



GLADSTONE  
ANGLICAN CHURCH

6 September 2026

# THE BEACON

## TODAY'S NEWS



## WELCOME

Growing up in a ministry family, Father's Day was a bit of a non-event - it was a Sunday, so it was a church day!

Nonetheless, I've become more aware of the importance of celebrating our fathers and father like figures, giving thanks for their care, teaching and protection. Added to this is the reality that many people have not had positive father figures in their lives. Suffice to say, Father's Day can spark mixed emotions in people.

Today's Romans reading talks about the forefather of faith - Abraham. A man who was by no means perfect (just read through the early chapters of Genesis!), but was a man of great faith. Abraham became the father of many nations, and his example of faith was a blessing to his descendants. Romans also tells us that all who have faith like Abraham - not just his descendants - are children of God. A God who is a good and Heavenly Father - patient, compassionate, loving. The perfect example of a good father, who loves us so much that he gave his Son to save us.

Let's continue to pray that we can have faith like Abraham, trusting in our Heavenly Father to lead us and guide us through the gift of Christ. Let's give thanks for the fathers and father-like figures who have set a godly example in our lives.

*Every blessing,  
Rev. Zoë Browne*

**29 September 10AM  
St Saviour's, Gladstone**



**NATIONAL POLICE  
REMEMBRANCE DAY**

# OUR TEAM

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## Rosters and Serving

### **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 Bendigo - +Matt Brain
- Popondota, PNG - Ewage archdeaconry

## CQ Diocese

- St Matthew's Cottage, Park Avenue
- Mothers Union

## BCA

- Malachi Walker, Geraldton
- David & Emma Thompson, Dongara
- Our partner churches looking for new ministers

## Our Community

- Rain in its due season
- Fathers and father figures

## 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

'Where two or three are gathered in my name,' says the Lord, 'I am there among them.'

*Matthew 18:20*

# COLLECT

O God, you know us to be set in the midst of so many and so great dangers that by reason of the frailty of our nature we cannot always stand upright: grant to us such strength and protection as may support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

To know Christ and make Him known

# SERMON

## **Justified by Faith**

Romans 4:1-25

*Rev. Zoë Browne*

## READINGS

### ***THIS WEEK: 6 September***

OT: Ezekiel 3:7-11

Psalm: 149

NT: Romans 4:1-25

Gospel: Matthew 18:10-20

### ***NEXT WEEK: 13 September***

OT: Genesis 50:15-21

Psalm: 114

NT: Romans 5:1-11

Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35

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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 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday *monthly*

*Next service: TODAY (6 September)*

## **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 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday even months

*Next Breakfast: 10 October*

# ANNIVERSARIES

## Birthdays

Axton Cotte, Sylvia Perger, Christine Krebs,  
Sofie Fredericks

## Weddings

## In Remembrance

Norm Elliott, Fay Hughes

# NEWS & NOTICES

## National Police Remembrance Day

Tuesday 29 September @ St Saviour's. All welcome to attend. If you can assist with refreshments, please speak to Meryl Rose.

## Operation Christmas Child

Donations now welcome for OCC - items, shoeboxes, and money (to cover shipping) Packing session @ Combined Service 27 Sept. Speak to Brad Krebs 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 or via envelope 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 July 2026

Budget: \$8,760

Actual: \$10,993

## This N That Shop July 2026

Budget: \$7,900

Actual: \$10,251

# READINGS

## FIRST READING

*Ezekiel 33:7-11*

<sup>7</sup> 'Son of man, I have made you a watchman for the people of Israel; so hear the word I speak and give them warning from me. <sup>8</sup> When I say to the wicked, "You wicked person, you will surely die," and you do not speak out to dissuade them from their ways, that wicked person will die for their sin, and I will hold you accountable for their blood. <sup>9</sup> But if you do warn the wicked person to turn from their ways and they do not do so, they will die for their sin, though you yourself will be saved. <sup>10</sup> 'Son of man, say to the Israelites, "This is what you are saying: 'Our offences and sins weigh us down, and we are wasting away because of them. How then can we live?'" <sup>11</sup> Say to them, "As surely as I live, declares the Sovereign Lord, I take no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but rather that they turn from their ways and live. Turn! Turn from your evil ways! Why will you die, people of Israel?"

## PSALM

*Psalms 149*

<sup>1</sup> O praise the Lord, and sing to the Lord a new song: O praise him in the assembly of the faithful. <sup>2</sup> **Let Israel rejoice in him that made him: let the children of Zion be joyful in their king.** <sup>3</sup> Let them praise him in the dance: let them sing his praise with timbrel and with harp. <sup>4</sup> **For the Lord takes delight in his people: he adorns the meek with his salvation.** <sup>5</sup> Let his faithful ones exult in his glory: let them sing for joy upon their beds. <sup>6</sup> **Let the high praises of God be in their mouths: and a two-edged sword in their hands,** <sup>7</sup> To execute vengeance on the nations: and chastisement upon the peoples, <sup>8</sup> **To bind their kings in chains: and their nobles with fetters of iron,** <sup>9</sup> To visit upon them the judgement that is decreed: such honour belongs to all his faithful servants. Praise the Lord.

## SECOND READING

*Romans 4:1-25*

What then shall we say that Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh, discovered in this matter? <sup>2</sup> If, in fact, Abraham was justified by works, he had something to boast about – but not before God. <sup>3</sup> What does Scripture say? 'Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness.' <sup>4</sup> Now to the one who works, wages are not credited as a gift but as an obligation. <sup>5</sup> However, to the one who does not work but trusts God who justifies the ungodly, their faith is credited as righteousness. <sup>6</sup> David says the same thing when he speaks of the blessedness of the one to whom God credits righteousness apart from works: <sup>7</sup> 'Blessed are those whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered. <sup>8</sup> Blessed is the one whose sin the Lord will never count against them.' <sup>9</sup> Is this blessedness only for the circumcised, or also for the uncircumcised? We have been saying that Abraham's faith was credited to him as righteousness. <sup>10</sup> Under what circumstances was it credited? Was it after he was circumcised, or before? It was not after, but before!

# READINGS

<sup>11</sup> And he received circumcision as a sign, a seal of the righteousness that he had by faith while he was still uncircumcised. So then, he is the father of all who believe but have not been circumcised, in order that righteousness might be credited to them. <sup>12</sup> And he is then also the father of the circumcised who not only are circumcised but who also follow in the footsteps of the faith that our father Abraham had before he was circumcised. <sup>13</sup> It was not through the law that Abraham and his offspring received the promise that he would be heir of the world, but through the righteousness that comes by faith. <sup>14</sup> For if those who depend on the law are heirs, faith means nothing and the promise is worthless, <sup>15</sup> because the law brings wrath. And where there is no law there is no transgression. <sup>16</sup> Therefore, the promise comes by faith, so that it may be by grace and may be guaranteed to all Abraham's offspring – not only to those who are of the law but also to those who have the faith of Abraham. He is the father of us all. <sup>17</sup> As it is written: 'I have made you a father of many nations.' He is our father in the sight of God, in whom he believed – the God who gives life to the dead and calls into being things that were not. <sup>18</sup> Against all hope, Abraham in hope believed and so became the father of many nations, just as it had been said to him, 'So shall your offspring be.' <sup>19</sup> Without weakening in his faith, he faced the fact that his body was as good as dead – since he was about a hundred years old – and that Sarah's womb was also dead. <sup>20</sup> Yet he did not waver through unbelief regarding the promise of God, but was strengthened in his faith and gave glory to God, <sup>21</sup> being fully persuaded that God had power to do what he had promised. <sup>22</sup> This is why 'it was credited to him as righteousness.' <sup>23</sup> The words 'it was credited to him' were written not for him alone, <sup>24</sup> but also for us, to whom God will credit righteousness – for us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead. <sup>25</sup> He was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification.

## GOSPEL

*Matthew 18:10-20*

<sup>10</sup> 'See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that their angels in heaven always see the face of my Father in heaven. [ <sup>11</sup> ] <sup>12</sup> 'What do you think? If a man owns a hundred sheep, and one of them wanders away, will he not leave the ninety-nine on the hills and go to look for the one that wandered off? <sup>13</sup> And if he finds it, truly I tell you, he is happier about that one sheep than about the ninety-nine that did not wander off. <sup>14</sup> In the same way your Father in heaven is not willing that any of these little ones should perish. <sup>15</sup> 'If your brother or sister sins, go and point out their fault, just between the two of you. If they listen to you, you have won them over. <sup>16</sup> But if they will not listen, take one or two others along, so that "every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses." <sup>17</sup> If they still refuse to listen, tell it to the church; and if they refuse to listen even to the church, treat them as you would a pagan or a tax collector. <sup>18</sup> 'Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. <sup>19</sup> 'Again, truly I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything they ask for, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. <sup>20</sup> For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them.'