

## Nambour Village Services April 2025

Estia: April 2 with Reverend Maile  
Bowder: April 6 with Reverend Maile  
Rotary: April 21 with Reverend Maile

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### Service Roster

## **FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT** **30 March 2025**

**Minister:** Reverend James Stephenson

**Music:** Nola & Margaret

**Readers:** Judy and Peter Moore

**Prayers:** Ian Woodward

**Data Projector:** Alison Hall

**Offering:** Retiring and Direct Debit offering

**Welcome:** Our great welcoming team

### Ministry

Reverend Maile 0425 378 174

### Pastoral Care Ministry

Rev Graham Warne 5478 9747

### Music

Nola & Margaret

### Congregation Chairperson

Ian Woodward 5441 1069

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Office: most Tuesdays and  
Thursdays from 10am to 2pm

*You don't  
always need a  
plan.  
Sometimes you  
just need to  
breathe, to  
trust, let go,  
and let God.*



## Nambour Uniting Church

9AM Sunday Worship Service

Growing stronger together in Christ  
and sharing His love

**Sunday 30 March 2025**

**READING A TEXT WITHOUT SUB-HEADINGS**

by Reverend James Stephenson



If we were to remove the sub-headings that have been inserted in the Scriptures apart from the headings which identify which particular book it is, would it make a difference to how we would read it? These such sub-headings were not, and are not, part of the original transcripts and neither were the verse numbers. So, let's give it a go for this week's most familiar parable (actually a set of three). To give you a fair start, read Luke 15:11-32 (1-10). Allow the characters and the plot to be your guide. It begins, "A certain man had two sons." Be attentive to what you read. Notice what you 'feel' as you read. Reactions, your own silent or maybe not so silent comments: you know, like if you find yourself embroiled in watching a football match, you cheer for your team as they score, you abuse the ref when they miss a foul, you marvel at the skill and speed. Before long you have become so engrossed you are right there! There will in the end be joy, or disappointment. But does it always have to be this way? Either/or? However, there is another beginning which sets up what will become the final punchline. All the tax collectors and sinners were coming out to hear him. But the Pharisees and scribes complained. In the third part of the parable, Jesus invites us beyond the lost/found themes and into the deep emotional drama of parent-child conflict and sibling rivalry. So, what is new? Is this not the story of every family, generation, community and nation? Characters are revealed and exposed, emotions stirred, and responses provoked. In prefacing this parable with the sub-heading "The Parable of the Prodigal Son", we have immediately excluded other options of meaning and focus and transformation on many levels. By doing this, we seek to control a parable which is never meant to be controlled. Parable is another word for the free unpredictability of grace, lest we want to limit this also.

**Grace and Peace to you all**

30 March 2025

VANDERBILT LECTIONARY

FOURTH SUNDAY  
IN LENT

Joshua 5:9-12

Psalm 32

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

30 March Dell Brannelly

3 April Laurel Peters

5 April Marilyn Tierney

*Proverbs for Daily Living*

Spread love everywhere you go. Let no one  
ever come to you without leaving better and  
happier (Mother Teresa)

Try not to become a person of success, but  
rather become a person of value  
(Albert Einstein)



## Nambour Uniting Church

### Welcome to our Sunday Worship Service

Our 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.

### WATCH THIS SPACE

The Children's Craft Club, created by our own Jill Wilson-Stevens, will return in April after the  
school holidays. Bring your children, or your grandchildren—  
they'll have a wonderful time.

All details will be printed in NeXus Weekly on 20<sup>th</sup> April

### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

The Nambour Caravan and Camping Show is being held on the 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup>  
April, and we are looking for some kind volunteers: 2 people to direct the parking  
and 1 person to collect the parking fees. If you can help out for half a day,  
please let me or Jimmy know.

**VANDERBILT  
LECTIONARY  
NEXT SUNDAY**

**6 APRIL 2025**  
**Fifth Sunday in Lent**

Isaiah 43:16-21

Psalm 126

Philippians 3:4b-14

John 12:1-8

### Activities in our Church this week:

Sunday: Sunday Worship Service 9am

Monday: Sunshine Linus 8:30 to 2:30

Tuesday: Indoor Bowls 9AM-12noon

Tuesday: NA 12pm-2pm

Wednesday: Tai Chi 8:30 – 11am

Wednesday: New World Choir 6:30pm – 9pm

Thursday: Indoor Bowls 9am-12noon

Thursday Narcotics Australia: 12noon-2pm

Saturday Narcotics Australia: 6pm-9pm