

Our Common Life

Blackall Range Uniting Churches

Maleny | Montville | Palmwoods

Uniting in Christ | Acting with love | Living with hope | Witnessing in faith | Working for justice

November 10 2019 WELCOME TO WORSHIP

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 and Readings

Montville 8.15am Rev Barbara Bailey **HC**Maleny 9.45am Rev Bob Philpot

Palmwoods 10.00am Rev Barbara Bailey **HC**

Services Next Week and Readings November 17

Montville 8.15am Rev Liena Hoffman Maleny 9.45am Rev Liena Hoffman Palmwoods 10.00am Mr Peter Uhlmann

Isaiah 65:17-25. Isaiah 12

2 Thessalonians 3:6-13, Luke 21:5-19

The Week Ahead

Open Daily: Reflection Gallery Montville (see over)

Tuesday November 12th

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

1.30pm Pastoral Care Meeting

Wednesday November 13th

8.30am Christian Meditation 5435 8152

Thursday November 14th

9am-3pm Church Office open 5429 6995

12.00 pm Men's Group **Friday November 15**th

1.30pm Know Your Bible (KYB) 5494 2486

Blackall Range Uniting Churches acknowledges the Jinibara and Kabi Kabi / Gubbi Gubbi peoples who are the traditional owners of this land.

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Resurrection

Luke 20:27-38

In biblical times, resurrection of the dead was expected to happen when God brought in a new creation where God's will would be fully done on earth as it is in heaven. The early Christians saw the resurrection of Jesus as a sign that this kingdom of God, which Jesus had spoken so much about, was already here His resurrection was the first fruits of the great resurrection harvest.

The Church's message then was to get on board, be part of the new creation even while the old form of existence still continued. Assisted by the Holy Spirit, we are called to live by faith in God as present in Jesus Christ. However, the idea of resurrection was a debateable topic even in Jesus' day. Sadducees said no, there was to be no resurrection; Pharisees said yes, there will be. In Luke 20, we find some Sadducees quoting an ancient legal provision in an attempt to make the idea of resurrection look silly. This was the rule that if a man should die without an heir to carry on his name his brother should have a son by his widow on his behalf.

Jesus said that resurrection life is different from life as we know it now. Resurrection life is eternal. If there is no death, no one has to worry about leaving an inheritance or keeping one's family name alive. He then goes on to use a rabbinic kind of argument when pointing out that, in Exodus 3:6, God is referred to as the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob – in the present tense. He argues that these long-dead ancestors are still alive to God.

After all, if God is the heart and soul of creation then life only exists while there is a relationship with God and where there is a relationship with God there is life with or without physical existence. The Bible says surprisingly little about life after physical death. Its message has more to do with life in its relationship with God. This is what is meant by eternal life, and it may commence in this life or beyond it.

- Which is a better basis for believing in life after death: our experience of living within the love of God now or theories that try to explain what happens after we die?
- What do you think it means to say that God is the heart and soul of creation?
- There are two beliefs about what happens when we die: (1) the immortal soul lives on, (2) God raises the person to a new form of existence. Which do you believe, and which is more truly biblical?
- What is the difference between saying that the dead become angels and that they are like angels (Luke 20:36)?

Rev Ron Potter Piula Publications

WELCOME TO REV. LIENA HOFFMAN



Liena has arrived in Brisbane and the Blackall Range this past week. WELCOME to Maleny, Montville and Palmwoods Liena, we have all been looking forward to your arrival and to meeting with you. We will try and not overwhelm you with trying to get to know you all at once, but please be assured that we want to make sure that you feel at home and much loved by the members of your new church family.

God's rich blessings to you Liena.

LOOKING AT BOOK CLUBS FOR MALENY U.C. IN 2020

Calling all interested ladies to join us for morning tea on Thursday 28th Nov - 10am at Nancy & Malcolm's home 80 Tallowwood St, Maleny. Morning tea provided. RSVP to Nancy on 0409 586 601 by 24/11/2019.

If you wish to come early you can have a wander in the Bakers garden.

PASTORAL CARE MEETING

It will hold on **Tuesday 12 Nov at 1.30 pm**. All people who care for others in the church family are encouraged to attend and share your concerns.

Contact: Dorothy 5494 2486

LADIES' FRIENDSHIP GROUP

FINAL GET-TOGETHER FOR 2019



Pre-Christmas Morning Tea on Thursday 21st Nov 2019 at 9.30 am, at Heather Jones's home,160 Curramore Road. Guest Speaker is Rev Michele Shumack. Please bring a saucer of Christmas fare to

share. An opportunity to welcome Rev Liena. Carpool 9.10 am at the Maleny Church.

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.

MALENY LIBRARY

The collection of donated books at Maleny Uniting Church has found a new home in the Prayer Room which will soon be called the Reading Room. There are now more than 300 Christian books, which you are welcome to browse, read or borrow. If you find a good one, you could get a few more copies and use it next in your Connect Group. A full catalogue is on the Maleny Church website (malenyourcommonlife.org.au) or there is a listing of book titles in the library. Book donations are welcome. See Stuart Craig for more information.

THE NEW VINE CHRISTMAS EDITION:

The next New Vine is due in early December, so we need to start preparing now. The feature section, i.e. contributions from the "people in the pews", is to be - Christmas in other cultures. We need as many people as possible from each of our three worship centres to contribute - no more than a half a page each would do nicely. Please share your experiences - be it in another country; in different places you've lived; city and rural; among diverse ethnic groups in Australia. I'd like to explore how others see and interpret Christmas. It doesn't matter what slant you take - all contributions will be welcomed. So, please rise to the occasion and don't leave it to someone else – they might be too busy. Please send them to me by email grandar@bigpond.net.au - by c.o.b. Sunday 25 November or post to PO Box 944, Maleny. Thanks. **Graham Dempster**

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;

PRAYER & MEDITATION

'SOIL & SOUL' – (Palmwoods Community Garden) on Friday mornings at 7:45 – 8:15am. All welcome. **Guided Gardening** at 7am each Saturday morning (weather permitting). Will be 8am when weather cools down.

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

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