Our Common Life

Blackall Range Uniting Churches

Maleny | Montville | Palmwoods

May 12 2019

We extend a sincere welcome to everyone. If you are visiting with us, please let us get to know you after the service. Morning tea is served in the Hall.

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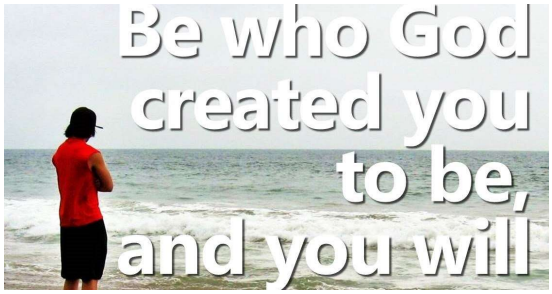

Services Today

Montville	8.15am	Rev Bob Philpot **HC**
Maleny	9.45am	Mr Peter Uhlmann
Palmwoods	10.00am	Rev Bob Philpot **HC**

Readings (Easter 4)

Acts 9:36-43, Psalm 23,
Revelation 7:9-17, John 10:22-30

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Services Next Week May 19

Montville	8.15am	Mr Murray Robertson
Maleny	9.45am	Mr Murray Robertson
Palmwoods	10.00am	Rev Graham Warne
	1pm	Tongan Service

Readings (Easter 5)

Acts 11:1-18, Psalm 148,
Revelation 21:1-6, John 13:31-35

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The Week Ahead

Open Daily: Reflection Gallery Montville (see over)

Tuesday May 14
7.00am Prayers at Moyra's 5494 2661

Wednesday May 15
8.30am Christian Meditation 5435 8152

Friday May 17
8.30am Christmas Tree Festival team meeting (at Maleny Uniting Church)
1.30pm Know Your Bible (KYB) 5494 2486

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O That the Blind May See!

Revelation 7:9-17; John 10:22-30

It's no wonder that people of the first century found Jesus hard to pigeonhole. It's still the same today. He doesn't fit our expectations. People come with their self-centred hopes and dreams: they seek a God who works for the best interests of their nation, their family, their religion, themselves. It comes as a shock to realize that God works for the best interests of all people. It turned out that the expected Messiah was not the great national hero that the Jews anticipated.

His kingdom is not one that relies on popular approval, political standing, military or economic might, but one that is constituted by genuine love. As Revelation 7:17 says, the lamb is king. What a turnaround! If you're on the right wave length, you'll hear his call, you'll know his presence, you will be breathed through with the same Spirit of love that breathed through him. But if not, he remains a conundrum: a significant figure in history maybe, founding authority for the Christian religion, one of the great moral and religious teachers of all time, a miracle worker, but is that all? He claimed to be one with God.

To know him is to know the Father, he said. However, for our knowledge of him we are dependent upon what was written in a foreign language, at a distant time, and in a culture different from our own. We need the assistance of scholars and historians to position him within his religious and cultural setting. We see that even in his own time, Jesus was a puzzle to his fellow citizens of Galilee and Judea, one that people could get excited about for all the wrong reasons, an irritating trouble-maker, or one who could be written off as of no great significance. But to realize that he is not just a figure of history, that, as the risen Christ, he is the voice of God speaking hope, salvation and renewal to all people is to have a gospel that is desperately needed today.

- What do people today think of Jesus?
- Jesus relied on actions rather than words to announce him as the Messiah and Son of God. What part then do words play in our witness to him?
- What was Jesus trying to get across when he said that a shepherd's own sheep respond to their owner's voice, but other sheep don't? (John 10:25-28) How is this being played out today?
- Why is the Gospel desperately needed by people today?

Rev Ron Potter ***Piula Publications***

MOTHERS DAY OUTREACH
This morning a group of Maleny church men, coordinated by Bob Eather, are handing out flowers in Maple Street to commemorate Mother's Day. Please pray for this outreach: that God's love for us in Jesus may shine through in the simple gesture of giving a flower on this special day.

LADIES FRIENDSHIP GROUP
… are raising funds for the Cancer Council with a morning tea at The Orangery on Thurs 16 May, 9.30am. Your $18 contribution includes a donation to the Cancer Council & morning tea. RSVP to Marnie or Patricia.

MENTORS NEEDED
Maleny school chaplain Rebecca Francis is calling for more mentors to work with children: one hour per week, for a year. The TRAINING SESSION is to be held on Tuesday 21 May, from 9 to 12 noon, in the Innovation Centre at the school. Contact: Becky on 0434 266 676

PRAYER FOR MAY – OUR NEW MINISTER
The **J**oint **N**ominating **C**ommittee, given the task of finding our new Minister, is asking our three congregations to include in their prayer time, during our morning services in **May**, a specific prayer for our new Minister. The Committee is also asking our church family members from our three congregations to be specific, within their personal prayer time, to pray for our new Minister. The J.N.C. realizes that many of our members will already be praying in this way but is encouraging everybody to join in this month of prayer. Thank You each one – Your J.N.C.

GARAGE SALE SATURDAY 4 AUGUST
The date for the Maleny Garage sale is confirmed with the Conondale School for Saturday 3 August. Funds raised will be supporting the Conondale School Chaplaincy service, headed by Rebecca Francis. We now ask people to offer: a) goods for sale and b) their time to help: on the week prior, on the setting up days, on the day of the sale, including clean-up session, and on the Monday after if needed. We may need trailers to collect goods. If you can help in any way, please put your name and contact details on the GARAGE SALE SHEET at the rear of the church. More details contact Murray Robertson. 0409268665. Chaplains make a real difference in our schools!

EQUIP MORE WORSHIP LEADERS & PREACHERS
In discussion with the Church Council and the team of preachers, we are looking to equip some more worship leaders and preachers. If you are interested, Bruce will be conducting a series of teaching sessions about: the meaning and form of worship; Bible reading; prayer; shaping a worship service and preaching. If you are interested in being a part of this 6 week program, please look for the Expression of Interest form and mark the subjects you are interested in & the times that would suit you. Even if you are not sure you want to take on one of these roles you are more than welcome to participate. If you are already involved in leadership of worship but would like to join in, you too are welcome. Bruce will assess the responses & decide when and where these sessions will be offered.

REFLECTION GALLERY
The display in the Montville Church has changed. For four weeks, we feature a collection of church banners gathered from Redcliffe & Wynnum Uniting Churches as well as from our own stock. In this way we draw attention to the artistic expression used to convey the Christian Gospel and to provide an environment for worship. Open each day between 10 am and 3 pm.

MALENY CHURCH VOLUNTEER ROSTER (Jun-Aug)
Due to monthly Chemotherapy and it's side effects, Maggie will not be doing the next Church Roster for Maleny. Rather, the Availability/Unavailability List will be placed in a folder at the back of the Church. Please write your name and tick your appropriate duty availability & write any dates that you will be unavailable. If anyone can step up to help with Door Welcome, PA&Data, Flowers and Morning Tea, it would be appreciated, as people are usually away mid year.

EASTER EXPERIENCES
As Easter has just touched us all in our own way, could I please ask that anyone who would like to share something they experienced during Lent/Easter, please pass it on to me sometime in the next few weeks for publication in the next New Vine. I look forward to receiving your contributions from all three worship centres. Graham Dempster (grandar@bigpond.net.au)

PRAYER & MEDITATION
'SOIL & SOUL' – (Palmwoods Community Garden) on Friday mornings at 8am. All welcome.
Guided Gardening at 7am each Saturday morning (weather permitting). Will be 8am when weather cools down.

NEW CHURCH OFFICE EMAIL
With the change of website, the office email address is now admin@ourcommonlife.org.au. Emails sent to the old office email address will be forwarded for an interim period. Do take note of new address & update your computer address books / diaries etc.

CHANGE FOR THE 2018 and 2019 DIRECTORY
Correction to the listed details for
LINDA FAWKES: ph. 5499 9844 / 51 Bunya Street Maleny

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OFFERINGS can be Direct Debited through the ANZ Bank, BSB 014-507 A/c 3762 29735.

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