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Happy Rock Happenings

with David & Zoë Browne • April 2026



'For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile.' Romans 1:16

What a whirlwind time it's been since our last newsletter – a lot has been happening in Happy Rock! We've had Synod, Christmas, CMS Summer School, a new school year, flash flooding, Alpha courses, new Bible study groups, Lent... and it's not yet Easter!

Give thanks to God for His provision of energy and encouragement to sustain us through an incredibly busy period of Gospel ministry.

Our Christmas services were a time of sharing 'good news of great joy' across our community. After several years of changes and uncertainty, our focus was to maximise our opportunities for outreach and connection. We held family Carols services in Clinton and Calliope, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services, and a Christmas Day Soup Kitchen lunch. It was a privilege to share the good news of Jesus' birth with nearly 250 people across our services, and 60 plus diners at our Soup Kitchen Christmas lunch.

Give thanks for the good news of Jesus' birth, and the freedom we have to share the Gospel widely. Pray that the Holy Spirit would continue a work of transformation in the lives of those who heard the Gospel.

We were so thankful to be afforded the opportunity to attend CMS Summer School

at Mount Tamborine in January. While it was our first visit to CMS Summer School, we reconnected with many old friends and got to meet some of our partner church friends in person. The teaching on Lamentations was both challenging and refreshing, and we were humbled to serve by leading the Bible readings. A particular delight was seeing our boys, Micah (9) and Jude (6), connect with other ministry and missionary kids, encouraging them in their own faith journeys.

Give thanks for the generous support from BCA to attend CMS Summer School, and the



Banner Image: St Saviour's Gladstone

Circle Image: The Browne family

Middle Image: Gladstone Christmas Service

Bottom Image: All set up for Christmas lunch

BCA CMS Crew



Alpha Camping

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rich time of encouragement through teaching, worship and fellowship. Pray that Micah and Jude would continue to grow in confidence in their faith.

Since our return, we've focused on consolidating the rhythms of ministry and outreach. Our Bible study groups have grown in both number of groups and people attending. It's always a joy to break open God's Word with faithful disciples and people taking steps towards Jesus. Our Lenten series 'No Turning Back' has been a deep dive into our baptismal vows. It has proven to be a time of both encouragement and challenge as we look towards the cross.

Give thanks for the encouragement of growth in both faith and number. Pray that God would continue to soften the hearts and minds of people enquiring to know more about Jesus.

Sundays at Church have been joyful, with new people coming to investigate Jesus. We've had new volunteers stepping up to help with music and Kids' Church, which has brought our community closer together. Gladstone is a very transient place, and it's been sad to see some loved members of our church move elsewhere, and yet God has continued bringing new people into our midst. It's

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been great to see established members of our church welcoming new people and seeing the body of Christ work together.

Give thanks for new people coming into our church community and for established members of our church welcoming them and equipping them to serve.

Ray's Soup Kitchen and our 'This N That' Op Shop continue to be a great space for outreach.

People often come to the Soup Kitchen looking for food but also meet people who are ready to listen and pray for them. The Op Shop likewise often welcomes people looking for a chat who find community and the love of Jesus at the shop counter. This year we also launched an Alpha course with a group of 12 people coming along to the Calliope Union Church, a centre that ceased services some years ago. It's been great to use this space again for ministry and we're hoping to launch a regular service off the back of Alpha.

Pray for Ray's Soup Kitchen and our 'This N That' Op Shop as we meet people from across the community and share the Gospel with them. Pray that the Alpha Course would bear good fruit in both the participants and the local community.



David and a friend at the Op Shop

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It's our second Easter in Gladstone, which is a wonderful time when the weather gets cooler and people visit Gladstone for the Harbour Festival. In the lead up to Easter Sunday, we have a Maundy Thursday community meal and service, Good Friday services at Gladstone & Clinton churches, as well as Easter Sunday services in Gladstone, Clinton, and Calliope. Our theme this year is 'Death Defeated' where we'll focus on how Jesus conquered death on the cross and rose to eternal life for us three days later.

Give thanks for the good news of resurrection at Easter. Pray that visitors to Gladstone would take the opportunity to join us for church this Easter and that they would engage with the awesome news that Jesus has defeated death.

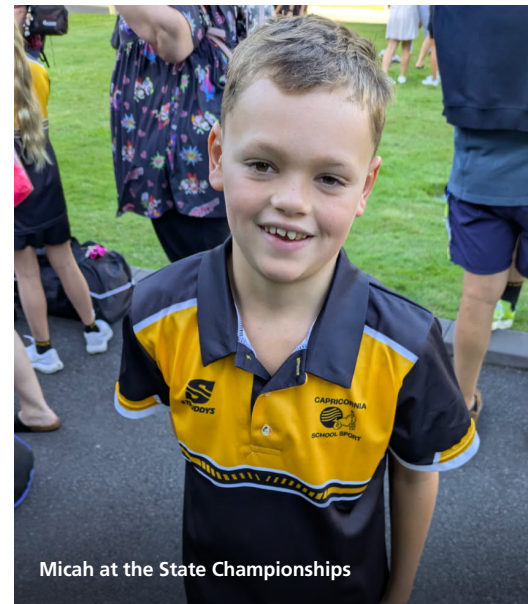
We enjoyed some R&R alongside Summer School, catching up with friends and family. It has been a blessing to begin the new year without moving towns and schools. Micah and Jude have settled in well to their classes and are relishing firm friendships. Jude is very excited that his dad is his RI teacher! Micah has been selected to represent the Capricornia

region at the Schools State Championships for swimming.

Give thanks for opportunities for rest and refreshment as a family.

Give thanks that the boys are settling well into the new year, and enjoying school, music and sport.

Pray the Holy Spirit will continue to guide and sustain us in all aspects of family and ministry.



Micah at the State Championships



Family

Thank you for your prayers and support!

David, Zoë, Micah & Jude

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