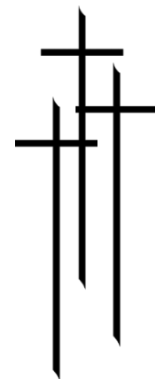




ANGLICAN PARISH OF GLADSTONE

To know Christ and make him known



14 December 2025

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Verse for the Day (Sentence)

Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, 'Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God.' Isaiah 35.3-4

Prayer for the day (Collect)

Sustain us, O God, with the power of your love on our journey to meet the One who is coming: strengthen our weak hands, make firm our feeble knees, and open blind eyes to the dawning of your kingdom, so that our hearts may rejoice as we behold the majesty of our God. We ask this through your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

CHURCH SERVICES

Prayer And Celebration

Happy Birthday

- Camille Krebs
- Tahlia Richardson

For those sick and in need

Margaret Baldwin
Iris Benham
Cecily Bird
Ian Chapman
Jeanie Eddy
Clare Houston
Sherleagh Janes

Happy Birthday

- Trisha Blackmore

Elwyna Kingston
Edna Kuzmic
Kevin Milligan
Maureen Murray
Naomi
Ray
Kerry Rose

Gladstone

🕒 9.00am Wednesday
Morning Prayer
Holy Communion 1st Wed
🕒 8.00am Sunday
Holy Communion
📍 70 Auckland St
Gladstone

St Peter's Clinton

🕒 9.30am Sunday
Holy Communion
📍 50 J Hickey Ave
Clinton

Combined Church

last Sunday of each month

In Remembrance

- Muriel Turner
- Shirley Thornton

Merril Ruback
Edna Stokes
Jacki Thomson
Spencer Thomson
Fiona Vecchio
Chris Whitehead
Julia Wright

Bible Readings for Sunday

FIRST READING

Isaiah 35:1-10

35 The desert and the parched land will be glad; the wilderness will rejoice and blossom. Like the crocus, ² it will burst into bloom; it will rejoice greatly and shout for joy. The glory of Lebanon will be given to it, the splendour of Carmel and Sharon; they will see the glory of the LORD, the splendour of our God. ³ Strengthen the feeble hands, steady the knees that give way; ⁴ say to those with fearful hearts, "Be strong, do not fear; your God will come, he will come with vengeance; with divine retribution he will come to save you." ⁵ Then will the eyes of the blind be opened and the ears of the deaf unstopped. ⁶ Then will the lame leap like a deer, and the mute tongue shout for joy. Water will gush forth in the wilderness and

streams in the desert. ⁷ The burning sand will become a pool, the thirsty ground bubbling springs. In the haunts where jackals once lay, grass and reeds and papyrus will grow. ⁸ And a highway will be there; it will be called the Way of Holiness; it will be for those who walk on that Way. The unclean will not journey on it; wicked fools will not go about on it. ⁹ No lion will be there, nor any ravenous beast; they will not be found there. But only the redeemed will walk there, ¹⁰ and those the LORD has rescued will return. They will enter Zion with singing; everlasting joy will crown their heads. Gladness and joy will overtake them, and sorrow and sighing will flee away.

PSALM

Psalms: 146

¹ Praise the Lord. Praise the Lord, my soul.

² I will praise the Lord all my life; I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.

³ Do not put your trust in princes, in human beings, who cannot save.

⁴ When their spirit departs, they return to the ground; on that very day their plans come to nothing.

⁵ Blessed are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord their God.

⁶ He is the Maker of heaven and earth, the sea, and everything in them— he remains faithful forever.

⁷ He upholds the cause of the oppressed and gives food to the hungry. The Lord sets prisoners free,

⁸ the Lord gives sight to the blind,

the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down, the Lord loves the righteous.

⁹ The Lord watches over the foreigner and sustains the fatherless and the widow, but he frustrates the ways of the wicked.

¹⁰ The Lord reigns forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations. Praise the Lord.

SECOND READING

James 5:7-10

⁷ Be patient, then, brothers and sisters, until the Lord's coming. See how the farmer waits for the land to yield its valuable crop, patiently waiting for the autumn and spring rains. ⁸ You too, be patient and stand firm, because the Lord's coming is near. ⁹ Don't grumble against one another, brothers and

sisters, or you will be judged. The Judge is standing at the door! ¹⁰ Brothers and sisters, as an example of patience in the face of suffering, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

GOSPEL

Luke 1:39-56

39 At that time Mary got ready and hurried to a town in the hill country of Judea, 40 where she entered Zechariah's home and greeted Elizabeth. 41 When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. 42 In a loud voice she exclaimed: "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the child you will bear! 43 But why am I so favoured, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? 44 As soon as the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. 45 Blessed is she who has believed that the Lord would fulfill his promises to her!"

46 And Mary said: "My soul glorifies the Lord 47 and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, 48 for he has been mindful of the humble state of his servant. From now on

all generations will call me blessed, 49 for the Mighty One has done great things for me— holy is his name. 50 His mercy extends to those who fear him, from generation to generation. 51 He has performed mighty deeds with his arm; he has scattered those who are proud in their inmost thoughts. 52 He has brought down rulers from their thrones but has lifted up the humble. 53 He has filled the hungry with good things but has sent the rich away empty. 54 He has helped his servant Israel, remembering to be merciful 55 to Abraham and his descendants forever, just as he promised our ancestors." 56 Mary stayed with Elizabeth for about three months and then returned home.

Join Us

Sunday 21 December: Family Carols @ St Peter's Clinton, 6:00pm with BBQ from 5:00pm

Christmas Eve: Traditional Communion @ St Saviour's Gladstone, 11:30pm

Christmas Day: Traditional Communion @ St Saviour's Gladstone, 8:00am

Family Communion @ St Peter's Clinton, 9:30am

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🎄 Closed 29 December - 12 January 26 🔔

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Combined Church @ St Saviour's

🕒 9:00am 28 December

GIVING TO CHURCH



Prayerfully decide what and how to give:

- a) Direct debit - ANFIN forms available from the office
- b) Internet transfer - BSB 014580 ACC 386917064 ref 'offering'
- c) In person - offertory envelopes available from the office

Give to our missionaries - BSB 014580 ACC 460298848 ref 'CMS'

If everyone in church gave \$10 a week, we would reach our target

For more information about CMS visit 🌐 www.cms.org.au

VOLUNTEER WITH US

This N That Op Shop

☎ 07 4972 9740

🕒 9.00am - 4.00pm Monday - Friday

📍 3-4/25 Tank Street, Gladstone

🎄 Closed 20 December - 14 January 🔔

Soup Kitchen @ St Saviour's

🕒 6:00-7:00pm every Monday

📍 70 Auckland Street, Gladstone

COME JOIN US

Playgroup @ St Peter's - During school term

🕒 9:00-11:00am Monday

🎄 Resuming February 2026 🔔

Coffee and Craft @ St Peter's

🕒 9-11:00am every Tuesday

Bible Study @ St Peter's

🕒 7:30-9:00pm every Wednesday

Bible Study @ East Shores

🕒 9:00-10:30am every Friday

Shed Sale @ St Peter's

Last Saturday of the month (Feb-Nov)

Men's Breakfast @ St Saviour's

🕒 7:00am 2nd Saturday of even months

RSVP: admin@apog.org.au

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