



GLADSTONE
ANGLICAN CHURCH

TODAY'S NEWS

Save the Date **Anglican**
Church Central Queensland

150th Anniversary
Mary Sumner Day
Breakfast Event

ANGLICAN
WOMEN'S UNION
AUSTRALIA

Christian Care for Families
encouraging families through
faith in action

Cost \$25.00
Registrations open
1 July 2026

Saturday 8th August 2026
7:00am at Coco Brew
(114 William St, Rockhampton)



THE BEACON

WELCOME

Do you ever struggle to trust that God is with you? Or wonder whether he's as faithful as the Bible says he is? The saying goes that hindsight is 20 / 20, but in the present it's much harder to get perspective.

Our Genesis reading today tells the story of Joseph being betrayed by his brothers and sold off into slavery. Somehow, Joseph managed to trust that God was not only present and active in his life, but always faithful, through both the high and lows.

Placing this trust in God is a challenge that we all face. That's one of the many reasons we gather every week - to read, learn, pray, sing, worship God, and to support one another.

That's also why when children are baptised, we surround them with both their family and their church family, to show that our faithful God is present and active in their lives, no matter what.

It's wonderful to welcome three young boys - Toby, and Fraser & Nelson - into God's family today. We hope and pray that you, and your families, will see and feel God's presence and faithfulness in your lives.

Every blessing,

Rev. Zoë Browne

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St Saviour's

Julie Withoos

St Peter's

Rod Kamholtz

This N That Shop / Soup Kitchen

Rev. Zoë and Rev. David

PRAYERS

Anglican Communion

- Diocese of Grafton - +Murray Harvey
- Popondota, PNG - Musa Archdeaconry

CQ Diocese

- Callide Valley Parish
- Luke Siegmeier (Deacon in training)

BCA

- Pat & Issy O'Keeffe, Katherine NT
- Topher & Chica Hallyburton, Alice Springs NT

Our Community

- Single parent families, the homeless

Our Parish

- Margaret B, Iris B, Dorrie B, Ian C, Jeanie E, Tom F, Sr Lynette, Clare H, Sherleagh J, Elwyna K, Edna K, Kevin M, Naomi, Shane R, Merril R, Edna S, Ann S, Spencer T, Fiona V, Julia W,

SENTENCE

The words you have spoken are spirit and life, O Lord; you have the words of eternal life. (John 6:63; 68)

COLLECT

Bountiful God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your word: by your Holy Spirit, help us to receive it with joy, and to live according to it, that we may grow in faith and hope and love; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

To know Christ and make Him known

SERMON

Joseph in the Well and God's faithfulness

Genesis 37:17b-28

Rev. David Browne

READINGS

THIS WEEK: 12 July

OT: Genesis 37:17b-28

Psalm: 119:105-112

NT: Romans 8:1-11

Gospel: Matthew 13:1-9; 18-23

NEXT WEEK: 19 July

OT: Genesis 28:10-19

Psalm: 86:11-17

NT: Romans 8:12-25

Gospel: Matthew 13:24-30

To know Christ and make Him known

EVERY WEEK

Services

St Saviour's Gladstone, 70 Auckland St

8:00am Sunday

9:00am Wednesday

St Peter's Clinton, 50 J Hickey Ave

9:30am Sunday

with Kids' Church

Union Church Calliope, 28 Stirrat St

4:00pm 1st Sunday *monthly*

Outreach Ministries

This N That Shop, 4/25 Tank St

9:00am-4:00pm Monday-Friday

Ray's Soup Kitchen @ St Saviour's

6:00-7:00pm Monday

Play Group @ St Peter's (term time)

9:00-11:00am Monday

Craft Group @ St Peter's

9:00-11:00am Tuesday

Girls' Brigade @ St Saviour's (term time)

5:30-7:30pm Tuesday

Shed Sale @ St Peter's

7:00-11:00am last Sat month (Feb-Nov)

Men's Breakfast @ St Saviour's

7:00-9:00am 2nd Saturday even months

Bible Studies

Bible Study @ St Peter's

7:30-9:00pm Wednesday

Ladies' Bible Study @ St Peter's

9:30-11:00am Thursday

Men's Bible Study @ East Shores

9:00-10:30am Friday

ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays

Weddings

In Remembrance

Gladys Millican, Mary Armour, Nola Twiner.

NEWS & NOTICES

Kids' Church @ St Peter's

Is taking a break over the school holidays (5 July & 12 July). There will be colouring and activity sheets available for children.

Renovations @ St Saviour's Rectory

Scaffolding and fencing is in place, and renovations have started. Please be mindful of your safety as trades are at work.

Cleaner Needed

Cleaner need for up to 5/hrs per week to clean St Saviour's, St Peter's + This N That Shop. Must have ABN + insurance. Speak to David B for more info.

MU Breakfast - 8 August @ CocoBrew

Celebrating 150 years of MU Australia

GIVING

Please prayerfully consider how to give to the life and work of our church.

To give via Internet banking:

BSB: 014-580

A/C: 386917064

A/C Name: Anglican Parish of Gladstone

Ref: 'Offering'

Offertories June 2026

Budget: \$8,760

Actual: \$11,757

This N That Shop June 2026

Budget: \$7,900

Actual: \$9,900

READINGS

FIRST READING

Genesis 37:17b-28

So Joseph went after his brothers and found them near Dothan. ¹⁸ But they saw him in the distance, and before he reached them, they plotted to kill him. ¹⁹ 'Here comes that dreamer!' they said to each other. ²⁰ 'Come now, let's kill him and throw him into one of these cisterns and say that a ferocious animal devoured him. Then we'll see what comes of his dreams.' ²¹ When Reuben heard this, he tried to rescue him from their hands. 'Let's not take his life,' he said. ²² 'Don't shed any blood. Throw him into this cistern here in the wilderness, but don't lay a hand on him.' Reuben said this to rescue him from them and take him back to his father. ²³ So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe – the ornate robe he was wearing – ²⁴ and they took him and threw him into the cistern. The cistern was empty; there was no water in it. ²⁵ As they sat down to eat their meal, they looked up and saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead. Their camels were loaded with spices, balm and myrrh, and they were on their way to take them down to Egypt. ²⁶ Judah said to his brothers, 'What will we gain if we kill our brother and cover up his blood? ²⁷ Come, let's sell him to the Ishmaelites and not lay our hands on him; after all, he is our brother, our own flesh and blood.' His brothers agreed. ²⁸ So when the Midianite merchants came by, his brothers pulled Joseph up out of the cistern and sold him for twenty shekels of silver to the Ishmaelites, who took him to Egypt.

PSALM

Psalms 119:105-112

¹⁰⁵ Your word is a lantern to my feet: and a light to my path. ¹⁰⁶ **I have vowed and sworn an oath: to keep your righteous judgements.** ¹⁰⁷ I have been afflicted beyond measure: Lord, give me life according to your word. ¹⁰⁸ **Accept, O Lord, the freewill offerings of my mouth: and teach me your judgements.** ¹⁰⁹ I take my life in my hands continually: yet I do not forget your law. ¹¹⁰ **The wicked have laid a snare for me: but I have not strayed from your precepts.** ¹¹¹ Your commands are my inheritance for ever: they are the joy of my heart. ¹¹² **I have set my heart to fulfil your statutes: always, even to the end.**

SECOND READING

Romans 8:1-11

¹ Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, ² because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death.

READINGS

³ For what the law was powerless to do because it was weakened by the flesh, God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh to be a sin offering. And so he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴ in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fully met in us, who do not live according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. ⁵ Those who live according to the flesh have their minds set on what the flesh desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires. ⁶ The mind governed by the flesh is death, but the mind governed by the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷ The mind governed by the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so. ⁸ Those who are in the realm of the flesh cannot please God. ⁹ You, however, are not in the realm of the flesh but are in the realm of the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, they do not belong to Christ. ¹⁰ But if Christ is in you, then even though your body is subject to death because of sin, the Spirit gives life because of righteousness. ¹¹ And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of his Spirit who lives in you.

GOSPEL

Matthew 13:1-9; 18-23

¹ That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat by the lake. ² Such large crowds gathered round him that he got into a boat and sat in it, while all the people stood on the shore. ³ Then he told them many things in parables, saying: 'A farmer went out to sow his seed. ⁴ As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up. ⁵ Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow. ⁶ But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root. ⁷ Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants. ⁸ Still other seed fell on good soil, where it produced a crop – a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown. ⁹ Whoever has ears, let them hear.' ¹⁸ 'Listen then to what the parable of the sower means : ¹⁹ when anyone hears the message about the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what was sown in their heart. This is the seed sown along the path. ²⁰ The seed falling on rocky ground refers to someone who hears the word and at once receives it with joy. ²¹ But since they have no root, they last only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, they quickly fall away. ²² The seed falling among the thorns refers to someone who hears the word, but the worries of this life and the deceitfulness of wealth choke the word, making it unfruitful. ²³ But the seed falling on good soil refers to someone who hears the word and understands it. This is the one who produces a crop, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown.'