Our Common Life

Blackall Range Uniting Churches

Maleny | Montville | Palmwoods

May 26 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 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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Services Next Week Jun 2

Montville	8.15am	Rev Bruce Johnson
Maleny	9.45am	Rev Bruce Johnson (HC)
Palmwoods	10.00am	Kay Nixon
	1pm	Tongan Service

Readings (Easter 7)

Acts 16:16-34, Psalm 97,
Revelation 22:12-14,16-17,20-21, John 17:20-26

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The Week Ahead

Open Daily: Reflection Gallery Montville (see over)

Tuesday May 28
7.00am Prayers at Moyra's 5494 2661

Wednesday May 29
8.30am Christian Meditation 5435 8152

Friday May 31
1.30pm Know Your Bible (KYB) 5494 2486

Saturday June 1st
8.30am Mthly Prayer Meeting at Maleny Church

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We Live in a Spiritual Universe

John 14: 23-29

We think of ourselves as separate, distinct individuals, but on the level of spirit we merge and separate; we interpenetrate one another, we drift apart. Boundaries are not hard and fast. Even football teams know the importance of bonding. Love, admiration, gratitude, sense of identity all draw us together while suspicion, resentment, indifference, guilt and lack of trust drive us apart. We talk about having feelings of belonging, of fellowship and communion, yet we also know estrangement, alienation, rejection and loneliness.

So, we meet up with this same fluidity of spirit when we read, in John's Gospel, sayings like, "The Father and I are one", "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them, and we will make our home with them", "The Holy Spirit whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of everything that I have said to you", "Abide in me as I abide in you". Father, Son and Holy Spirit are not three distinct individualities or gods; they indwell one another. What is more, they may dwell in us.

There are occasions when we feel at one with the universe, when we sense something of the divine in each person, even in each part of creation. Enthralled by beauty, challenged by goodness, in awe at the dimensions and intricacy of creation, our spirits are set alight with the Spirit of God. Our spirits unite with the Spirit of Christ when we love him and live the way he tells us to. When we know that deep, abiding peace which only Christ can give it is by the intimate presence of the Holy Spirit within our own spirits.

So, when we see compassion, generosity, kindness, we see, not just the greatness of the human spirit, but we see the Spirit of God's love indwelling & prompting the human heart.

- Which of the following words refer to life on the level of spirit: kindness, kidneys; abscess, absence; dopamine, desire?
- Give examples of love, admiration, gratitude or sense of identity drawing people together.
- What difference does it make to realize that God – Creator, Christ and Companion – seeks to dwell within us and be not just a distant figure to be worshipped and obeyed?
- What part of John 14: 23-29 speaks most forcefully to you?

Rev Ron Potter ***Piula Publications***

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.

MALENY STRATEGIC PLAN

Following last Sunday's Ministry Task Group presentation, copies of the Maleny Strategic plan are available at the rear of the church

MONTVILLE MINISTRY TASK GROUP

The first formal meeting of the Montville Ministry Task Group, made up of all members of the congregation who worship there, will be held following the service on Sunday, 16 June. Let Ron Potter or Daryl Reinke know of any matters that you would like to have discussed.

REFLECTION GALLERY

Barbara Willcocks is currently the featured artist in the Montville Reflection Gallery. A member of our congregation, she is also a member of Blackall Range Visual Artists, and paints in watercolor acrylic and oil. Her paintings will be in place throughout June and July.

Open every day 10 am to 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.

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.

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

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