



Nambour Uniting Church

9AM Sunday Worship Service

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

SUNDAY 18th February 2024

Lent 1

Collect: God we know there is no wilderness in life which is out of bounds for You. In Christ, we are forever joined with a grace which comes from earthly experience. Lead us in our 40 days of Lent, Amen

From the desk of the minister: Ash Wednesday Retreat

I thought it would be good to share some of the things that we learned from this one day Retreat at Witta last Wednesday. First of all, Rev Bruce & Heather Johnson were the leaders of this Retreat, and their home has been set up to accommodate this kind of gathering.

Bruce was focusing from the reading of the gospel about the temptation of Christ. He was sent to the wilderness immediately after his baptism at the river Jordan. It is quite often we focus on the temptation by Satan and the negatives that associate with it, but the one little phrase at the end of the story captured Bruce's imagination - **"But angels came and helped him"** - so that little phrase became our focus for the whole day. Life is always tough and we tend to focus on the negative stuff and all the experience of the desert. Matthew & Mark both have this little phrase, while Luke does not mention this little phrase.

It is important to know that while Jesus was dealing with the hard questions and experiencing troubles, the angels came and helped him. The desert is not only a place of testing, it is also a place where Jesus encountered the Father who cared for him.

We are reminded that in the midst of tough stuff, there are angels who minister to us. I think we all have experienced meeting some beautiful people in our life journey who really care for us. Someone shared, that every time she visited a lady at the nursing home, she always says - **"You are an angel"**, someone also shared about the verse from TIS 276 - **"He is calling for his angels to build up the gates of day: but his angels here are human, not the shining hosts above; for the drum-beats of his army are the heart-beats of our love."**

That someone experienced those angels really caring for his wife recently. Well, as we continue to journey together during this Lent, we are reminded of all the angels who helped us in our journey of faith. **Grace & Peace, Rev Maile**

Nambour Village Services 2024

19 February

Rotary

Rev Maile

2.00PM

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Service Roster

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FIRST SUNDAY
IN LENT

Minister: Rev Maile Molitika
Music: Nola and Margaret
Readers: Linda Woodward, Lynn Colley
Prayers: Peter Bowden
Data Projector: Christine Bowden
Sound System:
Offering: Weekly retiring offering
Welcome: Our great welcoming team

Ministry

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AFTER 9AM to 2PM

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THE
BIRTHDAY
BOOK

18 Jeanette Warne
20 Joyce Killip
21 Graham Warne
22 Serene Hutt

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Jeanette
and Graham Warne,
Joyce and Serene!!

VANDERBILT LECTIONARY

NEXT SUNDAY

25 FEBRUARY 2024
Second Sunday in Lent
Genesis 17:1-7 & 15-16,
Romans 4:13-25,
Mark 8:31-38,
Psalms 22:23-31,
Mark 9:2-9.

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 offer your prayers to God for our minister Rev Maile, his beautiful wife Siale and their family.

The
Season
of
Lent



VANDERBILT LECTIONARY

18 February 2024

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

Genesis 9:8-17,

1 Peter 3:18-22,

Mark 1:9-15,

Psalms 25:1-10.

Proverbs for Daily Living –

1. “The more that you trust and believe in angels, the more they will pour their blessings upon you.” *Denise Linn*

2. “Angels shine light into all areas of life... Helping you to see the light within all!” *Melanie Becker*

Thank You

I would like to thank each and every one of you, for all your prayers, best wishes via email, texts, cards, phone calls and calling in to see us both. We did very much appreciate each and every one. I am slowly on the mend and recovering, taking one day at a time. The surgeon is very pleased with my progress this week. May God bless you all for your loving support. Thanking you, Val and Ron Sims.

Sunday 3 March 2024 Covenant Service

Rededication and recommitment to the work of God and our Church, blessing of Church office bearers, Holy Communion.

Focusing on Lent

Prayer during Lent focuses on our need for God’s forgiveness.

It is also about repenting (turning away from our sins) and receiving God’s mercy and love. Fasting, or giving something up, is a very common practice also – it is giving up something that’s a regular part of life and this can be a reminder of Jesus’ sacrifice.

Giving money or your time; doing something good for others is a way to respond to God’s grace, generosity and love.

Time can also be replaced with more time connecting with God.

These things can never make us earn or deserve Jesus’ sacrifice or a relationship with God, however Jesus has the power to rescue us from ourselves. Jesus sacrificed Himself on Good Friday to bear the punishment for all our wrongdoings and offer us forgiveness. He was raised from the dead on Easter Sunday to give us an opportunity to have a relationship with God for eternity.

Activities in our Church this week;

Sunday 18 Feb	Sunday Worship Service 9AM Alcoholics Anonymous 6PM-8PM
Tuesday	Indoor Bowls 9AM-12noon Narcotics Australia 12noon-2PM
Wednesday	Nambour Floral Art 8AM-12noon Narcotics Australia 6.30PM-8.30PM
Thursday	Indoor Bowls 9AM-12noon Narcotics Australia 12noon-2PM
Friday	SC Arts & Crafts 9-12noon
Saturday 23 Feb	Nambour Orchid Society 12noon-4PM Narcotics Australia 6PM-9PM