

Rev Glenn Ingram - Minister's Message

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

Last Sunday afternoon I was walking the dog along the road and a voice, that of my neighbour, called out, 'G'day old timer!' I looked around. There was no-one else there and realised he was speaking to me. It made me think a bit for in my memory of experiences an old timer was often someone who was quite old, looked a bit scruffy, had a beard, wore an old hat, smoked a pipe and carried a swag along the track accompanied by his faithful dog. Apart from my dog I didn't consider the title at all relevant to me and I know my neighbour certainly wasn't deriding me.

However, it made me consider names for even as children we used to recite, '**Sticks and stones can break my bones but names can never hurt me.**' Yet they do mean something.

This month we'll look briefly at the book of Job. The root meaning of Job is *hated* or *persecuted* so maybe 'old timer' doesn't sound quite so bad. I don't think it would be very nice to have people call out, 'Hey Persecuted, come over here!' However, there are other ancient manuscript a little like Job though the book of Job specifically explores the question of suffering and the nature of God. If we have read it we'll remember how Job appears as a good, God-fearing, well respected man and in the course of time has many children and amasses many flocks or herds of animals. In other words, Job is a wealthy, well-loved man.

But suddenly he loses it all. In various ways his animals are taken and a building collapses on his children and they too are killed. On top of all that he is afflicted with terrible sores from the top of his head to his feet! Job is in a real mess. In fact, at one point his wife says, 'Curse God and die.' In a culture steeped in the understanding that good people are blessed by God and bad people are cursed it is perhaps easy to understand why Job questions God while his friends maintain that Job is secretly evil. But the name of Job, certainly identifies him with the persecuted ones.

Scripture also highlights different names for God. Moses came to know of this God as '**I Am Who I Am**' when he was confronted by a bush that was burning and the Lord speaking to him. Abraham on Mt. Moriah speaks of God as **Yahwah-Jirah** or **The Lord my Provider** when a ram was provided as he was about to sacrifice Isaac. And there are many others.

In the New Testament according to Acts 11 the disciples of Jesus were first called Christians at Antioch. In others words the community at Antioch understood them to be followers of Jesus Christ and atheistic to the roman gods by what they did and what they said. They were **Christed people**. Suddenly we are on to something very important for we might ask how does the community view us? *The religious sort, some sort of hypocrite, a church-goer, an old timer even a god-botherer or a high flier* as someone said to me? I guess it depends on how people understand faith but I'm sure we'd all appreciate being called a **'Follower of Jesus Christ'** because **by the grace of God we are seeking to live up to that name by faith, word and action**. There really is something very important in the name!

Blessings Rev Glenn

=====

REV MAILE MOLITIKA

A few words to introduce us more fully to Rev Maile Molitika whom we have invited to be our new Minister of the Word. We are looking forward to him commencing his ministry with us early in 2022.

Maile arrived in Australia in 1984 and lived in Sydney for a number of years. During that time, he studied and was involved in the local Uniting Church, holding various positions as a lay person before training for the Ministry. Maile commenced theology study privately, having already been accepted as a Lay Preacher.



Rev Maile and his lovely wife Siale

He presented as a Candidate for Ministry in 2001 and his first placement was as Minister of the Word at Narrandara in rural NSW. He and his wife share a great interest in music.

Ten years ago he moved to Queensland as the Minister at Park Uniting Church in Brisbane and has led that congregation ever since. Park Uniting Church is a congregation which includes many of the local Tongan Community from that area.

Maile & Siale have a family of 6 children, all of whom are now adults, but they continue to care for their 11-year-old grandson who is looking forward to coming to Nambour with them.

Ian Woodward has recently visited Maile & Siale in Brisbane and Ian tells us they shared very happy thoughts about joining us in Nambour.

We pray for God's blessing on Rev Maile's ministry with us we pray for his wife and family, and also on our support and encouragement for him.

The **NeXus** between our mission and our spiritual power is the gathered congregation. While God comes to us by His Spirit thus transforming us by his grace, we are drawn into precious fellowship with each other. As a congregation gathers for worship, it is being strengthened, then sent out again for a missional purpose.

In times such as these, this copy of **Nambour NeXus** is provided so that you may have resources to assist you in your personal or household worship of God, to assist you in growing your faith, and to encourage your concern and prayers for others.

MAKING A DIFFERENCE THROUGH OUTBACK LINKS

As an offshoot of Frontier Services, Outback Links (OBL) connects volunteers with people in remote Australia doing it tough. Practical help is provided through anything from care taking to property maintenance, gardening to painting, help in the home or perhaps general farm support.

Our “new beginning” started with OBL in 2006 and what an opportunity that has proven to be even now in 2021. With connections from Windorah to Charleville, Augathella, Morven, Bollon, Surat and Murgon our time with OBL has held many amazing experiences. There’s probably a book full of special tales, (some daunting, some sad and some quite humorous) to be told.

Since our first placement my involvement has been in household chores, rejuvenating house and vegetable gardens, pruning orchards, sewing curtains and quilts, entertaining youngsters (I have read endless stories), doing bookwork and providing company for the amazing women who are housekeeper, mother, home schooler, gardener and most importantly right-hand roustabout to their husbands.

Kevin’s handyman skills have included renovating bathrooms and toilets, replacing insect screens on houses and shearer’s quarters, painting kitchens, paving all weather paths, helping rebuild blown apart sheds among other things. While out and about he has become adept at erecting fences (some 60km or so to date), mustering cattle and sheep, used a backhoe to bury a cow, even driven a dozer to clear irrigations channels, among many other much needed odd jobs. All these tasks happen no matter the weather, be it in 47 degree heat for over a week in summer, or under 10 degrees for five or six days in a row in winter, with a stiff westerly blowing.

There are endless benefits that flow from the physical efforts of volunteers and while our individual abilities are now somewhat diminished as the years have elapsed, more important to us are the bonds that have grown with these families. We have made a conscious effort to develop real connections with them and have become as much part of their family as they are of ours. We arrive as complete strangers, but within the space of a few weeks, we depart as firm friends.

We have regular contact with our families via email, SMS and telephone calls; sometimes for just a chat, (good for an hour or so), and sometimes to talk over a problem property-wise or family-wise; in other words being a listening ear.

One of the nicest feelings of all is to receive in the mail a large envelope addressed in colourful printing

Marvellous MaMarg & Krackin PaKev, 10 Cooe Court, Nambour Q 4560

crammed with marvellous artworks created by some of our adopted grandchildren.

This surely is in answer to “Dear Lord, please help me be your hands on earth.”

Love and blessings, Margaret Johnston

DAILY PRAYERS

With our focus this month on Frontier Services
our Prayers look to God as

'Our God of the Outback'

Let us pray together

DAY 1

Our God of the Outback – You know what it is like... you were there with Moses when he was lost in the wilderness. You led him and fed them all, guiding them safely to the Promised Land.

For many of those in the outback today it is their Promised Land, but it can be tough and they can get lost in the vastness stretching around them.

Lead them in your way, feed them with your loving care and guide them safely day by day.

Lord, Jesus, may we go out into the world to shine with your love, listen with your ears and speak words of kindness and hope to everyone we meet – in your name.

DAY 2

Our God of the Outback – you know what it is like...you were there with David, youngest brother, left alone to mind the sheep, while the others were excitedly meeting important officials.

Be with those in the outback today who are feeling left alone in a tough world, fearful of what might come and envious of other's good fortune. 'Our next door neighbour had good rain and we had nothing,'

Lead them in your way, support them with your loving arm and guide them safely day by day.

Lord Jesus, may we go out into the world to shine with your love, listen with your ears and speak words of kindness and hope to everyone we meet – in your name



DAY 3

Our God of the Outback – you know what it is like... you were there with Esther all those years ago, and although your name is not mentioned in her Bible story she knew you were there with her.

Loving God, there are many of us in the Outback who do not mention your name in our stories but know you are always with us - loving, guiding, caring for us day by day. Give us the strength to mention you, even talk boldly about you, in our daily world because there are many others who need to hear and own your name.

Lead us in your way, support us with your loving arm and guide us safely day by day. Lord, Jesus, may we go out into the world to shine with your love, listen with your ears and speak words of kindness and hope to everyone we meet – in your name

DAY 4

Our God of the Outback – you know what it is like... you were there when your son spent 40 days and 40 nights being tempted in the outback desert.

Be with those in their own deserts, being tempted day by day. The world has so much to offer and at times it is too difficult to know what will keep us close to you, Take us all under your wing and steer us in your way, guiding us safely day by day.

Lord, Jesus, may we go out into the world to shine with your love, listen with your ears and speak words of kindness and hope to everyone we meet – in your name

DAY 5

Our God of the Outback – you know what it is like...you were there with Paul, imprisoned day and night but still speaking of your glory. Dear Lord, these are troubled times, we have become lost in a maze of fear and anxiety. Each day brings distressing reports of illness and death. Like Paul we are in lockdown and frustrated at being so restricted, give us the courage and the trust to hold on to our faith in you and share it with others. Lead us in your way, support us with your loving arm and guide us safely day by day. Lord, Jesus, may we go out into the world to shine with your love, listen with your ears and speak words of kindness and hope to everyone we meet – in your name.

DAY 6

Our God of the Outback – you know what it is like... you were there with Rev John Flynn when he saw the need and grasped the vision, leading to the beginning of the Royal Flying Doctor Service which has opened up the vastness of the Outback. Be with those today who feel themselves cut off from friends and family, especially those in remote areas and in Lockdown across the world. Help us to reach out to one another with loving care and compassion, so that we can all live our best life for you. Lead us in your way, support us with your loving arm and guide us safely day by day. Lord, Jesus, may we go out into the world to shine with your love, listen with your ears and speak words of kindness and hope to everyone we meet – in your name

DAY 7

Our God of the Outback, you know what it is like – you have been there for many years with the Frontier Services Links folk and the Chaplains as they offer friendship & care and freely share your word. And you were there with a lonely young woman, far away from her own family and friends, struggling in her aloneness to support husband and children. But Lord, she knew you were there with her as she gave her care and support to the indigenous women and children day by day. Lead us in your way, support us with your loving arm and guide us safely day by day. Lord, Jesus, may we go out into the world to shine with your love, listen with your ears and speak words of kindness and hope to everyone we meet – in your name

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF FIRST NATIONS PEOPLE

This land on which we live and worship is God's land and God's Spirit dwells here.

We acknowledge the Kabi Kabi people,
traditional custodians

under God of the Sunshine Coast
and its hinterland.

We pay our respects and pray for their elders
and all their descendants.

We are thankful that we can share with them
in our community and nation.

We reaffirm our commitment to care for the
land and participate in the reconciling
journey, for God requires this of us.

CHURCH EMAIL

FACEBOOK

YOUTUBE CHANNEL

WEBSITE

nambouruca@gmail.com

www.facebook.com/nambouruniting.church

[nambouruca.youtube](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC...)

nambouruniting.org.au

2021 Sunday Services are available on the Nambour Uniting Church Website and youtube

The website also contains Mission Possible photos, word study, reflections, stained glass windows and more

Thanks to Don Heaton for recording our Services, and Ian Brown for our great website

BETTY JENKINS – in the OUTBACK

As a young woman Betty trained as a nurse in Rockhampton and volunteered to work with the Australian Inland Mission in outback Australia.

And this is her story as she remembers it –

'My first appointment was at FITZROY CROSSING in Western Australia. It is 200 miles from Derby on the west coast and 200 miles from Hall's Creek in the East Kimberleys. We spent 2 weeks getting there from Brisbane by train to Mt. Isa, bus to Tenant Creek, Padre utility to Darwin, small plane to Hall's Creek and then with the Padre to Fitzroy Crossing, calling in on all the stations in our network.

It was a community of 10 whites and lots of Aborigines. There was a United Aboriginal Mission at Fitzroy Crossing with Preston Walker in charge. The Flying Doctor came once a fortnight flying in from Wyndham although our contact base by transceiver was at Derby. On a couple of occasions Ophthalmologists flew in for treatment of trachoma in the Aboriginal population. I had 2 weeks training at the Dental Hospital and on occasions had to pull teeth.

Once at the hospital we had to conduct a Funeral for a person from a property in the district.

My next appointment was to RADIUM HILL, 80 Kilometres from Broken Hill. It was a uranium mining town with a population of 1000 people. It was an eventful trip just getting there, with the train from Brisbane to Broken Hill, and then, because the roads were impassable after rain, I was put on another train to go to a siding called Cutana. Here the transport officer of the mine met me and drove over slippery roads to the hospital.

The hospital was very busy – with births and mine accidents, as well as other hospital cases. Some miners thought we [2 of us] shouldn't have to do all the cooking and other work as well as one of us always being on call.

The Flying Doctor came once a fortnight. We also took Sunday School, played tennis and I taught dress making at the school.

It was here that Betty met Jack Jenkins, a pilot with the Royal Flying Doctor Service at Broken Hill. Jack & Betty were married in 1956 and made Broken Hill their home. Their two Daughters, Frances & Maree, grew up there. In retirement they moved to Nambour in 1981.

Her life has been one of giving - always thinking what she could do to help others.



"We were reminded of the resilience of the people of the bush and how tough some were doing. It brought home to us how important the work of Frontier Services is for families, and for workers who are away from their families."
Pinjarra Uniting Church

Great Outback BBQ

Each year the Great Outback BBQ raises vital funds to keep Frontier Services on the road in remote Australia.

At this time of year we are all invited to our own Great Outback BBQ event at Church to show our support for Frontier Services.

On the **10th October**, we will gather around the BBQ raising money and support for a great cause – our farming and regional communities.

Waiting in the Side Loop



Trains fascinate me. I never cease to marvel at the way railways are able to keep trains moving in both directions, using only a single track. Single track working relies on a series of loops in which one train can be held, while another travelling in the opposite direction, passes it. Of course, modern computers make it much easier to

"keep track" of them. But when one goods train can have four locomotives and 70 freight cars, it must really test the system.

Nevertheless, the system can prove frustrating for impatient travellers. On one occasion, our express was moving along quite well, on a single track, until quite suddenly we came to a stop. It was dead of night and we were stuck in the middle of nowhere. We sat there, motionless, in what seemed to be black empty space, waiting. Then it came, another express travelling in the opposite direction. With a great roar and a flicker of lights, it flashed past us before disappearing into the night once again. Now we knew why we were stuck in the side loop. As that speeding train flashed past us, I was very grateful indeed to be sitting in the side loop.

Sometimes in life we find ourselves in a side loop situation, just sitting, going nowhere. Most find the waiting very difficult. We impatient humans seem to want to be always on the move, but there are times when we come to a complete standstill, going nowhere, uncertain about our future direction.

Yet I am sure that God puts us into a side loop for good reason. For one thing, we learn patience. There is not much else we can do but wait. For impatient people such as myself, we need to learn how to wait quietly for the future to unfold. We may have been rushing headlong into a disastrous situation. The temporary "on hold" has not only prevented certain disaster but provided a much needed opportunity to review our position. Time has an incredible knack of sorting things out!

Rather than complain about "being stuck" or "going nowhere" (such as during a Covid lockdown), we should welcome these enforced opportunities to review our current progress and status. Perhaps it is time to re-evaluate our lifestyle and recalibrate our values. The Prophet Isaiah recognised that "in quietness and trust is your strength" (Isa. 30:15). Times out for review and reflection are vital in ensuring a safe journey through life. You never know, we may avoid making some very serious mistakes! Side loops are necessary stages along the journey.

Rev Graham Warne

(Next Month we'll follow up with some reflections on the value of a regular Sabbath!)

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

OCTOBER 2021

PLEASE CLICK ON THE READING LINKS BELOW
TO ACCESS THE VERSES OF THE DAILY BIBLE READINGS
ON THE VANDERBILT LECTIONARY WEBSITE

Friday, October 1, 2021: [Psalm 26](#); [Job 4:1-21](#); [Romans 8:1-11](#); [Psalm 8](#); [Genesis 21:22-34](#)
Saturday, October 2, 2021: [Psalm 26](#); [Job 7:1-21](#); [Luke 16:14-18](#); [Psalm 8](#); [Genesis 23:1-20](#)
Sunday, October 3, 2021: [Job 42:1-6, 10-17](#); [Psalm 34:1-8, \(19-22\)](#); [Jeremiah 31:7-9](#);
Monday, October 4, 2021: [Psalm 55:1-15](#); [Job 8:1-22](#); [1 Corinthians 7:1-9](#); [Psalm 112](#)
Tuesday, October 5, 2021: [Psalm 55:1-15](#); [Job 11:1-20](#); [1 Corinthians 7:10-16](#); [Psalm 112](#)
Wednesday, October 6, 2021: [Psalm 55:1-15](#); [Job 15:1-35](#); [Matthew 5:27-36](#); [Psalm 112](#)
Thursday, October 7, 2021: [Psalm 22:1-15](#); [Job 17:1-16](#); [Hebrews 3:7-19](#); [Psalm 90:12-17](#)
Friday, October 8, 2021: [Psalm 22:1-15](#); [Job 18:1-21](#); [Hebrews 4:1-11](#); [Psalm 90:12-17](#)
Saturday, October 9, 2021: [Psalm 22:1-15](#); [Job 20:1-29](#); [Matthew 15:1-9](#); [Psalm 90:12-17](#)
Sunday, October 10, 2021: [Job 23:1-9, 16-17](#); [Psalm 22:1-15](#); [Hebrews 4:12-16](#); [Mark 10:17-31](#)
Monday, October 11, 2021: [Psalm 39](#); [Job 26:1-14](#); [Revelation 7:9-17](#); [Psalm 26](#); [Obadiah 1:1-9](#)
Tuesday, October 12, 2021: [Psalm 39](#); [Job 28:12-29:10](#); [Revelation 8:1-5](#); [Psalm 26](#)
Wednesday, October 13, 2021: [Psalm 39](#); [Job 32:1-22](#); [Luke 16:19-31](#); [Psalm 26](#)
Thursday, October 14, 2021: [Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35b](#); [Romans 15:7-13](#); [Psalm 91:9-16](#);
Friday, October 15, 2021: [Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35b](#); [Job 37:1-24](#); [Revelation 17:1-18](#);
Saturday, October 16, 2021: [Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35b](#); [Job 39:1-30](#); [Luke 22:24-30](#); [Psalm 91:9-16](#)
Sunday, October 17, 2021: [Job 38:1-7, 34-41](#); [Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35c](#); [Hebrews 5:1-10](#);
Monday, October 18, 2021: [Psalm 75](#); [Job 40:1-24](#); [Hebrews 6:1-12](#); [Psalm 37:23-40](#)
Tuesday, October 19, 2021: [Psalm 75](#); [Job 41:1-11](#); [Hebrews 6:13-20](#); [Psalm 37:23-40](#)
Wednesday, October 20, 2021: [Psalm 75](#); [Job 41:12-34](#); [John 13:1-17](#); [Psalm 37:23-40](#)
Thursday, October 21, 2021: [Psalm 34:1-8](#); [2 Kings 20:12-19](#); [Hebrews 7:1-10](#); [Psalm 126](#)
Friday, October 22, 2021: [Psalm 34:1-8](#); [Nehemiah 1:1-11](#); [Hebrews 7:11-22](#); [Psalm 126](#);
Saturday, October 23, 2021: [Psalm 34:1-8](#); [Job 42:7-9](#); [Mark 8:22-26](#); [Psalm 126](#);
Sunday, October 24, 2021: [Job 42:1-6, 10-17](#); [Psalm 34:1-8, \(19-22\)](#); [Jeremiah 31:7-9](#);
Monday, October 25, 2021: [Psalm 28](#); [Isaiah 59:9-19](#); [1 Peter 2:1-10](#); [Psalm 119:17-24](#)
Tuesday, October 26, 2021: [Psalm 28](#); [Ezekiel 18:1-32](#); [Acts 9:32-35](#); [Psalm 119:17-24](#)
Wednesday, October 27, 2021: [Psalm 28](#); [Ezekiel 14:12-23](#); [Matthew 20:29-34](#); [Psalm 119:17-24](#)
Thursday, October 28, 2021: [Psalm 146](#); [Ruth 1:18-22](#); [Hebrews 9:1-12](#); [Psalm 119:1-8](#)
Friday, October 29, 2021: [Psalm 146](#); [Ruth 2:1-9](#); [Romans 3:21-31](#); [Psalm 119:1-8](#)

Church Council Officers

Ian Woodward - Chair

Helen Staines - Secretary

Lyn Metelerkamp - Treasurer

Lynn Blackwood-Troyahn

Property & Compliance

Church & Office: 5441 1135
37 Coronation Drive NAMBOUR QLD 4560
PO Box 1100, NAMBOUR, Q 4560
Office: open most Tuesdays and Thursdays
9.30AM to 2PM Jimmy 0411 314 306

Minister

Rev Glenn Ingram 0453 677 303

Pastoral Care Ministry

Rev Graham Warne 5478 9747

Eva Donaldson Lay Co-ordinator 5441 3381

Nambour Congregation Chairperson

Ian Woodward 5441 1069