

## Nambour Retirement Village Services

NO VILLAGE SERVICE DUE TO COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS

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## THE BIRTHDAY BOOK FOR THIS WEEK

6 Graham Robertson  
11 Nev Killip

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY GRAHAM AND NEV!

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 been to a designated 'hotspot', 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.

### Service Roster

## FOR TODAY

### 6th September 2020 FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST HOLY COMMUNION

**Minister:** Rev Ian Stehbens

**Music:** Nola

**Readers:** Jeanette Warne, Anne Kent

**Prayers:** Rev Ian Stehbens

**Data Projector:** Alison Hall

**Sound system:**

**Offering:** Retiring offering will be in place until further notice

**Welcome:** Graham and Anne Kent

### No Morning Tea

#### Minister & Pastoral Care

Rev Ian Stehbens 0477 160 578

#### Additional Pastoral Care Ministry

Rev Graham Warne 5478 9747

Eva Donaldson 5441 3381

#### Congregation Chairperson

Ian Woodward 5441 1069

#### Church Council Chair

Rev Ian Stehbens 0477 160 578

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## Nambour Uniting Church

9AM Sunday Worship Service

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

## Sunday 6th September 2020

### CONFLICT RESOLUTION Romans 13:8-14, Matthew 18:15-20

Conflict. Publishers love it. It sells books, makes for interesting broadcasts, heightens dramatic effect, increases loyalty, underlies much sport and competitive activity, can be creative and lead to new understandings and ideas. We are not all the same, and it is in the bumping up against one another that we mature and widen our outlook.

But it can be destructive. Our picture of heaven is of a realm without conflict, a form of existence where, under God, everyone integrates harmoniously together. Conflict can breed suspicion, hatred, violence. It is often synonymous with war. It tears families, communities, nations apart. It damages the effectiveness of a team or the profits of a company. So, conflict-resolution becomes an important concern in all areas of social activity – families, sporting teams, political parties, companies, organizations, and in the church.

According to Matthew, Jesus gave his strategy for conflict resolution:

- (1) face up to the issue and seek to resolve it with the other party one-to-one as soon as possible,
- (2) seek the help of a third, independent party or group,
- (3) if these steps haven't been successful, involve the whole membership in making a decision,
- (4) finally, if every attempt at reconciliation has failed, accept the situation and both go your separate ways. At least that's my attempt at putting Matthew 18:15-20 into today's context.

Through it all, the Spirit is saying, "Owe no one anything, except to love one another." (Romans 13:8).

Love of one's opponent or enemy (in the sense of respect, concern, readiness to help) is basic to Christ's teaching (Matthew 5:43-48).

- Give some instances where conflict makes for an interesting story or news item, increases team loyalty or widens one's outlook.
- Why is conflict resolution important?
- What happens if we do not follow step (1) above?
- What relevance do verses 18 to 20 in Matthew 18 have to verses 15-17?

Rev Ron Potter - piulapublications.com

The Church Council has invited Rev Chris Crause to meet with them to communicate our current situation to future ministry:

Dear Chris,

Thank you for the support you and Presbytery have given to Nambour Uniting Church in recent times, especially through your leadership of worship on the two occasions that you have been with us in the last year, but also through consideration of ministry possibilities for our church. The intended meeting with you that was aborted due to the onset of CoViD-19, can now proceed but with a different agenda.

To that end, Nambour Uniting Church Council requests a meeting with you and Rev Phil Smith, to consider ways forward.

In the last financial year, though one may have expected a significant downturn in income, the giving of our people has increased such that we have been able to cover the previously created deficit, and also to more than compensate for the losses of income streams due to COVID-19.

Therefore the previous assessment of Nambour's (in)capacity to fully support ministry are no longer valid. Thus, it is important to us that we have the opportunity to converse with you both so we can present to you our current situation.

Yours in Christ.

Rev Chris Crause and Rev Phil Smith have accepted our invitation and will meet with Church Council on the 20 September 2020 after Sunday Worship.

\*Can everyone please pray for the future of our Church.

## TODAY HOLY COMMUNION

We believe that the body and blood of Christ are truly present in the bread and wine of the Lord's Supper. Thus, the bread and wine we eat and drink are a participation in the body and blood of Christ and join us with the whole creation in thanksgiving and praise to God our creator and redeemer. We believe that we receive the grace of divine forgiveness and new life offered in the sacrament and respond with the thankful offering of ourselves for God's service.

## Next Sunday Sunday 13 September 2020

**Next Sunday, our congregation will have the pleasure of welcoming our guest, Keith Cruikshank.**

Keith is married to Bronwen and they have three children and eight grandchildren.

Currently, Keith and Bronwen are the church liaison officers for Australian Missionary Tidings, a ministry arm of Christian brethren in Australia. AMT focuses on world mission including evangelisation, church planting, education and aid.

Previously, Keith was Principal of GLO College, a small Christian Training Centre for Australian and international students.

This role resulted in their visiting their former students in many places as diverse as Romania and Mongolia, which further developed their cross-cultural work.

Prior to their ministry and missionary service Keith worked for Education Qld for 37 years, as a teacher and teacher-librarian in Cairns and in the indigenous community at Doomadgee, far north west Queensland.

### Coming to church reminder

Currently, Government regulation limits the number of people attending Church, it is vitally important that you ring Jeanette Warne 54789747 or Mobile 0417780151 or email [kybernetes210@gmail.com](mailto:kybernetes210@gmail.com) on the **Wednesday or Thursday before, between the hours of 12noon – 7pm each week** to let her know you are attending. If you have registered with Jeanette and are not able to come, please contact her, even at short notice, so someone who may be on the waiting list can attend. Please be considerate to all members of the Congregation and all those who are responsible for organising our worship services to ensure we are complying to the regulations.