

July 7 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 Malenv Palmwoods

8.15am Rev Bruce Johnson 9.45am Rev Bruce Johnson HC 10.00am Pastor Kay Nixon

1pm Tongan Service

Readings (Pentecost 4)

2 Kings 5:1-14 Psalm 30

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

Services Next Week July 14

Montville Maleny

Rev Bruce Johnson HC 8.15am Rev Bob Philpot 9.45am

Palmwoods 10.00am Rev Bruce Johnson HC

Readings (Pentecost 5)

Amons 7:7-17 Psalm 82

Colossians 1:1-14 Luke 10:25-37

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The Week Ahead

Open Daily: Reflection Gallery Montville (see over)

Tuesday July 9th

7.00am Prayers at Moyra's 5494 2661 9am-3pm Church Office open 5429 6995

Wednesday July 10th

8.30am Christian Meditation 5435 8152

Thursday July 11th

Church Office open 5429 6995 9am-3pm

Friday July 12th

1.30pm Know Your Bible (KYB) 5494 2486

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Reaping What We Sow

Galatians 6: 7-16

Karma is a word that has passed into popular usage from the religions of India. However, when Paul wrote to the Galatians, "You reap whatever you so", he was not just thinking about the idea that whatever we do, good or bad, has its affect upon us either in this life or in some future life. He was specifically saying that if we live selfishly our lives are simply here-today-and-gonetomorrow, of no more significance than that. But if we allow the Spirit of God to motivate us, we participate in life as God meant it to be, life in the kingdom of God, described also as eternal life.

The comparison is made between weeds and valuable plants. No matter how apparently successful a life may be, if dominated by selfish desire it is wasted. The only life that is of enduring value is the life empowered by God's desire for unity and peace; that is, as life that reflects God's love. It means then that the part of us that is driven by selfish desire is of no lasting worth, but that within us which is led by God's Spirit lasts for ever.

It is then a challenge for us, whenever we have the opportunity, to work for the good of all, especially for those who share this faith with us. And at the same time to open ourselves up, ever more fully, to the Spirit's activity within. But be aware, selfish desire shows up in the most unexpected places. Take, for example, groups, congregations or denominations within the church. When they gloat over their successes and take pride in winning converts to their group, they show that they are motivated, not by the Spirit of God, but by group selfishness.

The issue for Paul was raised specifically by the existence of a group within the early church who said all Christian men had to be circumcised. 'Rubbish!', he says. All that matters is being part of God's way of living ("The new creation," he called it.) opened up for us through Jesus Christ by the activity of the Holy Spirit.

- Have you any comment to make on this, "Selfish lives are wasted lives"?
- What verse in Galatians 6: 7-10 gives rise to the above, "If we live selfishly our lives are simply heretoday-and-gone-tomorrow, of no more significance than that"?
- Where do you see selfish desire evident in the life of the church?
- Where else do you see group selfishness being displayed?

Rev Ron Potter

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PRAYER FOR JULY - OUR NEW MINISTER

The Joint Nominating Committee encourages everyone to continue to pray for the appointment of a new minister. Importantly please pray that when we meet for our combined congregational meeting we will have a clear understanding of God's direction.

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.

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.

PASTORAL CARE MEETING

Pastoral Care Meeting on **Sunday 21**st **July**. This meeting is for anyone already involved with Pastoral Care and those interested in becoming part of the team. There will be discussions and Rev Bruce will give us a talk on a subject helpful to us in our caring and support. This meeting will take place after Church and lunch will provided. Everyone welcome. Please indicate on sheet of paper at the back of the Church if you are attending.

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!

MALENY HIGH SCHOOL CHAPLAINCY MORNING TEA

A "Chappy Vintage Tea" will be held at The Orangery on Cairncross Corner on Wednesday, **31st July, starting at 10.30am.**

This an opportunity to meet the new High School Chaplain, Micah Jones, to enjoy some delicious cakes and refreshments and to help support the work of the chaplain.

The **cost is \$20 per person** and if you book a table for 10 or more, each person receives a free raffle ticket. Tickets are available at Maleny Optical, Nellie's Hair Design, The Orangery, Maleny High School or online @FaceBook: Maleny State High School. Please pre-purchase tickets as it helps with catering.

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.

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UPDATE FROM MALENY MINISTRY TASK GROUP

Here is an update on decisions/actions from the first Maleny Ministry Task Group, Sunday 23 June:

The role of the task group is to implement our Maleny strategic plan; and to communicate to and from the BRCC and Maleny congregation. Membership will be flexible and vary according to needs. All areas reported ongoing progress; many of these are regularly reported on in Common Life and weekly announcements.

Decisions/Actions as follows:

- 1. Training for pastoral carers: Bruce Johnson to facilitate a training session for Carers on **Sunday 21 July**. More details: Lynn Ross
- 2. Proposed speaking engagement offer from Lindy Chamberlain. To be a public meeting open to the wider community held on a Sunday in November, an outreach opportunity. More details: Peter Callaghan and Jan Trendle
- 3. The 4 30 service is in recess at present. More details contact Amity Green
- 4. Outreach/mission: we need a Maleny rep on BRCC mission group. Waiting on Church Council Mission group for national/overseas focus areas. Enquiries: Murray Robertson or Karis at Palmwoods
- 5. Children Youth and Families: for the goals/strategies of our strategic plan to be achieved, Maleny needs the services of a dedicated leader (paid/unpaid) Bob Eather and Amity Green will communicate this to BR Church Council next meeting. More details: Bob Eather and Amity Green

Next meeting will be held a few weeks prior to the **12 October BRCC meeting**. This will be an open meeting, for any interested Maleny church family members. More details from Murray Robertson (Task Group Facilitator)

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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Notice Sheet: Contributions requested before 10 am

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