



GLADSTONE
ANGLICAN CHURCH

TODAY'S NEWS



THE BEACON

WELCOME

'God does not show favouritism'. (Romans 2:11)

This week, our Bishop, Peter Grice, will be heading to Melbourne for the Anglican Church of Australia's General Synod, which is a bit like a church parliament. Up for discussion will be a range of issues that include how to look after 'small' regions like ours. Please pray for our Bishop and representatives as they champion our gospel work in CQ and work with the wider church to further the mission of God in Australia.

On a local level, our Parish Council has highlighted the need to build stronger relationships within our church. To better fulfil our mission of knowing Jesus and making Jesus known, we need to work together and to do this, we want to get to know each other!

We're hoping to do this by exploring new social events (such as our upcoming Ladies' Dinner on 20 August) and by making sure we better communicate the spaces and places where we grow together, such as Bible Study, Craft Group, Men's Breakfast and working bees.

None of these things are a silver bullet to fix all our problems, but they are part of the way our church is working together to communicate the love of our God who does not show favouritism. Thanks be to God!

*Every blessing,
Rev. David Browne*

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St Saviour's

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St Peter's

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This N That Shop / Soup Kitchen

Rev. Zoë and Rev. David

PRAYERS

Anglican Communion

- Diocese of Canberra Goulburn - +Mark Short, assistant bishops and people
- Popondota, PNG - Kumusi area

CQ Diocese

- LLMs and LAs serving faithfully in parishes and ministry districts

BCA

- SA / NT Regional Office Team
- Our partner churches - Dalby, Noosa, Maroochydore, Coorparoo, Waterloo Bay, Ekibin, Coffs Harbour, East Tassie

Our Community

- Safety for all on the road
- Those mourning loved ones

Our Parish

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

SENTENCE

They cried out in fear, but Jesus spoke to them and said, 'Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.'

(Matthew 14:26-27)

COLLECT

Grant to us, Lord, we beseech you, the spirit to think and do always such things as are right, that we, who cannot do anything that is good without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

To know Christ and make Him known

SERMON

No Excuse

Romans 2:1-16

READINGS

THIS WEEK: 9 August

OT: Genesis 37:1-4

Psalm: 85:8-13

NT: Romans 2:1-16

Gospel: Matthew 14:22-36

NEXT WEEK: 16 August

OT: Isaiah 56:1; 6-8

Psalm: 67

NT: Romans 2:17-3:8

Gospel: Matthew 15:21-28

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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*

Combined Service

last Sunday of every month

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: Saturday 8 August

ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays

Margaret Walz

Weddings

Ken and Annslie Stovell,

Michael and Kate Whitehead

In Remembrance

John Marsden

NEWS & NOTICES

Ladies' Dinner @ St Saviour's

Thursday 20 August from 6-8pm. Please bring food to share for fellowship.

Rockhampton Women's Conference

Saturday 29 August @ St Paul's Cathedral
RSVP online. See Zoë for more info.

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

New carpets to be installed September holidays. Donations to cover one-off cost appreciated. \$20 per square, or \$60 per square metre. Donate online with reference 'Carpets'.

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 37:1-4

¹ Jacob lived in the land where his father had stayed, the land of Canaan. ² This is the account of Jacob's family line. Joseph, a young man of seventeen, was tending the flocks with his brothers, the sons of Bilhah and the sons of Zilpah, his father's wives, and he brought their father a bad report about them. ³ Now Israel loved Joseph more than any of his other sons, because he had been born to him in his old age; and he made an ornate robe for him. ⁴ When his brothers saw that their father loved him more than any of them, they hated him and could not speak a kind word to him.

PSALM

Psalms 85:8-13

⁸ I will hear what the Lord God will speak: for he will speak peace to his people, to his faithful ones, whose hearts are turned to him. ⁹ **Truly his salvation is near to those that fear him: and his glory shall dwell in our land.** ¹⁰ Mercy and truth are met together: righteousness and peace have kissed each other; ¹¹ **Truth shall flourish out of the earth: and righteousness shall look down from heaven.**

¹² The Lord will also give us all that is good: and our land shall yield its plenty.

¹³ **For righteousness shall go before him: and tread the path before his feet.**

SECOND READING

Romans 2:1-16

² You, therefore, have no excuse, you who pass judgment on someone else, for at whatever point you judge another, you are condemning yourself, because you who pass judgment do the same things. ² Now we know that God's judgment against those who do such things is based on truth. ³ So when you, a mere human being, pass judgment on them and yet do the same things, do you think you will escape God's judgment? ⁴ Or do you show contempt for the riches of his kindness, forbearance and patience, not realising that God's kindness is intended to lead you to repentance? ⁵ But because of your stubbornness and your unrepentant heart, you are storing up wrath against yourself for the day of God's wrath, when his righteous judgment will be revealed. ⁶ God 'will repay each person according to what they have done.'

READINGS

⁷ To those who by persistence in doing good seek glory, honour and immortality, he will give eternal life. ⁸ But for those who are self-seeking and who reject the truth and follow evil, there will be wrath and anger. ⁹ There will be trouble and distress for every human being who does evil: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile; ¹⁰ but glory, honour and peace for everyone who does good: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile. ¹¹ For God does not show favouritism. ¹² All who sin apart from the law will also perish apart from the law, and all who sin under the law will be judged by the law. ¹³ For it is not those who hear the law who are righteous in God's sight, but it is those who obey the law who will be declared righteous. ¹⁴ (Indeed, when Gentiles, who do not have the law, do by nature things required by the law, they are a law for themselves, even though they do not have the law. ¹⁵ They show that the requirements of the law are written on their hearts, their consciences also bearing witness, and their thoughts sometimes accusing them and at other times even defending them.) ¹⁶ This will take place on the day when God judges people's secrets through Jesus Christ, as my gospel declares.

GOSPEL

Matthew 14:22-36

²² Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowd. ²³ After he had dismissed them, he went up on a mountainside by himself to pray. Later that night, he was there alone, ²⁴ and the boat was already a considerable distance from land, buffeted by the waves because the wind was against it. ²⁵ Shortly before dawn Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake. ²⁶ When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified. 'It's a ghost,' they said, and cried out in fear. ²⁷ But Jesus immediately said to them: 'Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid.' ²⁸ 'Lord, if it's you,' Peter replied, 'tell me to come to you on the water.' ²⁹ 'Come,' he said. Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came towards Jesus. ³⁰ But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, 'Lord, save me!' ³¹ Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. 'You of little faith,' he said, 'why did you doubt?' ³² And when they climbed into the boat, the wind died down. ³³ Then those who were in the boat worshipped him, saying, 'Truly you are the Son of God.' ³⁴ When they had crossed over, they landed at Gennesaret. ³⁵ And when the men of that place recognised Jesus, they sent word to all the surrounding country. People brought all who were ill to him ³⁶ and begged him to let those who were ill just touch the edge of his cloak, and all who touched it were healed.