

# May 19 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.

## WORD OF GOD:

#### · John 13:34-35

- 34 So now I am giving you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other.
- 35 Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples."

## **Services Today**

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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### **Services Next Week May 26**

Montville 8.15am Rev Bruce Johnson
Maleny 9.45am Rev Ron Potter
Palmwoods 10.00am Rev Bruce Johnson
1pm Tongan Service

### Readings (Easter 6)

Acts 16:9-15, Psalm 67, Revelation 21:10,22-22:5, John 14:23-29

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#### The Week Ahead

Open Daily: Reflection Gallery Montville (see over)

**Tuesday May 21** 

7.00am Prayers at Moyra's 5494 2661

Wednesday May 22

8.30am Christian Meditation 5435 8152

Friday May 24

1.30pm Know Your Bible (KYB) 5494 2486

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John 13:31-35

If we didn't know better, you'd think, by listening in to

You'll Know Them by Their Love

the chatter that goes on inside and outside the church, that being a Christian is a matter of correct doctrine, a person's attitude toward the Bible, belonging to the right religious organization or having the properly credentialled ethical or political views. However, Jesus made it clear that the identifying characteristic of those

who truly follow him is that they love one another.

The law in Leviticus 19:17-18 stated that the members of the family of God are not to hold hatred in their hearts against any of their kindred. They are to love their neighbour as if it were themselves, but this was not to be a dishonest love which avoided the tough task of correcting wrong behaviour or warning about the possible consequences of wrong actions. Vengeance and the bearing of grudges are to have no place among them. Jesus took this instruction given to the people of Israel hundreds of years before he lived and applied it to his community of disciples.

If the general public aren't able to recognize Christian discipleship today, it must be because they have not seen this love in action. His disciples have not lived up to their calling. And I guess that has been the case with his disciples all through the centuries. This love for one another among Christians is but a particular instance of that broader love of neighbour that Jesus both lived and commanded. In spite of our failures, it still remains true – the distinguishing mark of a true follower of Jesus is self-giving love. And, deep down, the wider community knows this. It sees through the plethora of activities that the church is engaged in to look for self-sacrificing love and genuine acceptance of people, both Christian and non-Christian. That is the heart of Christian witness.

- What is the difference between Church membership and Christian discipleship?
- In what ways do we express self-giving love toward other followers of Christ?
- We can't show what we do not possess. How does a person come to have the self-giving love toward others that Jesus was talking about?
- What hinders us from living this way of selfgiving love toward other followers of Christ and more widely to other people as well?

Rev Ron Potter

**Piula Publications** 

#### **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 Joint Nominating Committee, 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.

#### **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 <a href="mailto:admin@ourcommonlife.org.au">admin@ourcommonlife.org.au</a>. 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.

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

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Notice Sheet: Contributions requested before 10 am

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Maleny Uniting Church, Montville Uniting Church, Palmwoods Uniting Church

Regulars to remember:
The Week Ahead: Prayer Meeting 8.30am at Maleny Church (in week prior to the 1 <sup>st</sup> Saturday of each month) NOTE: Aug prayer meeting is 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sat due to garage sale
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