# Our Common Life

## Blackall Range Uniting Churches

Maleny | Montville | Palmwoods

## June 2 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**

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| 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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**Services Next Week Jun 9**

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| Montville | 8.15am | Rev Bruce Johnson (HC) |
| Maleny | 9.45am | Rev Bob Philpot |
| Palmwoods | 10.00am | Rev Bruce Johnson (HC) |

**Readings (Day of Pentecost)**

Acts 2:1-21, Psalm 104: 24-34, 35b,
Romans 8 14-17, John 14:8-17, 25-27

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**The Week Ahead**

**Open Daily: Reflection Gallery Montville** (see over)

**Tuesday Jun 4th**
7.00am Prayers at Moyra's 5494 2661

**Wednesday June 5th**
8.30am Christian Meditation 5435 8152

**Thursday June 6th**
Noon Mens Group (Baroon Pocket Dam)

**Friday June 7th**
1.30pm Know Your Bible (KYB) 5494 2486

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**Uniting in Christ | acting with love | living with hope| witnessing in faith | working for justice**

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**Pastoral statement by President Dr Deidre Palmer on ABC report on the Uniting Church**

ABC News has today regrettably published a story seeking to highlight divisions within our Church over our decision last year to allow ministers and authorised celebrants the freedom to perform same-gender marriages.

The report contains many factual errors, false allegations and misrepresentations that we will seek to address with the ABC in due course.

By way of background, the journalist who produced the story first approached the Church back in February. It quickly became apparent that his story was based on the premise of division in spite of all evidence presented to the contrary.

As a result, the decision was taken not to cooperate with the ABC on this story.

Many respected Uniting Church leaders and theologians refused the journalist's requests for comment.

For those members who may be disturbed to read, see or hear this report today, please be assured that right across the Uniting Church, leaders continue to work in good faith across our theological diversity.

The Uniting Church in Australia Assembly's decision to recognise two statements of belief on marriage remains in place. This decision allows ministers and celebrants authorised by the Uniting Church the freedom to conduct or to refuse to conduct same-gender marriages.

I want to reassure all members of the Uniting Church – your rights to follow your beliefs on marriage will continue to be respected and protected.

The voices in today's ABC report are in no way authorised by the Uniting Church, and they are certainly not representative of the abundant goodwill among our Church members, and the way in which we continue to witness to God's abundant grace in our community.

**Dr Deidre Palmer**
**President**
**Uniting Church in Australia Assembly**
**26 May 2019**

**PRAYER FOR JUNE – 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 **June**, 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.

**WELLBEING IN THE PARK – June 5th**

The Maleny Wellbeing Group was established to build resilience against social isolation and suicide prevention. Wellbeing in the Park, held at Tesch Park 10am-12noon on the first Wednesday of every month, is their monthly activity promoting local community organisations and service clubs for people to join and make community connections. There will be stalls with free activities, sausage sizzle and music. All are encouraged to come and participate. For enquiries please email Nooreen Harris coordinatordw@malenync.org.au

**MEN'S GROUP – FIRST THURSDAY GATHERING**

Our next meeting is on Thursday 6th June, from noon at Baroon Pocket Dam (via Nth Maleny Road). All men are welcome. Casual BBQ (BYO), with time for a chat and a gentle stroll in tranquil surroundings. Please note the change of time and location is for this meeting only - to encourage those who can't make it at night.

**CHURCH SERVICE SUNDAY 9th June**

The service on Sunday 9th June is a celebration of Pentecost, the birthday of the Church. To help us celebrate please try and wear something red and if possible bring something red to wave. Red is a reminder of the tongues of fire with the giving of the Holy Spirit at the first Pentecost.

**CONNECT GROUP STUDY SUGGESTION**

One of our Connect Groups is using Vaughan Roberts' book "God's Big Picture" as the basis for their next series of studies. The book aims to show how the different parts of the Bible fit together, uniting the message of the Old and New Testaments. The book is available in the Maleny Church library if you want to check whether it would suit your Group.

**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.

**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.

**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.

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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 Weds (admin@ourcommonlife.org.au Annie Quarmby filling in for Jing)

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