

Nambour Retirement Village Services 2023

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| 7 May | Bowder | Rev Russell | 11.00AM |
| 15 May | 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 30th April 2023

Easter 4

An invitation to Reorientation

It was a long and dry road that day, we walked, shuffling our feet, wandering with heads bowed low and spirits bent even lower; a stranger joined us and before long there was a familiar burning in our hearts, and still we did not know.

There was broken bread and words of thanks, and then he was gone.

At the end of the road there was a gate, and Jesus said "**I am the gate.**"

For our Contemplation: Over my Dead Body

One of the earliest uses was by Harriet Beecher Stowe in Uncle Tom's Cabin in 1850: "*I'll give my last drop of blood, but they shall not take you from me.*

Whosoever gets you must walk over my dead body!"

This hyperbolic adverbial phrase is used as a defiant phrase showing the strength of one's resistance to something.

Gates have been used for many things, to lock things in, to lock things out, barriers, prisons, security, segregation, some electrified, some with razor wire. And then there is Jesus. When Jesus said, "**I am the gate**" he is drawing into himself the way the truth and the life, he is our defender, protector but never our captor. This is a gate through which we can feel come and go and Jesus watches over us, as the words of the psalm echo in us, "**indeed, the one who watches over Israel will neither slumber nor sleep. the sun will not harm you by day, nor the moon by night. the LORD will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore.**" (Psalm 121)

So, perhaps we can say today, that it is because of Jesus' dead body, now risen and eternally alive, the way through this most ominous of gates is now made safe for us to enter through. It is literally, "over Jesus' dead body."

Eventually this culminates with Jesus saying, "**I am the Good Shepherd, I lay down my life for my sheep.**" (John 10.11)

Now, that is what gates are for!

Grace and peace, Rev James

Service Roster 30 April 2023 FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Minister: Rev James Stevenson

Music: Nola and Margaret

Readers: Helen Staines, Losa Molitika

Prayers: Sheila Hodges

Data Projector: Alison Hall

Sound System: Linda Woodward

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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THE BIRTHDAY BOOK

April 30 Lynn Troyahn

May 3 Rev Peter Hall

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Lynn
and Peter!

VANDERBILT LECTIONARY

NEXT SUNDAY

7 May 2023

FIFTH SUNDAY

OF EASTER

Acts 7:55-60,

1 Peter 2:2-10,

John 14:1-14,

Psalm 31:1-5 & 15-16.

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 James Stevenson will be leading our Sunday Service of worship and prayer today

Please have Rev James, in your prayers to our heavenly Father.

VANDERBILT LECTIONARY

30 April 2023

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 2:42-47, 1 Peter 2:19-25,
John 10:1-10, Psalm 23.

TODAY Sunday 30 April 2023

Congregational meeting will be called directly after
our Worship Service prior to morning tea.
Please have everyone attending this meeting.

Psalm 23

It is unsure when David wrote Psalm 23. Perhaps it was when his son Absalom tried to become king. David ran away and met Barzillai who was a shepherd. He gave David food and shelter. David had thoughts of God as a shepherd, a guide. God was a good friend, so David put these ideas into **Psalm 23**.

Many people know this psalm better than they know any other psalm. It has given help to tens of millions of people. This is because Jesus said that he was the shepherd in the psalm. If we believe in Jesus, we become one of his sheep.

We can say, **“The LORD is MY shepherd.”**

The shepherd leads the sheep to all that they need: food, water and rest. Jesus leads his people to all that they need. Please remember – what we **NEED** is not always what we **WANT**.

If we believe in Jesus we can say,

“I will always live in the house of the LORD”, Amen.

MAY 2023 NeXus Journal Nambour Uniting Church

The May 2023 NeXus Journal is printed
and is in the Church foyer for all carers to distribute
to the people that are on your lists
and for those without email services.

Rev Maile has the Minister’s Message
writing to the theme – **The Pillar of Cloud and Fire**,
Rev Graham writes on **Clouds! An Ascension Reflection**,
7 Days of important Daily Prayers for May,
including a **Mothers Day prayer**,
an article on a true story entitled **Road To Emmaus**.

Also, the back page, as always, features the
Lectionary Bible Readings, connecting through **Bible Gateway**
- click on the back page links.

Activities in our Church this week;

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| Sunday 30 April | Sunday Worship Service 9AM Church Congregational meeting 10.00AM Alcoholics Anonymous 6PM-8PM |
| Monday | QLD Labour Day holiday Narcotics Australia BREATHE meeting 5PM |
| Tuesday | Indoor Bowls 9AM-12noon Narcotics Australia 12noon-2PM |
| Thursday | Narcotics Australia 12noon-2PM |
| Saturday 6 May | Narcotics Australia 6PM-9PM |