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 17 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.

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Services Today and Readings

Montville	8.15am	Rev Liena Hoffman
Maleny	9.45am	Rev Liena Hoffman
Palmwoods	10.00am	Mr Peter Uhlmann
	1.00pm	Tongan Service

Isaiah 65:17-25, Isaiah 12

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

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Services Next Week and Readings November 24

Montville	8.15am	Rev Liena Hoffman
Maleny	9.45am	Rev Liena Hoffman
Palmwoods	10.00am	Paster Kay Nixon
	1.00pm	Tongan Service

Jeremiah 23:1-6, Luke 1:68-79

Colossians 1:11-20, Luke 23:33-43

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The Week Ahead

Open Daily: Reflection Gallery Montville (see over)

Tuesday November 19th

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

Wednesday November 20th

8.30am Christian Meditation 5435 8152

Thursday November 21st

9am-3pm Church Office open 5429 6995

Friday November 22nd

1.30pm Know Your Bible (KYB) 5494 2486
10am Meeting with Rev Liena - Palmwoods

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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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Looking Into the Future

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

The Bureau of Meteorology uses computer models based on data collected in the past to predict the weather. These predictions often prove to be quite accurate, but they are certainly not infallible, and they cannot tell me precisely when and by how much it will rain at my place tomorrow morning. It is always like that when trying to look into the future.

We make estimates on the basis of known facts. We cannot be precis in every detail, but we can make reasonable guesses as to what will happen. And it's not different in the Bible. Over and over, we come across attempts to say what is going to happen in the future; for example, on the basis of God's deliverance of Israel from slavery in Egypt we have predictions of God's deliverance of Israel from foreign oppressors in later centuries, or on the basis of the establishment of Jerusalem as the religious and political capital for God's people we find references to a coming New Jerusalem where God's people will be gathered from all over the world.

From the beginning, Christians have made predictions about the future based on the one great reality to which the Bible attests – Jesus the Christ. These are expressed in symbolic images and poetic descriptions. They lack precision and verifiability. Take for example the expectation that Christ will return to complete what he began during his earthly life; no one can say when and where or how this is to happen, but it gives us a framework within which to live and it assures us that God's saving and reclaiming action in Jesus will win out in the end. Scenes of a new creation and God's kingdom of light hold out promise, on the basis of Christ's life, death and resurrection, that, in spite of all the evils in the world, this is the way we should live.

- What are some things that you expect to happen in the future on the basis of what has happened in the past?
- Christ's return should not be used as an excuse for not facing up to the issues of today. How does Paul express this in 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13?
- In Luke 21:5-19 we have Jesus' prediction about the coming destruction of the Jerusalem temple and warning to his followers that trouble and persecution can be expected before God's Kingdom is fully realized. How relevant is this for us today?
- Jesus told his followers that they could expect opposition and persecution (Luke 21:12-19). What is your experience?

Rev Ron Potter **Piula Publications**

GREETING FROM REV LIENA

"Greetings everyone. Well, I am now a week-old resident of Maleny. Good to be here. Indeed, wonderful to be here! I have hitherto had a *warm* reception: embraced with gracious kindness and generous hospitality. Thank you. Thank you.
In turn, I am embracing you (BRUC and each one of you) and this new chapter of my life with love and enthusiasm through the Amazing Grace of our Lord. My prayer is that the Lord will continue to inspire and enable us to live as Jesus' faithful witnesses. Shalom Liena"

MEETING WITH REV LIENA - PALMWOODS

Palmwoods folk would like to meet with Rev Liena Hoffman on **Friday, 22nd November** in the Lane near Home Grown Cafe outside the Little Book Nook at **10am.**

INDUCTION SERVICE

Rev Liena Hoffman
Sunday 24th Nov 3pm at Maleny Uniting Church.
Everyone is welcome to join in celebrating the appointment of Liena as our new Minister.
Maleny congregation could you please bring a plate to share for afternoon tea. *Thank You*

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.

WORKING BEE - MALENY

The last Saturday (**30thNov**) of the month has arrived. A working bee is planned between **8am and 10am**. Jobs are mowing, edges at Church and Manse, and, a tidy up. See you there ..

UNITING CHURCH NAME BADGES

An order could be placed before Christmas if there is enough interest.
Please write your details on the sheet at the back of Maleny Church.
Alternatively, please phone Barbara on 5494 2238 with your request.

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.

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