# Our Common Life

## Blackall Range Uniting Churches

Maleny | Montville | Palmwoods

## October 13 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**

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

**Readings (Pent 18)**

Jeremiah 29:1,4-7, Psalm 66:1-12,

2 Timothy 2:8-15, Luke 17:11-19

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**Services Next Week October 20**

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| Montville | 8.15am | Rev Bruce Johnson |
| Maleny | 9.45am | Rev Bruce Johnson |
| Palmwoods | 10.00am | Pastor Kay Nixon |
| | 1.00pm | Tongan Service |

**Readings (Pent 19)**

Jeremiah 31:27-34, Psalm 119:97-104,

2 Timothy 3:14-4:5, Luke 18:1-8

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**The Week Ahead**

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

**Tuesday October 15th**

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

**Wednesday October 16th**

8.30am Christian Meditation 5435 8152

**Thursday October 17th**

9am-3pm Church Office open 5429 6995

**Friday October 18th**

1.30pm Know Your Bible (KYB) 5494 2486

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## WORD OF GOD UNCHAINED

**2 Timothy 2:8-15, Luke 17:11-19**

God communicates. That's important, because all strong, warm, intimate relationships depend upon good communication and it opens up the possibility for people to live in a close relationship with God. Of course, God does not speak through physical organs as we do. God can speak in any language or even in ways that are beyond language.

God communicates spirit to spirit and heart to heart. It comes in many forms, such as insight, conviction, conversion, comfort, challenge, encouragement, call. There is an intellectual side to it, but it touches the deeper parts of our emotional and core being. God can speak through any medium – another person, an incident, a series of events, a dream or vision – but many have experienced it coming through creation, the Bible, the Church and other people of faith.

Above all, God communicates through Jesus. Not only in what he says, but in his whole person, his life, death and resurrection. As John says, "The Word became flesh and lived among us." But the word of God cannot be tamed. We cannot tell God who to speak to or rule out any group that God cannot communicate with any more than anyone could tell Jesus which lepers to heal and which not to.

Paul rejoiced that while he was in prison the word of God was not imprisoned. (2 Timothy 2:15) People can be killed, imprisoned or scared into silence, but God's word cannot be silenced. Irrespective of the limited influence that the church might have in the community, the word of God is not ineffective. No one, not even the church, can rightly claim to be the exclusive spokesperson for God.

God speaks directly to the heart and soul. Of course, any assumed communication from God needs to be tested against the whole history of God's self-revelation, particularly that made through Jesus Christ. It needs to be tested against God's communication over time to the Church. Not every feeling of the heart or urging of the spirit is of God, but let's keep alert, listening for what God might be saying to us today.

- What are some examples of good communication building close relationships or the absence of communication destroying personal relationships?
- If God does not have physical organs of speech what do we mean when we talk about God speaking?
- Who or what have been vehicles of God's communication to you?
- If God speaks in many and various ways, how helpful is it to call the Bible the Word of God?

**Rev Ron Potter** **Piula Publications**

**GROWING IN FAITH AND LOVE.** -
**Palmwoods**
**Today -** God of the living and the dead.
27 October - What is the relationship between worship and service?
**Maleny**
20 October -Is there wisdom in the Wisdom Literature?

**MANSE HOUSEHOLD APPLIANCES**
We are looking for some basic household appliances e.g. a small fridge, washing and a microwave. Please contact Peter Callaghan 0458 263 322

**CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL**

- The planning team will meet on **Friday 25 October at 9 00am** at the church. As the weeks fly by, the Festival planning needs as much support from the congregation as we can muster. If you are interested in finding out, or helping out in some way, please come along. Short meeting, about an hour! Theme this year: OLD BECOMES NEW AT CHRISTMAS. Lots of trees coming in!
- Christmas Eve Service at Maleny **7PM**.It's time to start planning our Christmas Services. Murray is coordinating Christmas Eve. The theme will link to the Christmas Tree Festival: Old becomes new at Christmas. Murray needs to find out who is willing to be involved. Possibilities include: singing group, play and instrument, helping with children for a nativity component; participating in a presentation (not sure what as yet; depends on who is available). You don't need to be an expert in any of this! Our Christmas services play a vital part in our outreach to people who do not always attend. There is a sheet at the rear of church for you to indicate your interest and support. More details: Murray

**ALEX PARK FAMILY CAMP**
Unite is an amazing time for families camp from **27 Dec 2019 to 2 January 2020.** In a relaxing environment at Alexandra Park Conference Centre. **New family offer**- Try out Family Camp with a 3 day "Taster". If you enjoy it, extend for the rest of the week.

- Just 200 metres from the patrolled surf beach
- No cooking, Daily suggested activites
- Do as much or as little as you like
- Kids meet new friends and play in a safe environment.
- Inclusive community
- Optional daily reflection at chapel in the evening;

**ACCOMMODATION REQUEST**
A Christian family is looking to relocate from Gympie, & formerly Kawana Waters, to the Blackall Range. Preferably in the Mapleton, Flaxton, Montville or Dulong / Kureelpa area. They are wishing to rent in the meantime. If you know of a home to rent/purchase, please contact Sherri Smith on Mobile 0439948987, or email sherriamsmith@hotmail.com.
The family has also requested prayer as the search has been going on for 1.5 years.

**GROWING WITH BLUECARE AND EROWAL**
The BlueCare Chaplain Natalie Roy is trying to build some new links with our congregation. There are a few ways we could participate in the support of Erowal Residents.
Men's Shed provides an opportunity for the men to gather and chat over a pie and beer/soft drink. Male volunteers are required on Tuesday from 1:30-3:30pm. You would be involved in assisting residents to and from "The Shed" and setting up and participating any activities.
In line with the new Aged Care guidelines you will be required to have a police check and participate in a Blue Care Volunteer Orientation (1 hour). All paperwork will be supplied.
Natalie is also looking for people who could make some "Care Birds" and "Palm Crosses". These are wooden hand held aids to prayer and meditation. She is also looking for people who could help with the knitting or crocheting Prayer Shawls
Natalie says, "I am always looking for additional pastoral care volunteers to come in to chat with residents whether it's a weekly, fortnightly or monthly time commitment I don't mind. We provide training and resources to assist pastoral care volunteers."
If you are willing to help in any of these ways please speak with Bruce Johnson or contact **Natalie Roy,** Chaplain Sunshine Coast Cluster,**M:** 0438 891 378
**Email:** n.roy@bluecare.org.au

**REFLECTION GALLERY**
You and your friends are invited to visit the Reflection Gallery in the Montville Uniting Church any day between 10 and 3 where Rev. Ron Potter presents his personal testimony in a collection of paintings exhibited under the theme of Spirit, Life and Wonder. If visiting groups want to make sure that it is open outside those hours contact Ron on 0407631314.

**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.
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