

Nambour Retirement Village Services

NO VILLAGE SERVICE DUE TO COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS

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**THE
BIRTHDAY
BOOK FOR
THIS WEEK**

- 24 Iris Blackburn
25 Joan Raabe
Rev Ian Stehbens

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY
Iris, Joan and
Rev Ian**

Minister & Pastoral Care

Rev Ian Stehbens 0477 160 578

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AFTER 9AM to 2PM

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**Service Roster
FOR TODAY
19th July 2020
SEVENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST**

Minister: Rev Ian Stehbens

Music: Nola

Readers: Helen Staines, Rod Ehrenberg

Prayers: Wynn Davies

Data Projector: Eva Donaldson

Sound system: Linda Woodward

Offering: Retiring offering will be in
place until further notice

Welcome: Ian Woodward

No Morning Tea

Attending worship confirms that you do not have COVID-19, or symptoms associated with COVID-19, or awaiting results from a COVID-19 test, or have not been in contact with any known or suspected cases of COVID-19, or that you have been in contact with anyone who has travelled from overseas in the past 14 days. You are aware that people aged 70 and over, and people with chronic medical conditions are at a greater risk of serious illness by involvement in public group places.



Nambour Uniting Church

9AM Sunday Worship Service

**We are called to be evidence of God's
love breaking into the world**

We accept all who gather to worship in peace,
with an invitation to pray and reflect in the
Prayer Chapel at any time our Church is open.

May the peace of the Lord be with you

**Welcome to Sunday Worship
conducted by Rev Ian Stehbens**

Nambour Uniting Church official website - nambouruniting.org.au

Our Church wanted our website to be user friendly and a place which we can frequent, as well as introducing our congregation to the world. Ian Brown has accepted responsibility for our Church Website and everyone will have access to the recently recorded messages, prayers, devotions and our worship services. Your suggestions for improvement are very welcome. Don Heaton has recorded over 700 Nambour worship services (which are available on DVD), with recent services on the webpage. Our Church is making itself more accessible through YouTube, and Facebook along with our website. We are sorting through copyright issues in regard to music and singing. Rev Ian

THURSDAY 23 JULY 2020 ADULT FELLOWSHIP

WE WILL BE ASSEMBLING AT THE DOWNSTAIRS ROOMS FOR A LOVELY GET-TOGETHER AT OUR CHURCH OR MAYBE OUT AND ABOUT SOMEWHERE. EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO COME ALONG AND JOIN US FOR A GOOD SOCIALISE AT 9.30AM.

Lectionary

THIS WEEK

19th July 2020

Seventh Sunday

After Pentecost

Genesis 28:10-19a,

Psalms 139:1-12 & 23-24,

Romans 8:12-25,

Matthew 13:24-30 & 36-43.

Service times

THIS week

Sunday 19th July

9.00AM Nambour

Service time

next week

Sunday 26th July

9.00AM Nambour

PAUL'S CHRIST

1 Critical Revelation (Galatians 1:16)

1.1 Initially, Saul/Paul's objection to the possibility of Jesus being the Messiah/Christ was based on a law that stated "When someone is convicted of a crime punishable by death and is executed, and you hang him on a tree.... anyone hung on a tree is under God's curse." Deuteronomy 21:22-23

1.2 However, in Paul's encounter with God on his way to Damascus to zealously persecute and to extinguish the belief in the resurrection of Jesus (Read Galatians 1: 11-24, Acts 9, Acts 26) this idea is completely challenged for Saul asks Lord God who he is (as did Moses) and the reply is utterly transformational:

I AM – JESUS – WHOM YOU ARE PERSECUTING! Acts 9:5

Paul writes:

"The gospel that was proclaimed by me is not of human origin... I received it through a revelation of Jesus Christ." Galatians 1:11-12

"God called me through his grace [and] was pleased to reveal his Son to me" Galatians 1:16

1.3 So, we can identify the relationship between that Damascus Road encounter and major tenets of Paul's theology, such as

the Trinity as an ultimate revelation of the nature and being of God
the non-violent nature of God
the identification of God with suffering
grace transcending Law
the Church as the Body of Christ

2 The Church as the Body of Christ

2.1 **σῶμα** (soma) Immortal, imperishable body (Jesus, sacramental bread, resurrection body, church)
σὰρξ (sarx) sinful, perishable body/flesh

2.2 Jesus (the human issue of God or Son of God, fully human & fully God, Christ) is equated with the people whom Saul was persecuting. In Book of Romans Paul explains or presents the argument that clarifies this. In short: we are united in death with Christ and united in resurrection with Christ.

2.3 **In Christ:** We now set our mind of the Spirit, on Life, on Peace There is NEW LIFE: freedom, new energy, new fulfilment, fruitfulness Once sinful and under law, but justified by Christ who took the curse upon himself, in other words whatever curse or condemnation was due has been born by God in Christ.

So, we (personally and corporately) are

JUSTIFIED

NO LONGER CONDEMNED

SO FREE to LIVE (and worship, and know the will of God)

2.4 All this is simply attributed to the great, great **mercy** of God
Romans 12:1

2.5 In Christ, we are the Body of Christ
We, together, indwelt by the Spirit of God are the Body of Christ
All who have died with Christ
All who have risen with Christ
All who live by the Spirit

2.6 We are incorporated and each of us has received **grace and gifts** for service both within the community of faith, as well as beyond

Prophecy according to faith	Provide hospitality to strangers
Serving, ministering, pastoring	Bless those who persecute you
Encouraging affirmingly	Empathise and sympathise with sufferers
Giving generously	Associate with lowly people
Leading diligently	Don't retaliate or avenge; Live peaceably
Showing mercy cheerfully	Feed and offer drink to hungry/thirsty enemies
Interdependent	Overcome evil with good; be agents of reconciliation

2.7 The Body of Christ is created, energised, nourished by **GRACE**

2.8 **Present & Future:** The Body of Christ, is the means by which God is reconciling the world to Himself for it is a creation of God both physically and spiritually. We are a fellowship created by the Holy Spirit, and evidence of the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus Christ. The Body of Christ is a witness to the sure hope of the end, when what is perishable becomes imperishable.