

Let us thank Reverend James Stevenson who conducted our service today while Reverend Maile is out of town. We always love having Reverend Stevenson visit us here at Nambour.

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21 SEPTEMBER 2025
FIFTEENTH SUNDAY
OF PENTECOST

Minister: Reverend James Stevenson

Music: Nola & Margaret

Readers: Gail Warland & Jimmy Stewart

Prayers: Graham Warne

Data Projector: Chris Bowden

Offering: Retiring & Direct Debit offering

Welcome: Our great welcoming team

Ministry

Reverend Maile 0425 378 174

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Rev Graham Warne 5478 9747

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Margaret

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Nambour Uniting Church
9AM Sunday Worship Service

21 SEPTEMBER 2025 – FIFTEENTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST

Outrageous Graciousness and the Shrewd Steward

Firstly, let us remember this is a parable, set between other parables; the preceding about the lost sheep, lost coin, the wasteful squandering younger son and; then a certain rich man and Lazarus.

We are already aware of the squandering younger son and the resentful older son. The younger son ends up among the pigs in a far country – the country of the gentiles (he could not get more unclean than this); and there is the older son who resentfully stays at home working like a slave. This is then followed by the parable of the Rich man and Lazarus; a telling and damning punchline of contemptuous selfishness and the chasm it creates. All of this is enough to rile our senses and make our blood boil. The parable is already doing a number on us.

Let's think for a moment; who is the master here – let us not fall into the trap of thinking it is God; remember parables don't play by the rules. Supposing it is the leaders of Israel, the Pharisees and the Scribes, the lawyers and the teachers – they were the masters - -they were the masters of Torah, of the Temple, the economy, and in their authority, therefore of God.

It is their hedonism, selfishness and greed/not being generous that provokes their accusations about this “shrewd/dishonest manager.” It is about inheritance, failing to share, self-indulgent decadence, and a wasteful carefree squandering of a scoundrel among sinners and tax collectors, beggars and outcasts. This is done so that when the so-called master/s “sack him” he will have places and home that will welcome him; the homes of sinners and tax-collectors whom perchance share the same accusations, resentments and condemnation as Jesus. But, somewhere back from their foundation story an echo emerges; “do you not know that the older is to serve the younger,” a place and privilege these masters do not want to give up. Consider this a parable of economic subversion where grace and love and God cannot be bought because these have already been lavishly, graciously and wastefully squandered by the scoundrel of good news, Jesus himself – the Shrewd Steward.



Grace and peace, Rev James

21 SEPTEMBER 2025

READINGS

**FIFTEENTH SUNDAY OF
PENTECOST**

Jeremiah 8:18-9:1

and

Psalms 79:1-9

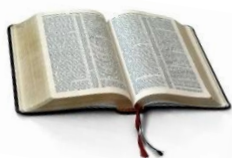
Amos 8:4-7

and

Psalms 113

1 Timothy 2:1-7

Luke 16:1-13



NEXT SUNDAY

28 SEPTEMBER 2025

**VANDERBILT
LECTIONARY**

Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15

and

Psalms 91:1-6, 14-16

Amos 6:1a, 4-7

and

Psalms 146

1 Timothy 6:6-19

Luke 16:19-31



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.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!



22 September Kylie Aalbers
24 September Rosemary Lamb
26 September Jean Scott

*God Bless you
on your special day!*

The SEA
couldn't stop **MOSES**

The WALL
couldn't stop **JOSHUA**

The GIANT
couldn't stop **DAVID**

DEATH
couldn't stop **JESUS**

NOBODY
can stop what **GOD**
is about to do
in your life.

*"For with God,
nothing shall be
impossible"
(Luke 1:37)*

Activities in our Church this week:

Sunday: Worship Service at 9am

Tuesday: Indoor Bowls 10am – 12pm

Tuesday: NA 12pm – 2pm

Wednesday: Tai Chi 8:30am – 11am

Wednesday: English Class 7pm

Thursday: Indoor Bowls 10am – 12pm

Thursday: Narcotics Australia 12pm – 2pm

Saturday: Orchid Society 12pm – 4pm

Saturday: Narcotics Australia 6pm-9pm

Proverbs for Daily Living

**Never lie to someone who trusts you,
And never trust someone who lies to you.**

Anon

**The best place to find a helping hand
is at the end of your own arm.**

Anon