

Nambour Retirement Village Services

NO VILLAGE SERVICE DUE TO COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS

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Service Roster

FOR TODAY 25th October 2020 NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Minister: Rev Peter Hall
Music: Jenny and John Thomas
Readers: Marion McDonald, Jim Stewart
Prayers: Helen Staines
Data Projector: Eva Donaldson
Sound system: Linda Woodward
Offering: Retiring offering will be in
place until further notice
Welcome: Linda & Ian Woodward,
Graham & Anne Kent,
Lyn Metelerkamp

Minister & Pastoral Care

Rev Ian Stehbens 0477 160 578

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Rev Graham Warne 5478 9747

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AFTER 9AM to 2PM

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THE BIRTHDAY BOOK FOR THIS WEEK

26 Ron Sims
David Clark
29 Marion McDonald
Gladys Gunns

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!!

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 25th October 2020

Overall Direction for Life - Matthew 22:34-46

Communication needs to be interpreted for it to make sense. The Bible, the laws of the land, any writing at all needs to be interpreted. This interpretation usually takes place against the background of some fundamental principles. So, the High Court, when called upon to do so, interprets the Australian Constitution and the judiciary interpret the laws made by parliament. When asked by a lawyer to state the basic principle by which the Mosaic Law should be interpreted, Jesus quoted Deuteronomy 6:5, love God with all one's heart, soul and mind. To this, he added Leviticus 19:18, love your neighbour as yourself which he suggested was all tied in with love toward God.

However, Jesus was not mainly interested in ideas. He was concerned about life and how it is lived. So, for him, love for God and neighbour is not just a guiding principle; it is the basic orientation of life. It is the power, the motivation, the direction for living. It is a reflection of the love that God has for us all.

The guiding light for morality is love for God and for people – unconditional, generous love. The standard against which all laws are to be judged is that love which respects humanity and seeks the best for all. The shaping force for interpersonal relationships is *agape* love. God who created the universe out of love, rescued sinful humanity out of love, dwells in the depths of our own lives out of love, calls us to reflect this love in our relationships with God and with other people.

- What are some ways in which people express their love for one another?
- How can we express our love for God?
- What does it mean for love to be the overall direction for our lives?
- When is it hard to live by these two great commandments, to love God with all our being and to love our neighbour as we love ourselves?

Rev Ron Potter - piulapublications.com

Nambour Uniting Church

Welcome to Sunday Worship

Rev Peter Hall 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

We continue on from last week with both Matthew and Paul's letter to the Thessalonians. In the Matthew reading we have the summary of the Law in two verses that is known as the Shema. The word translates as 'hear', being the first word of the clause, "Hear, O Israel, ..."

So how much law is summarised? Well, scholars state that in Jesus' day there were 613 commandments – 365 negative and 245 positive. The Pharisees sought to keep them all. To put this in perspective, how many laws in our own State of Queensland do we have to keep? There are three levels i.e. the local Council by-laws, the State laws and the Commonwealth laws. I wonder how many there are all together and how many each of us know. There are, of course, quite a few that will not apply to us due to our particular circumstances but we are expected under Law to know them all. Do you? It has been said that we break a law every day without knowing. No doubt the opposite is also true, that we fulfil laws without even knowing we do so.

When we look at the Scripture from this perspective it is easier to understand the difference between the Pharisees and most of the population. Psalm 15 by David appears to be an attempt at a summary of the Law – practical advice. One can also understand why Jesus challenged the scribes and lawyers to simplify the laws for ordinary folk.

In the end of it all, one word sums up the whole of the Law – love.

Rev Peter Hall

A great milestone of love - 70 years of devoted marriage

Last Wednesday 21st October 2020, Joyce and Nev Killip celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary.

May the sunshine of happiness always break from the clouds to form a rainbow of God's love in your timeless marriage.

Book Reviewed by Peter Hall

"The Faith of Queen Elizabeth" by Dudley Delffs is a book that is worth reading. Working through the Queen's life and showing how her faith is expressed in word and deed with people from all walks of life, it sets the Queen as example to all of us on how to live our Christian lives. Queen Elizabeth lives the servant role of service that Jesus commanded. Whether you are a republican or a royalist makes no difference, this is a life worth reading about and I encourage people to do so. The book is available from Koorong, price \$27.99.

Doreen Rolfe

Please have in your prayers the family of **Doreen Margaret Rolfe** who recently passed into the loving care of our Lord God. A celebration was held in our Nambour Church last Thursday with Doreen being laid to rest at Woombye Cemetery.

Rev Milton Drake

Rev Milton Drake came into the life of the Uniting Church from the Churches of Christ.

He served as a lay leader in Nambour before being encouraged to be recognised as a Uniting Church minister.

He served as Presbytery Minister of The Downs Presbytery in the early 1990s and later as congregational minister at Kenmore, then as Chief Executive Officer of Lifeline Cairns.

We remember the wonderful gifts of leadership, encouragement and foresight that he brought to ministry.