#### **Nambour Retirement Village Services**

6th February Bowder 11.00AM 20th February McGowan 11.00AM 21st February Rotary 2.00PM

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Service Roster

# 23 January 2022 Third Sunday After The Epiphany

Minister: Rev Maile Molitika Music: Jenny and John Thomas

Readers: Linda Woodward, Rod Ehrenberg

Prayers: Sheila Hodges

Data Projector: Alison Hall

**Sound System:** Linda Woodward **Offering:** Weekly retiring offering **Welcome**: Our great welcoming team

#### **Ministry**

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# THE BIRTHDAY BOOK

23 Jenny Brown24 Alison Hall

HAPPY
BIRTHDAY
Jenny and Alison!!

# VANDERBILT LECTIONARY NEXT WEEK'S READINGS for 30 January 2022

Jeremiah 1:4-10, Psalm 71:1-6, 1 Corinthians 13:1-13, Luke:421-30.



# **Nambour Uniting Church**

9AM Sunday Worship Service

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

# **SUNDAY 23rd January 2022**

## **Epiphany 3**

**Collect:** God of all mercy, your Son proclaimed good news to the poor, release to the captives, and freedom to the oppressed: anoint us with your Holy Spirit and set all your people free to praise you in Christ our Lord

## The body of Christ

In his book, *Fearfully and wonderfully Made*, Phillip Yancey describes the way a human body functions – and sometimes malfunctions. He goes on to discuss the way these functions parallel the work of the church, which as the bible tells us, is the body of Christ.

Many of us, Yancey says, assume that the brain serves as something of a biological dictator. It tells the body what to do. But that's not the whole story. The brain does tell the body what to do, but at the most basic cellular level each individual cell has a certain amount of freedom to do what it finds best. For example, if the brain says to move the leg but the leg is too badly injured, the muscle cells will not move it. Or, if the brain tells the hand to open the door knob, but the knob turns out to be red-hot because there's a fire on the other side of the door, the hand muscles won't obey.

Yet, even here, things aren't simple and straightforward. It is still possible for the brain to override the hand muscles' reluctance. If the brain knew, for example, that grabbing a red-hot door knob was the only way to escape a burning building, the brain will override the hand muscles and command the hand to do something that will cause it harm, for the greater good of the whole body.

Yancey's point is that freedom is structured into us at the most basic cellular level; indeed, it seems to be one of the laws of God universe. In a healthy body, that freedom is always exercised for the benefit of the body as a whole, although in some forms of sickness certain parts of the body or renegade cells may turn on the rest to serve only their own interests. Even so, that ideal of responsible freedom is always there, as God's intention for us.

Paul Brand and Philip Yancey, Fearfully and Wonderfully Made (Grand Rapids, Michigan: Zondervan, 1980)

**Grace & Peace, Rev Maile** 

# Nambour Uniting Church Welcome to our Sunday Worship Service

The Nambour congregation welcomes everyone to worship.

#### Please welcome and thank our minister Rev Maile Molitika

as we accept all who gather to worship in peace and hope, with an invitation to pray and reflect in the Prayer Chapel at any time our Church is open.

## Volcano disaster, tidal wave and massive ash deposit

As we pray for the Tongan nation, please support for Tongan disaster through Act for Peace. A retiring bowl is placed in the foyer for your contributions to aid the peoples of Tonga.

This is the first Tsunami that hit the Island despite the many warnings in the past. We thank God for everything that has happened limiting the number of fatalities with the most damage happening to properties. Australia and New Zealand are already there to help the country. The Tongans in Australia are praying for the country through Pasifika Tv and Radio. The main thing for us is to pray for the recovery period that the peace of God be always be with them.

VANDERBILT LECTIONARY TODAY'S READINGS for 23 January 2022

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10 Psalm 19 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a Luke 4:14-21

## **Tuesday Morning Bible Study**

will be re-commencing this
Tuesday 25th January 2022 at
9.30AM in the downstairs hall
of our Church.
Every person who reads this is
welcome to come along.
Contact;
Betty Jenkins 5441 5385

#### **Rosters**

New Rosters for February & March are in progress please let us know if there are any dates which you know you will be away.

## **Uniting Church Moderator –**

2022 is already different from what we expected. Things have changed dramatically in just a few weeks. In a world of increased uncertainty, we give thanks that we are not alone and God is our strength in times of need. We read in Psalm 121; "I lift up my eyes to the hills—from where will my help come? My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth". Rev Andrew Gunton

## **Rev Maile's Proverbs for Daily Living –**

- 1. Hope for the best, get ready for the worst, and then take what God chooses to send.
- 2. A handful of common sense is worth a bushel of learning.

## Activities in our Church this week;

Sunday 23 Jan Sunday Worship Service 9AM

Alcoholics Anonymous 6PM-8PM

Tuesday Indoor Bowls 9AM-12noon

Narcotics Australia 12noon-2PM

Wednesday Australia Day

Alcoholics Anonymous 5.30PM-8PM

Thursday Narcotics Australia 12noon-2PM Saturday 29 Jan Narcotics Australia 6PM-9PM

Please refer to Govt guidelines and social distancing