

Nambour Retirement Village Services

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Nambour Uniting Church

9AM Sunday Worship Service

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

Sunday 21st February 2021

Temptation Mark 1:9-15

Artistic representations of Satan usually depict a grotesque, horrible figure with horns and a tail, but in real temptation the tempter never appears like that at all. The whole thing about temptation is that it is highly desirable. It's entirely plausible. If it signalled its presence with horror and shame, it would lose its appeal.

Jesus' temptations in the wilderness, as described by Matthew and Luke, were noble and popularly expected ways for the Messiah to act: supply manna to feed the hungry as God did in the time of Moses; through the use of miracle, give demonstration of great power; establish an empire to out-rival the Roman Empire but uncontaminated by corruption and the abuse of power.

Temptation does not come to *us* with a frightening face either, but rather with the slick charm that draws us away from Christ's simple call of, "Follow me." It poses the possibility that I would be better off by just relaxing, for this once, an insistence on integrity – look how much good I could do with that money! The break-up of a marriage does not start with that intention. It starts with, "I want to be loved," "I want to express myself," "I want to be free," "I want to be in control."

Temptations to sin do come. There is no escaping that. And they come in the most unexpected and innocent-looking ways. There are winds that blow us off course if we let them: it is for us to be aware of this and to resolutely counteract them by allowing the winds of God's Spirit to prevail, seeking forgiveness when we fail.

- What are some ways in which the words *tempt* and *temptation* are used in everyday speech?
- Why do you think artists represented the Tempter as ugly and menacing?
- Give examples of temptations that appear attractive and desirable.
- How can we allow the winds of God's Spirit to guide us in the face of those forces that try to blow us off course?

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Service Roster FOR TODAY 21st February 2021 FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

Minister: Pastor Margaret Niethé
Music: Rosemary
Readers: Sheila Hodges, Lyn Colley
Prayers: Peter Bowden
Data Projector: Christine Bowden
Sound system: Peter Bowden
Offering: Weekly retiring offering
Welcome: Our great welcoming team

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THE BIRTHDAY BOOK

21 Graham Warne
24 Vic Hodges
25 Roy Phoebe

HAPPY BIRTHDAY Graham, Vic & Roy

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.

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Welcome to our Sunday Worship Service

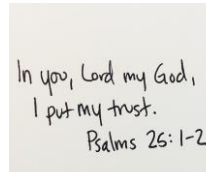
The Nambour congregation welcomes everyone to worship. Please welcome Pastor Margaret Niethe.
We accept all who gather to worship in peace,
with an invitation to pray and reflect in the Prayer Chapel at any time our Church is open.
May the peace of the Lord be with you

Please make very welcome our attending minister Pastor Margaret Niethe First Sunday in Lent

Readings for today

Genesis 9:8-15,
1 Peter 3:18-22,
Mark 1:9-15,
Psalm 25:1-10.

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Activities in our Church this week;
TODAY Sunday 21st February 2021
Sunday Worship Service 9AM
Alcoholics Anonymous 6PM-8PM

Monday

Linus 8.30AM-2.30PM

Tuesday

Indoor Bowls 9AM-12noon

Narcotics Australia 12noon-2PM

Wednesday

Alcoholics Anonymous 5.30PM-8PM

Thursday

Adult fellowship 9AM-12noon

Piano tuning Church & hall

Narcotics Australia 12noon-2PM

Saturday 28th February 2021

Nambour Orchid Society 12.15PM-4.15PM

Narcotics Australia 6PM-9PM

First Sunday in LENT

Lent comes around each year and presents us with its usual challenge to take stock of our lives, to see more clearly what is in our hearts, and to discover what might be calling us out of our comfort zones.

It is a time for personal as well as group reflection, a time for entering into 'the wilderness' and grappling with the mysteries of life, as well as a time of preparation for Easter. (Liturgies during) Lent invites us to reflect on Jesus' 'forty-day' experience in the wilderness. Jesus is 'filled with the Holy Spirit' and, like so many human beings before and since, is 'led by the Spirit' into the wilderness of life to be 'tested' there. ('Tested' is a more accurate translation of the Greek than 'tempted').

Forty is a symbolic number in Israel's story: the great flood lasts forty days and forty nights; Moses spends forty days and forty nights on the mountain of God; Israel wanders for forty years in the wilderness; King David reigns for forty years; the prophet Elijah travels forty days and forty nights in the wilderness on his way to the mountain of God.

Extract from Sister Veronica Lawson

Sunday 28th February 2021

Rev Bruce Johnson has accepted an invitation to lead our Sunday Worship Service on 28th February

Church Council meeting will be held on this day after the Sunday Worship Service.

The next publication of the **NeXus Monthly Journal** will be ready during the month of March 2021.

The theme will be **Lent Leading Up To Easter**.

If you have anything of special interest please contact Jimmy in the office.