

Nambour Retirement Village Services

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Service Roster

FOR TODAY

11th October 2020

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY

AFTER PENTECOST

Minister: Rev Graham Warne

Music: Rosemary

Readers: Linda Woodward, Anne Kent

Prayers: Peter Bowden

Data Projector: Christine Bowden

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Offering: Retiring offering will be in
place until further notice

Welcome: Linda & Ian Woodward,
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AFTER 9AM to 2PM

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THE BIRTHDAY BOOK FOR THIS WEEK

11	Rod Ehrenberg
13	Clare Jeremy
14	Sheila Gavin

HAPPY BIRTHDAY Rod, Clare & Sheila!

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.



Nambour Uniting Church

9AM Sunday Worship Service

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

Sunday 11th October 2020

Many Called, Few Chosen - Matthew 22:1-14

That's a puzzler! Many people have been shocked when reading those words from Matthew 22:14. Surely if God invites, God also chooses. An invitation follows on from being chosen, doesn't it? Or does it mean that God arbitrarily picks out whom to save?

This is an example of the dangerous practice of isolating a text from its context – a very common practice that it is. Matthew 22:14 is linked to the parables of the royal wedding banquet and the man who was not appropriately dressed for the occasion. These stories were aimed initially at the chief priests and Pharisees. Through their study of the Scriptures and familiarity with the Law, they had received God's invitation to be part of God's coming realm; however, when, through Jesus, God called them to participate they refused. On the other hand, despised sinners and traitorous tax collectors did respond.

The people of Israel saw themselves as God's chosen people, but belonging to God's chosen people is not a matter of race or religion, or knowledge about God's coming kingdom. It is a matter of living the life of that kingdom, living the life that God meant us to live. To pretend that that we belong to God's kingdom while making no attempt to live that way is to gate-crash the party.

Many people have heard the call of God's kingdom, the call to peace, justice, goodness and compassion, but not many actually live the life of God's kingdom. What was true when Jesus first spoke those words, is sadly still true today.

- What dangers are there in taking verses of Scripture out of the context in which they occur?
- The kingdom of God was central to the life and teaching of Jesus. What do you think is most important about living in God's kingdom?
- What relationship do you see between Matthew 22:1-14 and Matthew 7:21?
- What is the difference between sensing the call of God's kingdom and actually living the life of that kingdom?

Rev Ron Potter - piulapublications.com

Nambour Uniting Church Welcome to Sunday Worship

Rev Graham Warne welcomes you to worship. 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

Key Thoughts from Philippians 4

Today's Scripture has some key words for our consideration: e.g.

Beloved (agapetoi) - v. 1
Rejoice (chairete!) - v. 4 (twice)!
Forbearance (epeikes) - v. 5
Thanksgiving (eucharistia) - v. 6
Peace (eirene) - v.7, 9
Reckoning (logizethe) - v. 8

There's also a list of desirable "virtues"!

Compare these: (Philippians 4:8)

Whatever is...

true, *authentic in thought, word & deed*

honourable, *noble, worthy of respect*

right, *just*

pure (*katharos*),

lovely,

(the beautiful not the ugly)

of good repute, *reputable*

if there is any excellence, *virtue*

(the best not the worst)

anything worthy of praise,

A Christian Doctor added, "anything which is *life-affirming!*"

... all very good criteria ... *focus your mind on these!*

(James 3:17)

pure (*katharos*)

peaceable, eirenic

gentle

reasonable, logical

merciful

fruitful

unwavering

unhypocritical



**Which
one do
you
feed?**

A Thanksgiving Prayer for today!

***Lord God, heavenly Father,
we thank you for all your benefits.
You have given us body and life
and have graciously sustained us to this day.
Do not take your blessing from us.
Preserve us from greed,
that we may serve you only,
love you and abide in you
and not defile ourselves by idolatrous love
of wealth or goods,
but hope and trust only in your grace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one true God, now and forever.***

(Source: Our common Life, Blackall Range Uniting Church;
Veit Dietrich, d. 1549, Trinity 15,
<https://acollectionofprayers.com>)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Gwen Smoothy celebrated her 101st birthday
on Friday 9th October 2020.

Well, chalk another mark on that blackboard of life.
Being a fit and active woman throughout her life has led her
to this great milestone of 101 years young!