

August 18 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

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| Montville | 8.15am | Rev Ron Potter | |
| Maleny | 9.45am | Rev Bruce Johnson | |
| Palmwoods | 10.00am | Rev George Woodward | |
| | 1pm | Tongan Service | |
| Readings (Pentecost 20) | | | |
| Isaiah 5:1-7 Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19 | | | |
| Hebrews 11:29-12:2 Luke 12:49-56 | | | |

Services Next Week August 25

| Montville | 8.15am | Rev Bruce Johnson |
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| Maleny | 9.45am | Rev Bruce Johnson |
| Palmwoods | 10.00am | Mr Peter Uhlmann |

Readings (Pentecost 21)

Jeremiah 1:4-10 Psalm 71:1-6,

Hebrews 12:18-29 Luke 13:10-17

The Week Ahead

Open Daily: Reflection Gallery Montville (see over)

Tuesday August 20th

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

Wednesday August 21st

8.30am Christian Meditation 5435 8152

Thursday August 22nd

9am-3pm Church Office open 5429 6995

Friday August 23rd

1.30pm Know Your Bible (KYB) 5494 2486

Saturday August 24th

8.00am Ladies Ecumenical Breakfast

Don't Give Up

Hebrews 11:29-12:2;

Keep your eye on the ball. How often have we been told that! From school days when learning to play tennis, cricket, netball, football or some other ball game we have been told it over and over again. That's because its basic to the development of skills in these sports. But it's important in other areas of life too. Lose your focus and you lose your way.

How many businesses have got themselves into trouble because in diversifying they ignored their core business! And when hammering in a nail don't allow yourself to get distracted. So, let's take heed of Hebrews 12:1-2 when it tells us to run with perseverance keeping our eyes firmly fixed on Jesus. The faith that we are called to is faith in Jesus Christ, not, first and foremost, faith in the Church or faith in the Bible or faith in anything else. These are to point us to Christ and they serve us well when they do that. Just don't get distracted.

There are many ways in which we can be distracted from running the race we are called to run: the cares and stresses of daily life, the allure of money, the sense of swimming against the tide of popular opinion and the ever-present temptation to centre everything on ourselves, our wants and our desires.

The particular point that Hebrews is making here is that, by enduring the pain and shame of crucifixion, Jesus modelled perseverance for us. If he was prepared to go to such an extent in his faith, how can we, who are his followers, allow ourselves to go slack or fall away in our faith. Get rid of anything that hinders and, by the enabling Spirit of Christ, follow him.

Psychologists measure the strength of human drives by measuring the level of pain that their subjects are ready to endure to satisfy their instincts; so the strength of one's faith can be indicated by the level of inconvenience, hurt or persecution that a person is prepared to put up with in living out their faith.

- Lose your focus and you lose your way: give examples.
- In your experience, what is most likely to distract you from your faith in Christ?
- Other than Jesus himself, who models faith for you?
- What helps keep faith alive and vibrant?

Rev Ron Potter

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THANK YOU

Thank you so very much for your fantastic support with your faithful prayers, and visits that have encouraged Dorothy and me throughout my recent illness and for which we are eternally grateful to you. May Our Lord dearly bless each one of you. - Karl

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.

FINAL REQUEST – The New Vine

Contributions for the next edition of The New Vine close **this Wednesday**, **21** August. Please send any items, especially those about grand-parenting, to <u>grandar@bigpond.net.au</u> Looking forward to hearing from so many of you. Graham

FROM REV BRUCE JOHNSON

It looks like I shall be continuing in supply for September and October, so here is your chance to have a puzzle explored. If you have any subject, question or Bible passage you would like me to preach on during the next few weeks please email me and I will try my best to help enrich your faith formation. I can't guarantee to solve your problem, bit I can help you find a little more light. My email address is <u>b_hjohnson@me.com</u>.

LADIES ECUMENICAL BREAKFAST

The breakfast is Saturday 24th at 8.00am at the Anglican Church in 2 Walkers Rd. Maleny. All are welcome, and the speaker is Mrs Beryl Collins who is a member of the Anglican Church, and who will share her life's journey with us.

Please RSVP by Wednesday 21st by email or phone Judy 54296544 or Ruth 54352789. Looking forward to seeing all who are able to come and sharing fellowship.

VOLUNTEER IN THE OUTBACK

Frontier Services has 19 volunteer opportunities available supporting those living in rural and remote Queensland. Can you help?

Case study 1: This young family have called out for help. Their youngest child is too young to go out mustering with the rest of the family. Can you help with child-minding for a couple of weeks in January 2020?

Case study 2: Two sisters, both almost 90, need help with some gardening, cooking or cleaning.

Please give us a call on 1300 787 247 and speak with either Barry or Michelle!

LADIES FRIENDSHIP

For the October Ladies Friendship morning, we will be doing a craft activity using old Christmas and Birthday Cards. Could you please bring some old cards for us to use and drop them into the shoebox in the hall? Thank you in anticipation.

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.

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| Notice Sheet: | Contributions requested before 10am Weds: admin@ourcommonlife.org.au | |

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