Our Common Life

Blackall Range Uniting Churches

Maleny | Montville | Palmwoods

June 9 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 (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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Services Next Week Jun 16

Montville	8.15am	Rev Bruce Johnson
Maleny	9.45am	Rev Bruce Johnson
	4.30pm	Rev Bruce Johnson
Palmwoods	10.00am	Mr Peter Uhlmann
	1pm	Tongan Service

Readings (Trinity Sunday)

Proverbs 8: 1-4, 22-31, Psalm 8

Romans 5: 1-5, John 16:12-15

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The Week Ahead

Open Daily: Reflection Gallery Montville (see over)

Tuesday Jun 11th
7.00am Prayers at Moyra's 5494 2661

Wednesday June 12th
8.30am Christian Meditation 5435 8152

Friday June 14th
1.30pm Know Your Bible (KYB) 5494 2486

Saturday June 15th
7am Breakfast with Andrew Wallace

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Spirit Partners

Acts 2:1-21; John 14:8-17

One of the important things to realize when thinking about healthy inter-personal relationships is that spirit can unite with spirit in love without losing its own identity. One person bonds with another without seeking to dominate or to smother the other.

When Jesus said to his disciples, "Abide in me as I abide in you", they were being invited to express the Spirit of Christ within them through their own personalities and life situations. Each one of us has our own way of being Christ to our neighbour. Similarly, when Jesus said, "Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me?" he was referring to the fact that God the Father was being expressed through his personality, character and beliefs, with his cultural and historic roots – through him as a unique individual. So it is with the Holy Spirit – the Counsellor, Advocate, Friend and Helper that abides with all who love Jesus and keep his commandments. God's Spirit makes the divine power and presence a living reality, influences our attitude and activity, helps us to pray and to worship, prompts us to bear witness to what God has done in Jesus and is doing in the world, but not in such a way as to over-ride our intelligence or personality.

It is significant that in Acts 2 we are told that the on-lookers heard the Gospel in their own native language. That's the way it always is. The Spirit of God speaks to each of us in our own language, and since language is intimately related to history and culture that means that God's Spirit speaks to us as we are in our particular life situation. God speaks to Swahili-speaking people in Swahili and to Italian speaking people in Italian as God speaks to English-speaking people in English, and even to Australians with an Australian accent.

Baptism with the Holy Spirit is not a take-over and colonization of our spirits, but rather it is God's Spirit and our spirits working together in harmony to fulfil God's purposes in and through us.

- Why is it important to understand that, in healthy inter-personal relationships, there is a spiritual bonding where neither person tries to dominate or to suffocate the other?
- Why is it important to recognize that the activity of the Holy Spirit in our lives does not override our own intelligence or personality?
- What is meant by saying that the Spirit of God speaks to each of us in our own particular language and life situation? Does this mean that God says different thing to different people?
- What purposes may God seek to be working in and through you?

Rev Ron Potter **Piula Publications**

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.

BREAKFAST WITH ANDREW WALLACE MP

Andrew will be speaking on 'Being A Christian In Politics—The Art of Conscience'.
7am Sat. 15 June. 12 Cedar Street Maleny. $5 Donation to support Maleny State School Chaplaincy

PALMWOODS STRATEGIC PLANNING MEETING

A Strategic Planning Meeting for the Palmwoods Parish will be held at Palmwoods Church on Sun 16th June after the 10am service (about 11.20am). All welcome to join for this discussion about our future. There is a questionnaire available to get you thinking beforehand (hard copies at the back of the church / via email kaynxn43@gmail.com).

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.

MALENY LADIES FRIENDSHIP GROUP

…. will be held on Thursday 20 June at 9.30am. Our theme for this month's get together is "School Days". Please bring along some memorabilia, stories and also your memories of past school days. Where did you begin your school years? Come along and enjoy this time together as we share our memories in this way.

Enquiries Robyn Robertson 0400 543 995

'LOVE YOUR SISTER' CANCER FUND RAISER

Over $900 was raised at the 'Love your Sister' cancer research fund raiser event held at the Palmwoods Community Garden.

MALENY HIGH SCHOOL CHAPLAINCY

Maleny High School has a new chaplain, Micah Jones. He is gradually getting to know the community and has already made a positive impact on the school. A flyer with information about Micah, how chaplaincy programs operate and how to support this worthy cause can be found on the desk at the back of Maleny Church.

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.

SUMMARY OF OFFERINGS TO DATE

	Budget	*Actual*	*%*	*2018*
Maleny	*33,116*	*34,754*	*106%*	*30,207*
Montville	*10,500*	*10,746*	*102%*	*11,186*
Palmwoods	*7,269*	*3,609*	*50%*	*7,482*
Total	***50,885***	***49,109***	***97%***	***48,875***

SUMMARY OF CHURCH ATTENDANCE

	Adults	*Children*	*Total*	*2018*
Maleny	*65*	*3*	*68*	*60*
Montville	*19*	*0*	*19*	*16*
Palmwoods*	*28*	*7*	*35*	*36*
Total	***112***	***10***	***122***	***112***

** Palmwoods attendances include the Tongan Service*

VALE

Our thoughts and prayers are with Jasmine, her grandmother, Jan and the extended family after the death of Graeme McNaught on 24th May.

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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