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Happy Rock Happenings

with David & Zoë Browne • July 2025



Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good, His steadfast love endures forever! We celebrated our first Easter in Gladstone, just after our first newsletter was published. It is a busy time for the community with the iconic Harbour Festival. We held services across the whole Easter week at both church centres. Over 200 came to share in the good news of Jesus' death and resurrection from Palm Sunday to Easter Day.

Give thanks for Easter services and the opportunity to share the living hope of Jesus with people.

In a coastal Queensland town, it is easy to forget that it is winter! Nonetheless, the cooler weather and winter season bring their own challenges. We have farewelled some faithful parishioners who have gone to glory. Other church members are battling sickness, and some are relocating to capital cities. Our *This N That* Op Shop in Gladstone CBD is a vital part of our mission outreach. Finding new volunteers is always a challenge, especially when our regular helpers are unavailable due to illness.

Please pray for the health and protection of our disciples and volunteers as we strive to serve the community.

Every second month, we host a Men's Breakfast at St Saviour's. This is a great time of encouragement for both regular churchgoers and the curious. Most recently, a local doctor spoke to the group about his faith journey growing up in a Muslim household to becoming a follower of Jesus. After a slow start, our Lenten Bible study group has developed into a regular time of learning and men's fellowship. It's been amazing to do the HOPE25 Bible study and welcome new members.

Give thanks for the faithful witness of Christians in our community, willing to share their testimonies and bring their friends to church. Please pray that the Holy Spirit will continue to move powerfully among our men.



Following on from HOPE25 and a Prayer series, we have now begun a five-week study in the book of Daniel. Our focus for this preaching series is on holding fast to faith in a world of power and pride. We continue to have weekly services at St Saviour's and St Peter's, with a monthly combined service. It is uplifting to see people engage with the Scriptures and how to faithfully follow Jesus when under pressure from the world. Our St Peter's congregation celebrated 39 years since beginning as a church plant from St Saviour's. We are praying



Banner Image: St Saviour's Gladstone

Circle Image: The Browne family

Middle Image: BCA Regional Officer Mike Uptin with the Browne family in Gladstone

Bottom Image: BCA Sunday at St Saviour's

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expectantly into the vision of how our church can be a beacon of salt and light for decades to come.

Please pray that we would be diligent in our preaching and faithful to the Scriptures. Give thanks for our church community and their example of discipleship and prayerfulness in the past, present and future.

In June, our Regional Officer, Mike Uptin, made a deputation visit to Gladstone. We held a 'BCA Sunday' combined service to celebrate. After our service, we shared in a community soup lunch. It was an uplifting time to gather for worship and to learn from Mike's wisdom on the 'Pain of Prayer'. A real encouragement to our service was some friends from the Middle East who accepted an invitation to come to church and even stayed for lunch!

Please give thanks for our community of disciples who want to grow in faith and fellowship. Pray that people would respond positively to invitations to church.

Earlier in May, we travelled to the western part of our Diocese for the annual Clergy Conference. Blackall is the home of the 'Black Stump' and the famous Wool Scour. We even met with one of our BCA partner churches on the way there! While the temperature dropped, it was a wonderful time

to intentionally meet, pray and talk with our clergy community and Bishop Peter. We felt encouraged as we worked through the Diocesan preaching series on 'Prayer' and enjoyed a great time of fellowship. The thermal pools are a must-visit attraction if you're ever travelling through Blackall!

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Give thanks for an enriching time of fellowship and learning. Please uphold the western communities within our Diocese as they 'go the distance' for the Gospel.

Life on the family front with two energetic boys is always fast-paced. Thankfully, Micah and Jude have settled into school, sport and community well. Positive school report cards are a bonus. Skate park accidents have resulted in hospital visits and stitches, but thankfully, they are mending well. After nearly six months in

Gladstone (time flies!), we are preparing for some annual leave. We are fortunate to be heading overseas for a family wedding and once-in-a-lifetime adventures. We look forward to some intentional rest and quality time together.

Please pray for safety and protection as we travel. Please pray that we would be faithful witnesses to the Gospel everywhere we go.



David & Zoë in Blackall

Thank you for your prayers and support!

David, Zoë, Micah & Jude

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