

### Nambour Retirement Village Services 2023

2 April Bowder Rev Graham 11.00AM  
17 April Rotary Rev Maile 2.00PM

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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 26th March 2023

### Lent 5

**Collect:** God in whom we rely, Christ in whom we have faith, Spirit of all our hopes, we come to worship you and to affirm our confidence in your love. God of life, you have given us our very existence. Even when we are dried up and feel only hopelessness and despair, you enliven us with your Spirit and raise us up once again. Breathe into us and bless us with your grace and love, that we might choose the way of life as we journey toward the resurrection and beyond, Amen.

### From the desk of the minister: Jesus and Lazarus

Our gospel reading for today is another long passage but this is the last miracle of Jesus and most profound of all. The raising of Lazarus is an introduction to the climax to come, for Jesus will rise again from the dead after his crucifixion. This is a special family to Jesus, and Jesus loves them all, Martha and her sister Mary and brother, Lazarus. In verse 25, "**Jesus wept**", the shortest verse in the bible. Jesus weeps for his lost friend. It shows a lot about Jesus. This Christ is not some divine being who does not feel grief when someone dies as he enters into everything which we can experience. The journey reaches a critical point, Lazarus is dead, his sisters are mourning, Jesus arrives too late. Jesus knows all the situations that he is coming into when he meets the family. When we think about this story, we are now in the heart of John's Gospel. Jesus makes his key "**I am**" statement – he is '**resurrection and life**'. With the echo of this in mind can we make sense of Jesus' own arrest, trial, crucifixion and death. And this statement about himself brings forth the ultimate declaration of faith,

**"You are the Christ, the Son of God, come into the world."**

THERE IT IS! AND WHO GIVES IT? – MARTHA, the sister who got it wrong at his visit to their home. Martha knows Jesus even in her deepest sorrow. Jesus looks at the dry bones of the valley of death, just as did our God represented in Ezekiel, our reading from the OT. A new breath of life is offered and life emerges again from death. Many things can be brought back to life in us, as individuals, family, community or as a church. **Let us be open to the gift of life that Jesus is offering.**

**Grace & Peace, Rev Maile**

## THE BIRTHDAY BOOK

30 Dell Brannelly

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

**Dell!!!**

### VANDERBILT LECTIONARY NEXT SUNDAY

2 April 2023

**LITURGY OF THE PASSION**  
**LITURGY OF THE PALMS**  
**SIXTH SUNDAY IN LENT**

Isaiah 50:4-9a,  
Philippians 2:5-11,  
Matthew 26:14 to 27:66  
(or 27:11-54),  
Psalm 31:9-16,  
Matthew 21:1-11,  
Psalm 118:1-2 & 19-29.

### Service Roster

**26 March 2023**  
**FIFTH SUNDAY**  
**IN LENT**

**Minister:** Rev Maile Molitika

**Music:** Nola and Margaret

**Readers:** Losa Molitika, Jimmy Stewart

**Prayers:** Sheila Hodges

**Data Projector:** Sue Nichols

**Sound System:** Rob Nichols

**Offering:** Weekly retiring offering

**Welcome:** Our great welcoming team

### Ministry

Rev Maile Molitika 0425 378 174

### Pastoral Care Ministry

Rev Graham Warne 5478 9747

### Congregation Chairperson

Ian Woodward 5441 1069

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AFTER 9AM to 2PM

Jimmy 0411 314 306

## Nambour Uniting Church

### Welcome to our Sunday Worship Service

The Nambour congregation welcomes everyone to worship.  
Please 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  
**Rev Maile Molitika will be leading our Sunday Service of worship and prayer today**  
Please have Rev Maile, his lovely wife Siale and their family in your prayers.

#### VANDERBILT LECTIONARY

26 March 2023

#### FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Ezekiel 37:1-14,

Romans 8:6-11,

John 11:1-45,

Psalm 130.



#### South Queensland Camping, Caravan, Fishing & 4X4 Expo

**NEXT FRIDAY 31st March – SUNDAY 2nd April 2023**

Calling all for the next show - roster is in the foyer.

#### A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO ALL

Thank you Rev Maile, and members of the congregation for their love, support and prayers following the loss of our beloved daughter Julene, Lord have mercy. We know that Julene now rests in the love and care of our Lord God.

Graham and Beryl Robertson

#### Sunday 30 April 2023 Congregational Meeting

Directly after Sunday Worship Service 30 April, before morning tea, there will be a congregational meeting for everyone to attend. Nominations forms for Church Council and Church Elders are in the foyer.

#### Proverbs for daily living –

1. “The Holy Spirit is a healing spirit. When the Holy Spirit is present, anything is possible.” *Richard Bonnke*
2. “Only the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of the Lord, can transform us.” *Joseph Prince*

#### Calling all Pastoral Carers! DATE CHANGE to 16 April

Our congregation has been operating a system of care amongst our people whereby every person has someone allocated to care for them, by phone, email, card and also prayer. However, our system needs updating. If you are able to become a pastoral carer, or wish to continue as a carer, would you please let Rev Graham Warne know (**phone 5478 9747 or email [kybernetes210@gmail.com](mailto:kybernetes210@gmail.com)**). We will have a meeting after church on **Sunday 16th April**, to talk about the carer's roles and allocate various people. Please give this matter your prayerful consideration. We do need more carers.

Rev Graham Warne

#### Activities in our Church this week;

Sunday 26 Mar	Sunday Worship Service 9AM Alcoholics Anonymous 6PM-8PM
Monday	Sunshine Linus AGM 8.30AM-2.30PM
Tuesday	Indoor Bowls 9AM-12noon Narcotics Australia 12noon-2PM
Thursday	Narcotics Australia 12noon-2PM
Friday 31 Mar	SQ Caravan, Camping, Fishing, 4x4 Expo
Saturday 1 Apr	SQ Caravan, Camping, Fishing, 4x4 Expo Narcotics Australia 6PM-9PM