# Our Common Life

## Blackall Range Uniting Churches

Maleny | Montville | Palmwoods

## June 16 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 |
| | 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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**Services Next Week Jun 23**

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| Montville | 8.15am | Rev Bruce Johnson |
| Maleny | 9.45am | Rev Bruce Johnson |
| Palmwoods | 10.00am | Rev Bob Philpot |
| | 1pm | Tongan Service |

**Readings (Pentecost 2)**

1 Kings 19:1-15a, Psalm 42 & 43

Galatians 3:23-29, Luke 8:26-39

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**The Week Ahead**

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

**Tuesday Jun 18th**

7.00am Prayers at Moyra's 5494 2661

**Wednesday June 19th**

8.30am Christian Meditation 5435 8152

**Friday June 21st**

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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## Trinity Sunday

John 16: 12-15

To the extent that we are influenced by other people, something of their spirit, viewpoint or attitude finds a place in us. On a physical level we remain separate and distinct individuals, but on the spiritual level we can experience an in-dwelling by others. Think of the influence that parents continue to have on us long after we have left home or after they have died. This can be on a rather superficial level, but it can also touch the deepest core of our being.

That's what I mean when I say that, on a spiritual level, we impact one another all of the time, and that is what Jesus was talking about when he said, "Abide in me as I abide in you." Likewise, when Jesus said, "All that the Father has is mine" and, "When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all truth, for he will not speak on his own" he was referring to the interpenetration of Father, Son and Holy Spirit. We experience God in these three ways, but all are included in our experience of any one of them.

It might be said then that relationship is at the heart of God. Father, Son and Spirit relate to each other in the perfect relationship of love. However, the truly amazing thing is that we are drawn into this spiritual relationship. The Holy Spirit that empowers the Church is the Spirit involved in creation and also the Spirit that was in Christ Jesus. The Spirit that leads us into faith, that prompts us to worship and to pray, implants the capacity to love and to serve, makes us rise up when we have fallen, recalls us when we have strayed, stirs us to do something about injustice, cruelty and oppression – this Spirit is the Spirit of Christ and also of the Creator.

When we talk about the Holy Trinity, we are talking about three personae that co-inhere in the one divine reality.

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**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.

## 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

## MISSION WORKING GROUP

Those interested in representing your congregation on a Mission Working Group, please contact Karis Ross on karisjross@gmail.com / 0439669350. Your role will be as the contact point for your congregation, to publicise and co-ordinate your congregation's engagement with our chosen projects. Meetings will be appr quarterly to co-ordinate BRUC national and international projects starting Saturday June 29 at 2pm (or as otherwise negotiated).

## TRANSITION HOUSE UPDATE

Latest report from Project representative, Barry Smith: "The money donated in our recent Lent Appeal at Maleny Church ($1,500) has made a valuable contribution to this important project. This money has funded a recent makeover of the House with some new furniture and fittings and linen purchased. Other groups and individuals in town are also lending their support. The project is already making a difference to the lives of some women and children. Without the support of organisations like Maleny Uniting Church this project would not have got off the ground."

A printed copy of the full report has been added to the Maleny noticeboard, and a few copies are available at the information stand. Worth a look to see how its progressing

## MALENY MINISTRY TASK GROUP

Next meeting is 8.15 am Sunday 23rd June. Maleny congregation: if you have questions, agenda items could you please advise one of the group members. The purpose of the task group is to continue the ministry strategies at Maleny, and feed in to the BRUC Council which is meeting in July. Task Group members are Peter C, Merilyn, Amity, Lynn, Bob E, Peter U and Murray

## LOST PROPERTY

2 jackets were left in the Church appr 5 wks ago - 1 cream and 1 dark blue. Can anyone assist in locating their owners? Enquiries to Stan and Marnie Mc

## 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.

## 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.

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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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