

Nambour Retirement Village Services

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Service Roster

FOR TODAY

31st January 2021

FOURTH SUNDAY

AFTER THE EPIPHANY

Minister: Rev Ian Stehbens

Music: Jenny and John Thomas

Readers: Jeanette Warne, Sheila Hodges

Prayers: Ian Woodward

Data Projector: Alison Hall

Sound system: Linda Woodward

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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Congregation Chairperson

Ian Woodward 5441 1069

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AFTER 9AM to 2PM

Jimmy 0411 314 306

**THE
BIRTHDAY
BOOK**

3 Judith McKenzie

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY
JUDY!!**

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.



Nambour Uniting Church

9AM Sunday Worship Service

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

Sunday 31st January 2021

Humble but Confident - Mark 1:21-28

Confidence makes a world of difference. If you believe in your ability to accomplish something, you probably will; if you lack that confidence, you almost certainly won't. Watch people playing sport, delivering speeches, going into business, bringing up children, or any other activity that people engage in. Provided the confidence is well-grounded and the aims realistic, people who act and speak with confidence inspire others and achieve things that people lacking that confidence never will.

According to Mark, the people of Capernaum were amazed at the level of authority or confidence with which Jesus addressed the assembled people in the synagogue. He had not come through any of the great rabbinic schools nor did he back up what he had to say by quoting other authorities. He was sure of who he was and what he had to say.

How confident are we in our faith, in our witnessing, in our presenting Christ to others? A half-hearted approach will get nowhere, but neither will an arrogant, imperious approach. Christian confidence arises out of our lived relationship with God, the experience of Christ in our lives, the presence of the Holy Spirit within. The authority upon which our confidence rests is not our own knowledge or ability but that of Jesus Christ himself. That is why we can witness and serve with authority in humility, because it is not based upon our own ability, but on the power of God at work not only within us, but also in the lives of others and in all creation.

- What builds up self-confidence? What undermines it?
- Where did Jesus get his authority from?
- What undermines your confidence to witness for Christ?
- Why is it important to link authority with humility?

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

TODAY

Baptism of Lachlan and Isabella

Please join us TODAY in welcoming Kerry who has brought her two children, Lachlan Kevan Wade-Pike and Isabella Rose Wade-Pike, to be presented to our congregation in their witness of the holy sacrament and an ordinance of Jesus Christ that is a sign and seal of the covenant of grace through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

May our creator place loving blessings upon
Lachlan and Isabella.

Welcome to family and friends on this baptism day.
We truly believe that they shall be looked upon
with the grace of our lord Jesus, Amen.

New Rosters

**February & March rosters are available now,
some have been emailed, more have been printed
and are in the foyer.**

Some more helpers would be appreciated.

Home Bible Study Group will be meeting again this year with the first get together **this Tuesday 2nd February 2021** at the Church in the downstairs room.

From 9.30AM and everyone is welcome to come along.

Rev Ian Stehbens leading Sunday Worship

Rev Ian Stehbens will be leading his last Sunday Worship in our service today, 31st January 2021 as our Minister. Welcome to family and friends, welcome to our congregation, welcome to all who have gathered here to trust in our Lord. We celebrate Rev Ian's ministry which comes to an end after 19 months, the original posting was a supply fill-in role for a short 3 months. In this 19 months, Ian has been, and still is, a very passionate leader for God and Jesus with his pastoral ministry, supporting all of us at various times. His passion is also for the environment with particular attention to the Yabba valley, which included an Ecology weekend that partnered with ECOllaboration (the environmental group renting Amity House behind our Church). Rev Ian was instrumental in the recognition of Gerry Zwart's parents as Righteous Among The Nations as they had helped the Jews in Nazi Germany as Rescuers of Jews during the Holocaust.

Rev Ian empowered the NeXus Monthly Journal to be published as an aid for further study and worship, including the banner of the fish in the foyer presenting this work as a tribute to the Glory of God. In August 2020, Dr Steven and Adele Nisbet were invited to A Celebration of Music in Worship, a truly inspiring event.

Of course there was CoVid-19! This time period has allowed us all to reevaluate our callings and gifts, with services being emailed and also broadcast into smart phones. Rev Ian organised this with such great help from valued members of our congregation. AND this weekend the School of Prayer was attended by many. This ministry of 19 months shows the great desire that Rev Ian has for each and every one of us in this Church, in this community, and in this entire world!

Our Church has greatly valued his work along with Rev Margaret's support. We also thank Rev Noel, Rev Peter, Rev Graham, the Kerr's and Mary Fletcher for their ministry during a months break for Ian. May God keep on blessing Ian and Margaret in their future.