

# **August 4 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 Maleny Palmwoods 8.15am 9.45am

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

1pm Tongan Service

## **Readings (Pentecost 18)**

Hosea 11:1-11 Psalm 107:1-9,43 Colossians 3:1-11 Luke 12:13-21

# **Services Next Week August 11**

Montville Malenv Palmwoods 8.15am 9.45am 10.00am Rev Bruce Johnson HC Mr Murray Robertson Rev Bruce Johnson HC

#### Readings (Pentecost 19)

Isaiah 1:1,10-20 Psalm 510:1-8,22-23 Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16 Luke 12:32-40

#### The Week Ahead

Open Daily: Reflection Gallery Montville (see over) Tuesday August 6th

7.00am

9am-3pm

Prayers at Moyra's 5494 2661 Church Office open 5429 6995

Pastoral Care Meeting 1.30pm

Wednesday August 7th

8.30am Christian Meditation 5435 8152

Thursday August 8th

9am-3pm Church Office open 5429 6995

Friday August 9th

Know Your Bible (KYB) 5494 2486 1.30pm

Saturday August 10th

8.30-9.30am Prayer Meeting

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Uniting in Christ | acting with love | living with hope| witnessing in faith | working for justice  **Living Heaven Now** Colossians 3:1-11, 12-17

We speak of heaven as being a place, but we know that it is not a physical location. It belongs to the realm of spirit. In contrast to the life that we experience day by day, life there is perfect. Everything is as God wants it to be. Instead of people living away from God, they live in intimate, love-filled relationship with God. Instead of life being taken over by selfish desires, live is actually lived in love for God and for one another.

People reflect the love-filled nature of God as they were always meant to. Rather than thinking of it as a place though, I find it more helpful to think of heaven as a state of being or another form of existence. People like Paul thought that, in the resurrection, Jesus entered into this form of existence and now shares in God's reign, or as he put it, "is seated at the right hand of God". However, Christ is not remote or out of contact, and the boundary between earth and heaven is not as hard and fast as people usually imagine.

Right here in this world, through our relationship with Jesus Christ, we can know something of the life of heaven, of life lived in a joyful and faithful relationship with God. It doesn't matter what religious denomination a person belongs to, whether they see themselves as top dog in their world or a reject, whether they are refined or rough and ready, all that matters is Christ. Through him, we are not restricted to living only on the earthly level; we are introduced to living in the heavenly dimension.

We need then to live as people who belong in that realm. That means setting our minds and hearts on the things of heaven and avoiding those things that arise out of selfish desire. Colossians 3:5 and 8 gives a list of the sort of things to avoid while Colossians 3:12-17 gives a more positive indication of what that involves.

- How does the idea of heaven put forward here differ from popular concepts of heaven?
- Which is more helpful to you, to think of heaven as a place or to think of it as another form of existence?
- Do you have any advice to give to people trying to get rid of the things listed in Colossians 3:5 and 8?
- What strikes you as most important in Colossians 3:12-17?

**Rev Ron Potter** 

**Piula Publications** 

**PASTORAL CARE MEETING** is to be held on Tuesday **6/8/19 at 1:30 p.m**. at the Maleny church.

### **CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL**



The planning team will meet on Friday 9 August at 9 00am.

Anyone interested in joining the team for this outreach is most welcome to attend.

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#### **BRUC NEW MINISTER**

The Rev Liena Hoffman has accepted the call the Blackall Range Uniting Church made to her.

Since 2014 Liena has been the co-minister at the Dutch Reformed Church in Stellenbosch North, South Africa. Prior to this Liena held ministry positions with the Stellenbosch United Church in South Africa and the Dutch Reformed Church in Chivhu, Zimbabwe.

In addition, for 10 years Liena was a part time theology lecturer at Stellenbosch University.

Before and during this time Liena has also worked as a legal practitioner.

On a lighter note, Liena loves knitting and crocheting. Prayer points: The visa application process, Blue Card application and Liena's travel arrangements.

#### **VOLUNTEERS FORMS AND CODE OF CONDUCT**

As part of the Uniting Church Child Safe Policy and Procedures, a Volunteers Form has been developed which needs to be completed by anyone working with children in our Church or those on the Church Council and Task Groups because they can influence decisions about children's activities. The Form will be circulated with the Code of Conduct to all those involves. In theory, we should interview all volunteers and check their references. In our case, we will only interview and check references for any new people who participate in children's activities.

# FROM BONHOEFFER TO BEYONCÉ: LEADERSHIP IN A SECULAR AGE

You are invited to spend one or two days with the wonderful Dr Andrew Root (USA), one of the world's leading youth ministry and practical theology scholars and an award-winning, prolific author and speaker.

Andy Root will be speaking at St Stephen's Church in Coorparoo on Friday 16 August 9am–3.30pm and Saturday 17 August 9am–3.30pm. The theme on Friday will be "The pastor in a secular age: ministry to people who no longer need a God". On Saturday, he will address "Faith formation in a secular age: new ways of relating to youth and young adults".

This is an opportunity not to be missed. Register now for \$49 per day or \$90 for both days. Hosted by the Queensland Synod and the Anglican Church Southern Queensland.

#### **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

The display of paintings by indigenous artist, Jasmine Davies, are now in place in the Montville Church, and you are invited to call in any day between 10 and 3 to view them. Twelve pieces present themes such as The Ten Commandments, The Death of Christ, Jonah and the Whale together with Blessing of Family (No matter how big or small, how close or how far away, we will always be there for each other), Sweet Yams (Don't forget to share) and One Mob (We are all God's children). Take time to let the paintings speak. Let God speak through the paintings.

#### PROJECT PLENTY

There are many ways that you can join the Project Plenty conversation. There are a number of workshops scheduled for the next few months, with more planned for later in the year. Share your thoughts on how to shape our future for tomorrow.

- ➤ 31 August, 10am–12.30pm at Buderim Uniting Church.
- ➤ 3 September, 7pm–9pm at Chermside Kedron Community Church.
- > 5 September, 7pm–9pm at Broadwater Road Uniting Church.
- ➢ 6 September, 11.30am−1.30pm on the rooftop at Wesley House, Brisbane.
- ▶ 9 September, 7–9pm at Bremer Brisbane Presbytery office, 13 William Street, Goodna.
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- ➤ 11 September, 7–9pm at Ashmore Uniting Church.
- ➤ 14 September, 10am-12.30pm at Bundaberg Uniting Church.

If you are interested in attending one of these sessions, please complete the <u>RSVP form</u>. Want to know more about Project Plenty?

Join the Project Plenty <u>Facebook group</u> or visit ucaqld.com.au/projectplenty

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