

# Nambour Village Services December 2025

ESTIA 3 December 10AM Rev Maile (music: Nola)  
BOWDER 7 December Rev Maile 11AM (music: Nola/Margaret)  
ROTARY 15 December 2PM with Rev Maile (music: Rosemary)

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## Service Roster

### 30 November 2025

### ADVENT 1

**Minister:** Rev James Stevenson  
**Music:** Jenny and John Thomas  
**Readers:** Losa Molitika,  
**Prayers:** Peter Bowden  
**Data Projector:** Christine Bowden  
**Sound System:** Peter Bowden  
**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

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Jimmy 0411 314 306

## THE BIRTHDAY BOOK

4 Gail Warland  
6 Lyn Colley

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

### Gail & Lyn!!

## VANDERBILT LECTIONARY

### NEXT SUNDAY

7 DECEMBER 2025

### Second Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 11:1-10,  
Psalm 72:1-7 & 18-19,  
Romans 15:4-13,  
Matthew 3:1-12.



## Nambour Uniting Church

9AM Sunday Worship Service

**30 NOVEMBER 2025 ADVENT 1**

### Isaac & Ishmael-together again. Hope comes through desiring Peace

During this season of Advent, the readings from the Hebrew Bible (Old Testament) come from First Isaiah, whom we believe to be an eighth-century (BCE) prophet, though the book of Isaiah as a whole did not appear until after the return from exile (539 (BCE)). Assuming an eighth-century origin, these oracles were pronounced while the nation of Judah still existed, though its northern neighbour had succumbed to the Assyrians. This region was also a corridor of travel, invasion, conquest. In Isaiah 2, Isaiah addresses a word from the Lord to the people of Judah and Jerusalem. That is his congregation. In the selection from Isaiah 2, we have a beautiful call to peace, with a cosmic and universal vision; it is for the sake of all the nations. If we read further into the chapter, we will encounter a strident attack against those in the nation who have followed foreign gods/idols. This is also the origin of the enmity between the Samaritans and the Jews and, in Judah and Jerusalem, we have the historical lineage of Isaac and Ishmael, brothers and the sons of Israel (Jacob).

This being the first Sunday in Advent it is the message of Hope that we so desperately need. It is the prophet Isaiah who in this beautiful oracle of Peace lays open the way for hope. The image here of God is not one of monarchy, but that of teacher and judge. A vision emerges out of a small nation sitting at the crossroads of empires. Egypt and Assyria have the power to impose "peace," Judah does not. But, Judah could be the site where disputes are mediated and treaties signed. Gene Tucker helps us understand what it means here for God to be judge and arbitrator. God is the one who "settles disputes among nations, resolving their differences so that peace can be established and maintained." Then he writes: "Consequently, those who would respond to this vision of peace will seek to become peacemakers, not accusing individuals or nations but acting as mediators and arbitrators among them" for the sake of all peoples of the world. So, what would happen if we pursued a policy of peace instead of war? What if we headed to Mount Zion and sought the LORD's wisdom and guidance? What would be the pathway to peace?

Answers might not be easily obtained, but the hope is there that peace could reign. It is a vision for the overturning of warring and weaponry into tools for agriculture and peace; symbols of hope and shared prosperity. Isaiah asks us most sincerely, **IS THE FAITH WE PRACTICE THE SAME AS THE ONE WE PROFESS?** Jesus said, **Blessed be the peacemakers, for they shall be the messengers of Hope**

**Grace and peace, with hope, Rev James**

# 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 First Sunday of Advent Service of worship and prayer today**

Please have Rev James, in your prayers. Praise our loving God!

### VANDERBILT LECTIONARY

30 November 2025

### TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY

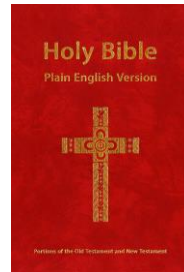
### AFTER PENTECOST

**Isaiah 2:1-5,**

**Psalm 122,**

**Romans 13:11-14,**

**Matthew 24:36-44.**



**Isaiah 2:4** “He will judge between the nations  
and will settle disputes for many peoples.  
They will beat their swords into plowshares  
and their spears into pruning hooks.  
Nation will not take up sword against nation,  
nor will they train for war anymore.”

The NeXus Journal;

Christmas **December 2025/January 2026** 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.

Included in this issue;

**Rev Maile** has the Minister’s Message writing to the theme  
**The Joys and Concerns of Christmas.**  
Rev Graham's article - **Suffering Innocents.**

### The Liturgical calendar begins this week

Please thank and say a prayer for the leaders in our Church  
and Retirement Villages, that have helped and also  
contributed to the life of our congregation and its members  
this year. **Our Nambour Uniting Church acknowledges  
our serving ministers to the Lord our God; Rev’s Maile  
Molitika, Peter Hall, Ian and Margaret Stebhens, James  
Stevenson, Glenn Ingram, Darren King, Graham Warne  
and Coolum Uniting Church’s Dong Woo Oh.**

**We thank and praise our Lord, we thank all who have  
carried the weight of our wonderful Church in their  
volunteering, repairing, fixing, cleaning and so much  
more. Bless each one for their love, caring and their  
service to others, Amen.**

### Activities in our Church this week;

Sunday 30 Nov	Sunday Advent 1 Worship Service 9AM
Monday 1 Dec	Nambour Garden Club 9AM-12noon
Tuesday	Indoor Bowls 9AM-12noon Narcotics Australia 12noon-2PM
Wednesday	Tai Chi 8.30AM-10.30AM
Thursday	Indoor Bowls 9AM-12noon Narcotics Australia 12noon-2PM
Saturday	Narcotics Australia 6PM-9PM