Our Common Life

Blackall Range Uniting Churches

Maleny | Montville | Palmwoods

Sepember 15 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 Bruce Johnson
Maleny	9.45am	Rev Bruce Johnson
Palmwoods	10.00am	Mr Peter Uhlmann
	1.00pm	Tongan Service

Readings (Pentecost 24)

Jeremiah 4:11-12,22-28, Psalm 14

1 Timothy 1:12-17, Luke 15:1-10

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Services Next Week September 22

Montville	8.15am	Rev Bruce Johnson
Maleny	9.45am	Mr Murray Robertson
Palmwoods	10.00am	Rev Bruce Johnson
	1.00pm	Tongan Service

Readings (Pentecost 25)

Jeremiah 8:18-9:1, Psalm 79:1-9

1 Timothy 2:1-7, Luke 16:1-13

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The Week Ahead

Open Daily: Reflection Gallery Montville (see over)

Tuesday September 17th

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

Wednesday September 18th

8.30am Christian Meditation 5435 8152

Thursday September 19th

9am-3pm Church Office open 5429 6995
9.30am Ladies Friendship

Friday September 20th

1.30pm Know Your Bible (KYB) 5494 2486

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Sin and Salvation

Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28,1
Timothy 1:12-17 ,Luke 15:1-10

Sin always has consequences, and they are always disastrous. Sometimes physically disastrous. Always spiritually disastrous If we are not aware of this, it is because we know nothing of a life without sin. Sin is missing the mark, being less than we could be.

Preferring self-centredness to God-centredness. A break in relationship with God. Prophets like Jeremiah warned the people of their day about the disastrous consequences of sin to the nation. A life without sin would be a life in complete awareness of God's presence and love, a life lived in perfect trust and confidence in God, a life lived in conformity to the will and purpose of God.

But "All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23). However, at the heart of the Christian Gospel is the announcement that, "Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners" (1 Timothy 1:15). To save people from living apart from God. To save us from our addictive selfishness. To save us from the disastrous consequences of our sin. To save us for life under God's love and leadership.

A right relationship with God, and based on that, a right relationship, as far as it is possible, with other people. Jesus came to call sinners to repentance, that is to a change of direction, a getting back on track. This is the Gospel of God's grace reaching out to sinners everywhere, speaking of acceptance and forgiveness, of new beginnings and the taste of what life was always really meant to be about.

To hear this Gospel, one has to realize that he or she is a sinner, one who has been missing life's target. The self-righteous person cannot hear it. It is a message for both the individual and for the community. A change of heart, a change of direction can always take place if we cooperate with what God is seeking to do in and through us.

- What are the consequences of sin?
- What is the difference between sin and sins?
- If repentance means changing direction, what part does guilt and confession play?
- What is there is Luke 15:1-10 to prompt the comment, "To hear this Gospel, one has to realize that he or she is a sinner"?

Rev Ron Potter **Piula Publications**

THE GIFT OF A BOOKMARK -END TODAY

Would you like to donate a bookmark(s) of your choice to be given to our Indian girls? The group soon to be visiting North India will personally deliver the bookmarks. There are collection boxes in Maleny and Montville churches.

Some suggestions: Australian places, animals, birds, plants, Blackall Range places, something cute or with a "meaningful message" that would appeal to girls approximately 5 to 15 years old.

Any enquiries to 5494 2238, Barbara (on behalf of Maleny Ladies Friendship Group)

THANK YOU

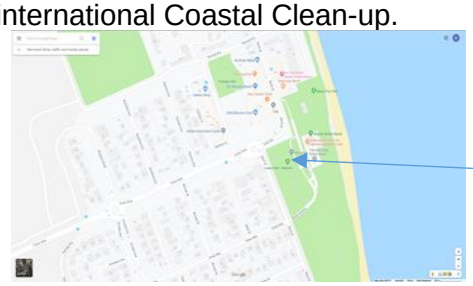
Jasmine and Sisa, Thank you so much for cooking the Lovo at the Thanksgiving Lunch. We appreciate you volunteering your time and your hard work, many thanks.

LADIES FRIENDSHIP

- Our Ladies Friendship Group will be meeting at **9.30am on Thursday 19th September**. Jing has kindly offered to demonstrate cooking yummy spring rolls etc. for further information ring Jan 0418 115 933 or Annie 0438 123 306
- 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.

CAREING FOR GOD'S CREATION

You can care for God's creation by helping to clean up rubbish from **Woorim Beach, Bribie Island**, on **Saturday 21 Sept 2019, 9:30-11:30**, as part of the international Coastal Clean-up.



Contact: A Rocha Australia,
Roger Jaensch, 0488 201 008

LINDY CHAMBERLAIN-CREIGHTON EVENT

As an outreach initiative, we have secured Lindy Chamberlain for a speaking event at the Maleny Uniting Church on Sun Oct 6th at 2pm. All are welcome - spread the word to friends & family – though be sure to book tickets soon as we are likely to reach our seating limit well before the day.

Volunteers are sought to assist the organisers with baking beforehand (slices/biscuits) for tea and on the day seating setup – contact either Annie (0438123306) or Jan (0418115933)

There is no charge for tickets though due to limited seating bookings are essential at https://www.trybooking.com/BEXTQ

GROWING IN FAITH AND LOVE.

Thank you to those who have offered topics for me to consider as subjects for sermons. Some are more challenging than I could tackle in a sermon, so I have settled on some themes that I hope will help a number of people.

Here is a schedule of topics I will try to address.

Montville

15 September - Does God care about our suffering?
22 September - God of the living and the dead.
6 October - What's the relationship between worship and service?

Maleny

15 September - Does God care about our suffering?
29 September - God of the living and the dead.
6 October - What's the relationship between worship and service?
20 October - Is there wisdom in the Wisdom Literature?

Palmwoods

22 September - Does God care about our suffering?
13 October - God of the living and the dead.
27 October - What is the relationship between worship and service?

As I work through the other suggestions I have received, I will try my best to touch on as many issues as possible within the themes I have named above

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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