



# Our Common Life

## Blackall Range Uniting Churches

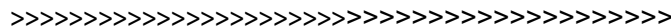
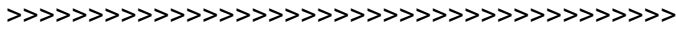
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### The Word of the Lord

**August 25 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.

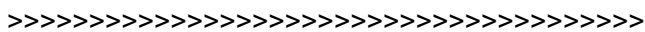


#### Services Today

Montville	8.15am	Rev Bruce Johnson
Maleny	9.45am	Rev Bruce Johnson
Palmwoods	10.00am	Mr Peter Uhlmann
	1.00pm	Tongan Service

#### Readings (Pentecost 21)

Jeremiah 1:4-10 Psalm 71:1-6,  
Hebrews 12:18-29 Luke 13:10-17



#### Services Next Week September 1

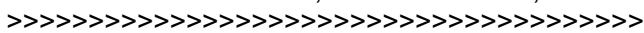
#### COMBINED SERVICE AT PALMWOODS 10.00am IN COMMUNITY GARDEN.

Rev Bruce Johnson & Pastor Kay Nixon & Rev George Woodward

#### Note: No services at Maleny or Montville

#### Readings (Pentecost 22)

Jeremiah 2:4-13 Psalm 81:1 10-16,  
Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16 Luke 14:1,7-14



#### The Week Ahead

#### Open Daily: Reflection Gallery Montville (see over)

#### Tuesday August 27<sup>th</sup>

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

#### Wednesday August 28<sup>th</sup>

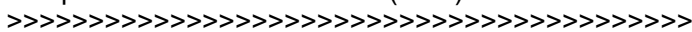
8.30am Christian Meditation 5435 8152

#### Thursday August 29<sup>th</sup>

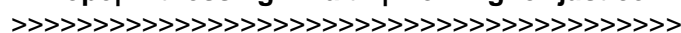
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#### Friday August 30<sup>th</sup>

1.30pm Know Your Bible (KYB) 5494 2486



**Uniting in Christ | acting with love | living with hope | witnessing in faith | working for justice**



#### Jeremiah 1:4-10; Luke 13:10-17;

The word of the Lord came to me. So wrote Jeremiah. Immature and diffident as he was. Called to speak God's word to the most powerful people in the land. Called to tell it like it is. Called to be the mouthpiece by which God would speak to the nation. Called to speak words that came from the one who spoke all creation into existence.

The word that would find its clearest expression in Jesus. God is not tongue-tied. God speaks, and in speaking God makes a difference. As we all know, words spoken can never be unsaid. The word of God always makes a difference. Unless we freeze it, preserve it and keep it locked away in our religious refrigerator.

God gave the Law to the Israelites centuries before Jesus lived telling them how to live together as a community. It was given for the good of all. It was an expression of God's love. Love for God and love for neighbour undergirded it all. However, as the incident recorded in Luke 13:10-17 shows, God's ancient law about Sabbath observance was sometimes applied without that love for neighbour.

In the name of preserving God's law the leader of the synagogue objected to God's healing word being spoken to a crippled woman on the Sabbath day. A reminder that we too can try to wrap the word of God in packaging of our own making, keeping it under our own administration. But the word of God is dynamic, powerful, direct and effective for change. It cannot be preserved and brought out whenever it suits our purposes. As the word of the Lord took Jeremiah by surprise, it may very well surprise us.

The word of God is a life-creating, life-renewing, life-changing presence. It is experienced as love – creative, healing, transforming love. Sometimes it comes as a call to a specific form of service, but to all it is the call to consistent, faithful, humble discipleship.

- Where in the Bible do you find reference to God speaking all creation into existence?
- Where in John's Gospel do we find the assertion that Jesus was the word of God? (Start reading from the beginning if you are not sure)
- How can we, or the church, wrap the word of God in packaging of our own making in an attempt to keep it under our own administration?
- Have you received a word from the Lord? What is it like?

**Rev Ron Potter**

**Piula Publications**

**TODAY - GROWING TOGETHER MEET**

At 4pm and we will be prepping the area for the event the following week. Any helpers from other churches would be very welcome. Community Garden at 17-19 Hill Street, Palmwoods. Thanks for all you do. Contact: Kay 0412 539 020

**COMBINED CLUSTER WORSHIP SERVICE, SUNDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> SEPTEMBER at PALMWOODS COMMUNITY GARDEN.**

(Note: No services on 1<sup>st</sup>September at Maleny or Montville) Service at 10am followed by a Bring and Share Lunch.

**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 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, but I can help you find a little more light. My email address is [b\\_hjohnson@me.com](mailto:b_hjohnson@me.com) .

**LITTLE LIGHTS MUSIC**



Every **Monday mornings** from **9.15am - 11.15am** Little Lights Music has small group music instruction class at Maleny Church. Contact: Belinda McEachern [bel@littleglightsmusic.com.au](mailto:bel@littleglightsmusic.com.au) Mob: 0420 788 173

**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.

**LINDY CHAMBERLAIN-CREIGHTON EVENT**

As an outreach initiative, we have secured Lindy Chamberlain for a speaking event at 2pm on Sun Oct 6<sup>th</sup> . All are welcome - spread the word to friends & family ! Volunteers are also sought to assist the organisers with baking for tea beforehand, and seating setup / parking marshalling on the day – contact either Annie (0438123306) or Jan (0418115933)

There is no charge for tickets (other than a small ticketing fee) however bookings are essential via <https://www.trybooking.com/BEXTQ>

**INVITATION TO PROJECT PLENTY WORKSHOPS – MARY BURNETT PRESBYTERY**

Project Plenty is a discernment process underpinned by the intent for the Uniting Church to be “for the world” – contributing to a stronger, healthier, more vibrant Queensland community as part of our understanding of God’s mission in the world.

The project is about more than just the Synod office, rather it is about the entire Synod. So whether you regularly attend services at one of our congregations, have a child who attends a Uniting Church childcare centre or work at one of our aged care facilities, you are more than welcome to join a Project Plenty workshop at Buderim Uniting Church, Gloucester Road, Buderim from 10am on Sunday, 31 August. Go to the Project Plenty website for more information at <http://ucaqld.com.au/projectplenty/>

**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.

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 10am Weds: [admin@ourcommonlife.org.au](mailto:admin@ourcommonlife.org.au)



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