	
Data Projector	Ian Anderson
Sound System	
Valet	
Welcome Host	
Count Offering	Ian R, Helper please
Morning Tea	Linda R, Helper please

Dates to Note

* **New Auckland Place Service**

1 December 1pm (no Nov service)

* **Eden Vale Service**

20 October 10.30am

Daily Lectionary Readings

Monday Oct 19

Psalm 98

Daniel 3:1-18

Revelation 18:1-10, 19-20

Wednesday Oct 21

Psalm 98

Daniel 6:1-28

Matthew 17:22-27

Friday Oct 23

Psalm 1

Deuteronomy 9:25-10:5

Titus 2:7-8, 11-15

Tuesday Oct 20

Psalm 98

Daniel 3:19-30

Revelation 18:21-24

Thursday Oct 22

Psalm 1

Numbers 5:5-10

Titus 1:5-16

Saturday Oct 24

Psalm 1

Proverbs 24:23-34

John 5:39-47

Monday 19 October 2026

Tuesday 20 October 2026

9am -1pm Bookshop Open

Wednesday 21 October 2026

Thursday 22 October 2026

9am -1pm Bookshop Open

Friday 23 October 2026

Saturday 24 October 2026

9am -1pm Bookshop Open

Sunday 25 October 2026

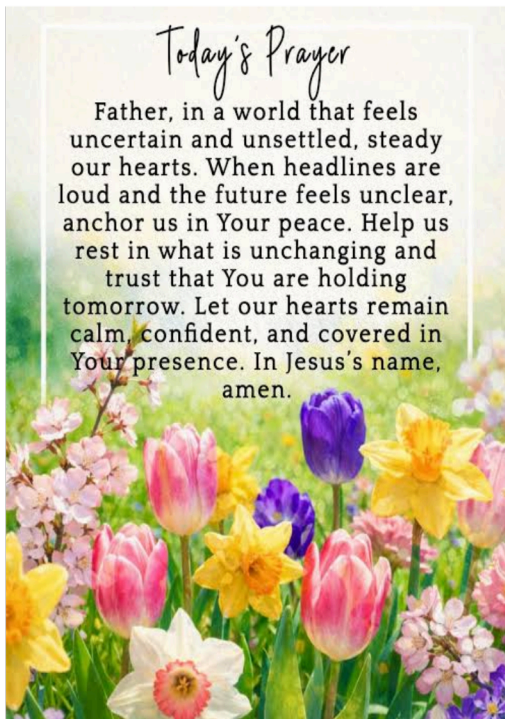
7:45am Worship TWC

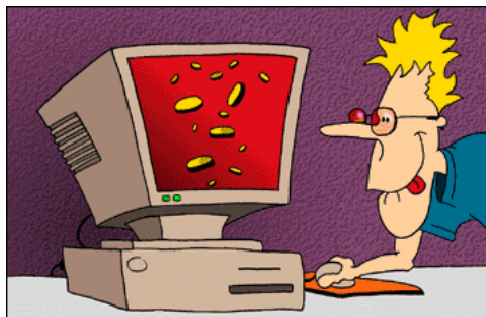
8:45am Sunday School GWC

9:15am Worship GWC

Today's Prayer

Father, in a world that feels uncertain and unsettled, steady our hearts. When headlines are loud and the future feels unclear, anchor us in Your peace. Help us rest in what is unchanging and trust that You are holding tomorrow. Let our hearts remain calm, confident, and covered in Your presence. In Jesus's name, amen.





(See Mark 12:17)

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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!

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

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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Rev Levon Kardashian

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Sermon ideas and story:

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

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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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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.

