

Nambour Retirement Village Services

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Service Roster

FOR TODAY

24th January 2021

THIRD SUNDAY

AFTER THE EPIPHANY

Minister: Rev Ian Stehbens

Music: Nola

Readers: Marion McDonald, Anne Kent

Prayers: Helen Staines

Data Projector: Sue Nichols

Sound system: Rob Nichols

Offering: Weekly retiring offering

Welcome: Our great welcoming team

Minister & Pastoral Care

Rev Ian Stehbens 0477 160 578

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Rev Graham Warne 5478 9747

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Congregation Chairperson

Ian Woodward 5441 1069

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AFTER 9AM to 2PM

Jimmy 0411 314 306

**THE
BIRTHDAY
BOOK**

24 Alison Hall

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY
ALISON!!**

Lectionary Readings

24 January 2021

Mark 1:16-19 & 3:7-15,

Mark 8:27-33,

Mark 14:53-55 & 60-64,

Mark 15:21-25 & 33-41.



Nambour Uniting Church

9AM Sunday Worship Service

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

Sunday 24th January 2021

What Kind of Messiah? - Mark 1:14-20

Whether it be the child's eagerly awaited birthday party, the pregnant mother's birthing expectations, or a carefully planned major holiday, there comes a time when the period of waiting is ended and anticipation turns into lived experience. When the time arrives, it may live up to expectations or be a great disappointment. It may exceed expectations.

All four gospel writers tell us that the life, death and resurrection of Jesus was the fulfilment of Israelite expectations about a coming Messiah. "The kingdom of God has come near," they said. However, for many of his fellow citizens, he was so different from what they expected that they could not identify him as such. They still await the coming of the Messiah. That's not surprising. Instead of ruling with political, military and economic power, his rule was an expression of love – self-giving, compassionate, holy love. Instead of being for Israel alone, it was for all people.

For those who could see it, it exceeded all expectations. It called for a complete change of approach. Hence the call to repent and believe. It involves the dethronement of our ego and our cooperation with the Spirit of Christ dwelling within us.

Could this be the message for Australia on Australia Day? National greatness does not come from finding a political, military and economic messiah, but from allowing Christ to have his way in national, community, family and personal life.

- Recall times when your periods of expectation came to fruition. Were your expectations realized or exceeded, or were you disappointed?
- If Jesus was so different from the Messiah generally expected in his day, why claim for him the title of Messiah?
- Why is it necessary to repent and believe to become part of the kingdom of God?
- What makes a nation truly great?

Rev Ron Potter - piulapublications.com

Nambour Uniting Church
Welcome to our Sunday Worship Service

Rev Ian Stehbens 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

School holidays are almost over, our Church and congregation continues to move forward in these times of the covid virus.

Thank you to everyone for trying to be safe as we can.
Christmas has come and gone, we thank our Lord Jesus for his ministry that can be relied upon during hard times and also good times.

A new year, possibly a safer and healthier year with several vaccines to be available against the covid-19 virus.

We pray for our members and families of our Church, our communities we live and serve in, for our health system and its front-line staff, and all peoples in the world.

Rev Ian Stehbens will be leading his last Sunday Worship in our service on the 31st January 2021 as our Minister. Everyone is welcome to come and celebrate Rev Ian's ministry which comes to an end 19 months after being here for a short 3 month stint. Our Church has greatly valued his work along with Rev Margaret's support.

Home Bible Study Group will be meeting again this year with the first get together on the 2nd February 2021 at the Church in the downstairs room. From 9.30AM. Everyone is welcome to come along.

New Rosters for the months of February & March.
We are looking for extra helpers. ... please!

Our Church is still under Government regulations limiting the number of people attending, also we are under covid-safe-industry-plan-places-of-worship requirements, so it is still vitally important that you contact Jeanette Warne 54789747 or Mobile 0417780151 or email kybernetes210@gmail.com on the **Wednesday or Thursday before, between the hours of 12noon – 7pm each week** to let her know you are attending. Upon entry to our Church, a new digital system is being prepared and enacted. Please be gentle in your actions with the greeters and operators of this new system as we continue to live with the covid threat.

Please remember, attending worship affirms 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. Please be aware that persons aged 70 and over, and people with chronic medical conditions are at a greater risk of serious illness by involvement in public group places. We all must still be attentive to all guidelines directed by health professionals as much as we can.