



GLADSTONE
ANGLICAN CHURCH

TODAY'S NEWS



29 September 10AM
St Saviour's, Gladstone



NATIONAL POLICE
REMEMBRANCE DAY

THE BEACON

WELCOME

A common question I'm asked is 'why baptise babies?'. In the first centuries of the church, most believers were baptised together as 'whole households', which included adults and children.

Throughout history, some people have worried that children wouldn't be welcomed by God if they weren't baptised. In a time when infant mortality rates were high, this fear was understandable.

The Prayer Book reminds us that baptism is a gift from Jesus. In the Bible, Jesus commands us to 'go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything' (Matthew 28:19-20).

Our Romans reading today tells us that 'we were buried with him (Jesus) through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life' (Romans 6:4).

A special welcome to the Milios family as you celebrate the baptisms of Navy & Milo! We love to welcome children, their families, and also adults for baptism, as it signifies the cleansing from sin that Jesus' death makes possible, and the new life that God gives us through the Holy Spirit. If you'd like to know more about baptism, please have a chat with us.

Every blessing,
Rev. Zoë Browne

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This N That Shop / Soup Kitchen

Rev. Zoë and Rev. David

PRAYERS

Anglican Communion

- Diocese of Williochra - +Jeremy James
- Popondota, PNG - chaplains for religious orders

CQ Diocese

- Mothers' Union
- Prison chaplaincy

BCA

- Emerald / Blackwater - David & Joanne Piper
- Our partner churches looking for new ministers

Our Community

- Emergency services personnel
- Safety on the roads during holidays

Our Parish

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

SENTENCE

How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good tidings, who publish salvation.

Isaiah 52:9

COLLECT

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: mercifully grant us such a measure of your grace that, running in the way of your commandments, we may obtain your gracious promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

To know Christ and make Him known

SERMON

Dead to Sin, Alive in Christ

Romans 6:1-14

Rev. Zoë Browne

READINGS

THIS WEEK: 27 September

OT: Exodus 17:1-7

Psalm: 25:1-9

NT: Romans 6:1-14

Gospel: Matthew 21:23-32

NEXT WEEK: 4 October

OT: Exodus 20:1-9

Psalm: 19

NT: Romans 6:15-7:6

Gospel: Matthew 21:33-46

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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

Next service: 4 October

Combined Service

last Sunday of every month

Next Service: TODAY

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 @ St Saviour's

9:00-10:30am Friday

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

last Saturday of month (Feb-Nov)

Men's Breakfast @ St Saviour's

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

Next Breakfast: 10 October

ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays

Heath Golding, Annslie Stovell

Weddings

In Remembrance

Ron Lindley, Beryl Walker

NEWS & NOTICES

National Police Remembrance Day

10:00am Tues 29 September. All welcome.

Operation Christmas Child

Donations now welcome for OCC - items, shoeboxes, and money (to cover shipping)

Packing session TODAY @ Combined Service

'Buy-A-Square' for Carpets @ St Peter's

New carpets to be installed 28-29 Sept.

Donations to cover one-off cost appreciated.

\$20 per square, or \$60 per square metre.

Donate online or via envelope with reference 'Carpets'.

Men's Breakfast @ St Saviour's

Next breakfast: Saturday 10 October.

\$10 for a big brekky. Please RSVP to Office.

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 August 2026

Budget: \$9,190

Actual: \$10,290

This N That Shop August 2026

Budget: \$9,750

Actual: \$10,974

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FIRST READING

Exodus 17:1-7

¹ The whole Israelite community set out from the Desert of Sin, travelling from place to place as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. ² So they quarrelled with Moses and said, 'Give us water to drink.' Moses replied, 'Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you put the Lord to the test?' ³ But the people were thirsty for water there, and they grumbled against Moses. They said, 'Why did you bring us up out of Egypt to make us and our children and livestock die of thirst?' ⁴ Then Moses cried out to the Lord, 'What am I to do with these people? They are almost ready to stone me.' ⁵ The Lord answered Moses, 'Go out in front of the people. Take with you some of the elders of Israel and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. ⁶ I will stand there before you by the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it for the people to drink.' So Moses did this in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷ And he called the place Massah and Meribah because the Israelites quarrelled and because they tested the Lord saying, 'Is the Lord among us or not?'

PSALM

Psalms 25:1-9

¹ In you, O Lord my God, have I put my hope: in you have I trusted, let me not be ashamed, nor let my enemies triumph over me. ² **Let none who wait for you be put to shame: but let those that break faith be confounded and gain nothing.** ³ Show me your ways, O Lord: and teach me your paths. ⁴ **Lead me in the ways of your truth, and teach me: for you are the God of my salvation.** ⁵ In you have I hoped all the day long: because of your goodness, O Lord. ⁶ **Call to mind your compassion and your loving-kindness: for they are from of old.** ⁷ Remember not the sins of my youth, nor my transgressions: but according to your mercy think on me. ⁸ **Good and upright is the Lord: therefore will he direct sinners in the way.** ⁹ The meek he will guide in the path of justice: and teach the humble his ways.

SECOND READING

Romans 6:1-14

⁶ What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning, so that grace may increase? ² By no means! We are those who have died to sin; how can we live in it any longer? ³ Or don't you know that all of us who were baptised into Christ Jesus were baptised into his death?

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⁴We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.⁵ For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly also be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶ For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body ruled by sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin – ⁷ because anyone who has died has been set free from sin. ⁸ Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹ For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over him. ¹⁰ The death he died, he died to sin once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. ¹¹ In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus. ¹² Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its evil desires. ¹³ Do not offer any part of yourself to sin as an instrument of wickedness, but rather offer yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life; and offer every part of yourself to him as an instrument of righteousness. ¹⁴ For sin shall no longer be your master, because you are not under the law, but under grace.

GOSPEL

Matthew 20:1-16

²³ Jesus entered the temple courts, and, while he was teaching, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him. 'By what authority are you doing these things?' they asked. 'And who gave you this authority?' ²⁴ Jesus replied, 'I will also ask you one question. If you answer me, I will tell you by what authority I am doing these things. ²⁵ John's baptism – where did it come from? Was it from heaven, or of human origin?' They discussed it among themselves and said, 'If we say, "From heaven", he will ask, "Then why didn't you believe him?"' ²⁶ But if we say, "Of human origin" – we are afraid of the people, for they all hold that John was a prophet.'²⁷ So they answered Jesus, 'We don't know.' Then he said, 'Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things. ²⁸ 'What do you think? There was a man who had two sons. He went to the first and said, "Son, go and work today in the vineyard." ²⁹ "I will not," he answered, but later he changed his mind and went. ³⁰ 'Then the father went to the other son and said the same thing. He answered, "I will, sir," but he did not go. ³¹ 'Which of the two did what his father wanted?' 'The first,' they answered. Jesus said to them, 'Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God ahead of you. ³² For John came to you to show you the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes did. And even after you saw this, you did not repent and believe him.