

June 23 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.



Services Today

Montville Maleny Palmwoods 8.15am Rev Bruce Johnson 9.45am Rev Bruce Johnson 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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Services Next Week Jun 30

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

Readings (Pentecost 3)

2 Kings 2:1-2,6-14 Psalm 77:1-2,11-20 Galatians 5:1.13-25 Luke 9:51-62

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The Week Ahead

Open Daily: Reflection Gallery Montville (see over)

Tuesday Jun 25th

7.00am Prayers at Moyra's 5494 2661

Wednesday June 26th

8.30am Christian Meditation 5435 8152

Friday June 28th

1.30pm Know Your Bible (KYB) 5494 2486

Saturday June 29th

9am Palmwoods working bee

Sunday June 30th

9.15am morning tea at Palmwoods Church

Identity

Galatians 3: 23-29

The wearing of a uniform identifies people as belonging to a particular group or organisation. Think of the military or police force, school or sporting team, corporate body or nursing staff. It also helps to unify the group. When wearing a uniform, people are reminded that they do not function purely as individuals, they are part of a team. Individual distinctions fade in the light of a common identity.

So it is with those who place their faith in Christ. Other ways of identifying themselves fade into insignificance compared with the Christ-identity that they share. In writing to the Galatian Christians, Paul referred to the early baptismal practice of putting a white robe on people as they came out of the waters of baptism. This represented being clothed with Christ. Christ is the uniform that overrides all other identities, things like ethnicity, social standing or sexuality (Jew or Greek, slave or free, male or female). Of course, differences still exist, but they do not define us. We are all, irrespective of our differences, equally children of God and heirs of God's promise.

The formation of the Uniting Church in Australia forty-two years ago is a continuing reminder of this. Division occurs within the Body of Christ when other identities are given preference over the identity we have in Christ. When we identify more with some doctrine than with Christ the unity is shattered. When we identify more with some political stance than we do with Christ we divide the Church. When we identify more with some particular denomination than we do with Christ we undermine that unity which is both Christ's will and gift for his Church. When we identify more with our cultural or racial identity than we do with Christ we undermine the unity that we have in Christ.

- During your life, what uniforms have you worn? Did you feel as though they gave you a particular identity at the time?
- What gives people their identity, that is, their sense of who they are?
- In your life, which of the following identities rivals the identity you have in Christ: political, cultural, racial, national, familial, occupational, doctrinal, denominational, or other?
- Underlying Galatians 3:23-29 is the message that God is reaching out to all people through Jesus Christ. What implication does this carry for us today?

Rev Ron Potter

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PRAYER FOR JUNE - 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 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.

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 coordinate BRUC national and international projects starting Saturday June 29 at 2pm (or as otherwise negotiated).

PALMWOODS WORKING BEE

.... Is taking place on Saturday 29th June at 9am

PALMWOODS UNITING & ANGLICAN TEA

A combined morning tea with our Anglican neighbours is being hosted by Palmwoods Uniting Church at 9.15am on Sunday 30th June.

Please bring a plate of food to share & if possible, arrive before 9am to help set up and welcome their arrival.

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

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.

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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)



Maleny Uniting Church, Montville Uniting Church, Palmwoods Uniting Church Regulars to remember:

The Week Ahead:

Saturday mm/dd

8.30am Prayer Meeting at Maleny Church (in week prior to the 1st Saturday of each month) NOTE: Aug prayer meeting is 2nd Sat due to garage sale

Notices:

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.

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

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