Our Common Life

Blackall Range Uniting Churches

Maleny | Montville | Palmwoods

June 30 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 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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Services Next Week July 7

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

Readings (Pentecost 3)

2 Kings 5:1-14 Psalm 30

Galatians 6:(1-6),7-16 Luke 10:1-11,16-20

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The Week Ahead

Open Daily: Reflection Gallery Montville (see over)

Tuesday July 2nd

7.00am Prayers at Moyra's 5494 2661

9am-3pm Church Office open 5429 6995

Wednesday July 3rd

8.30am Christian Meditation 5435 8152

Thursday July 4th

9am-3pm Church Office open 5429 6995

Friday July 5th

1.30pm Know Your Bible (KYB) 5494 2486

Saturday July 6th

8.30am Prayer Meeting at Maleny Church

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Spirit of Co-operation

Galatians 5:1, 13-25

We live in a world of winners and losers; of rivalry; division, and with that suspicion, fear and even hatred. It's a world of us-and-them thinking; each one for himself or herself; the survival of the fittest. But we dream of living in a cooperative world where everyone is respected and all people live in harmony and at peace. The trouble is we often assume that the way to get to that is through the same old competitive practices we have lived by so much of the time: peace and harmony through domination and submission. But that approach is bound to fail.

The new world must be a world where people live in freedom, not under oppression whether it be political, economic, social or religious oppression. So Paul stresses that Christ has set us free, only he warns not to use that freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence. Christ sets us free from the prison of living with a self-serving, competitive, me-against-you attitude so that we can live in a world where love reigns: "You shall love your neighbour as yourself."

Life lived within the competitive framework of self-centredness and division he calls, flesh-living. Living in the flesh is living under the impulse of our selfish desires. We need laws to restrain our aggressive flesh lives. That is so today with laws and regulations imposed by governments just as it was with the Torah or Hebrew Law in the time of Jesus and of Paul. What we are offered through Christ is life inspired by the very same Spirit that is present in creation and in all creatures, in all forgiveness and reconciliation, in Christ and in his Church, in our own lives and in those of all people – the Spirit of God. Beyond all our divisions – political, economic, cultural and religious – there is a fundamental unity expressed as love – respect, acceptance, helpfulness, compassion, understanding, sympathy. This is life in the Spirit and its fruits are listed in Galatians 5:22-23.

- What is good about competition and what is bad about competition?
- What is the freedom that we have in Christ and what threatens that freedom?
- Paul called on the Galatian Christians to live by the power of the Spirit and not to slip back into living in the ways of the flesh. How relevant is this call to us today?
- If the Holy Spirit is the spirit of love, bearing fruit as suggested in Galatians 5:22-23, where do you see evidence of the Holy Spirit's presence in the world today?

Rev Ron Potter **Piula Publications**

TODAY - morning tea at Palmwoods Church-9.15am

PRAISE GOD!
Maggie Ginty's Non Hodgkins Lymphoma Stage 4, is now in complete remission after 6 months of Chemo. Thank you so very much for your amazing support with your faithful prayers, beautiful messages and cards, yummy meals and visits that have encouraged John and I throughout this journey and for which we are eternally grateful to you. May Our Lord dearly bless each one of you, love and big hugs. Maggie

THE NEW VINE
Copies of the Winter edition of *The New Vine* are available at the back of each church today. Apologies for its late arrival. Copies are not labelled, so just feel free to take one. Graham

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.

NOTICE OF A BLACKALL RANGE UNITING CHURCH COMBINED CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
A combined congregational meeting to be held at the Maleny church has been called for **11:30am on Sunday 14 July 2019.**

The Joint Nominating Committee (JNC) has a recommended ministry candidate to bring to the congregation for the Minister of the Word vacancy.

All attendees of the Congregation are welcome to attend and be involved in the discussion.

Confirmed Members and Members-in-Association will participate in the consensus and call motion.

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.

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.

LADIES FRIENDSHIP GROUP'S
Next meeting is on **18th July at 9:15 a.m.** We will carpool to go to Montville to see the Reflections Gallery. After viewing the paintings we'll have morning tea at Range Care, Flaxton and share with the clients there or enjoy the delights of Montville as desired.

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

DISABILITY ROYAL COMMISSION
Last week, a communication went out to key stakeholders from the General Secretary regarding the Royal Commission into Violence, Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation of People with Disability. At the 15th Assembly meeting in 2018, the Assembly resolved to adopt a "Statement of access and welcome" as a starting point for further conversation and action regarding justice and equality for people with disability. In the coming weeks, a survey will be distributed to further assist the Synod office in understanding which entities have provided services to people with a disability. Should you have any questions,

contact :disability@ucaqld.com.au.

GARAGE SALE DECLUTTER TIME

The container out front of the church is ready to receive your preloved goods for the **3 August Garage sale.** 6 weeks to fill it! So use these cold damp days to continue your mid-winter clean up. Be ready for a fresh spring start! Spread the word to friends and neighbors. **Contact Murray 0409268665, or Stan 0428780832** if you have goods to be picked up. Remember that the funds raised this year will go to the Conondale School Chaplain Service, Becky Francis. By the way the container has been donated by Maleny Dairies.

Thanks, Sally and Ross!

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

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