#### **Nambour Retirement Village Services**

NO VILLAGE SERVICE DUE TO COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS

**CHURCH** 

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Service Roster

# FOR TODAY

#### 20th December 2020 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Minister: Rev Ian Stehbens
Music: Jenny and John Thomas
Readers: Anne and Graham Kent
Prayers: Rev Graham Warne
Data Projector: Alison Hall
Sound system: Linda Woodward
Offering: Retiring offering will be

in place until further notice

Welcome: Our great welcoming team

#### THE BIRTHDAY BOOK

Last week

14 Karen Coates

This week

Jenny ThomasWynn DaviesNoela Bell

26 Sylvia Kirkegaard

AND A BIG HAPPY BIRTHDAY LAST FRIDAY 18th DEC TO

Mrs WINN STEHBENS TURNING 100 YEARS YOUNG!!!

Minister & Pastoral Care

Rev Ian Stehbens 0477 160 578

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Rev Graham Warne 5478 9747

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Ian Woodward 5441 1069
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Rev Ian Stehbens 0477 160 578

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> AFTER 9AM to 2PM Jimmy 0411 314 306

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 20th December 2020**

### **The Way of Submission** Luke 1:26-38

Submission, that's a hated word! We hear of people being beaten into submission. It suggests servile, humiliating defeat. It implies weakness. It reeks of insincerity when we see people using apparent submission as a ruse to get what they want. But Mary's words of submission in Matthew 1:38 have been highly extolled throughout the years. She is pointed to as a model for us to follow for she was submissive to the will and word of God, ready to serve God's purposes in whatever way it was asked of her, irrespective of the cost.

Voluntary submission to the will and word of God lies at the heart of Christian discipleship. We are called to place ourselves in the hands of God, ready for service. This is powerfully voiced in John Wesley's Covenant Prayer which he encouraged his followers to pray at the beginning of each new year.

"I am no longer my own, but thine. Put me to what thou wilt, rank me with whom thou wilt. Put me to doing, put me to suffering. Let me be employed by thee or laid aside for thee, exalted for thee or brought low for thee. Let me be full, let me be empty. Let me have all things, let me have nothing. I freely and heartily yield all things to thy pleasure and disposal. And now, O glorious and blessed God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, thou art mine, and I am thine. So be it. And the covenant which I have made on earth, let it be ratified in heaven. Amen."

- What do you understand submission to mean?
- Under what circumstances would it be wrong for a Christian to be submissive?
- To whom should we, as Christians, submit?
- Perhaps you would like to reflect further and meditate on the words of The Covenant Prayer.

Rev Ron Potter - piulapublications.com

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY Mrs WINN STEHBENS** 100 YEARS YOUNG **Congratulations on** an amazing milestone, The day was filled with sunshine and smiles, laughter and love, and a HAPPY 100th BIRTHDAY **PARTY** 

