

**Nambour Retirement Village Services**

NO VILLAGE SERVICE DUE TO COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS

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**Service Roster**

**FOR TODAY**

**17th January 2021**

**THIRD SUNDAY**

**AFTER CHRISTMAS**

**Minister:** Rev Ian Stehbens

**Music:** Jenny and John Thomas

**Readers:** Graham Kent,

Lyn Colley, Jim Stewart

**Prayers:** Peter Bowden

**Data Projector:** Christine Bowden

**Sound system:** Peter Bowden

**Offering:** Weekly retiring offering

**Welcome:** Our great welcoming team

**Minister & Pastoral Care**

Rev Ian Stehbens 0477 160 578

**Additional Pastoral Care Ministry**

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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Office: most Tuesdays and Thursdays

AFTER 9AM to 2PM

Jimmy 0411 314 306

**THE  
BIRTHDAY  
BOOK**

21 Wayne Troyahn

23 Jenny Brown

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY  
Wayne and Jenny!!**

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 17th January 2021**

**Heaven and Earth Meet Together**

Genesis 28:10-22, John 1:43-51

There are times when heaven and earth come together, when time and eternity coalesce, when spiritual realities are very real. Genesis 28:10-22 carries the story of one such occasion in the experience of Jacob, an important part of the Old Testament narrative. You may have had such experiences yourself – times when, unexpectedly, the presence and power of God seemed very real, making a difference in your life.

I believe that this merger of heaven and earth, eternity and time, the spiritual and the physical, divinity and humanity is happening all the time, but we are not always aware of it. However, the times when we do experience it become important in our spiritual journey.

The New Testament presents Jesus as the great, outstanding instance of this merger happening in history. In him, heaven and earth joined together, God and humanity lived as one. As Jesus said to Nathanael, (John 1:51) If you come with me you will see more than a few miracles, you will, like Jacob of old, see heaven touching earth. He, not the temple whether at Bethel or Jerusalem, is God's great dwelling place on earth, and through him we ourselves become dwelling places for the Spirit of God (2 Corinthians 6:16).

- Recall times, if you can, when God seemed very close and powerfully present to you.
- Bethel means God's house or dwelling place. Why do you think that Jesus identified himself with Bethel in the story of Genesis 28?
- Do you agree that heaven and earth, time and eternity, the spiritual and the physical, the human and the divine overlap or inter-weave each other and are not distinctly separate?
- What follows if we really are temples of God's Spirit?

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