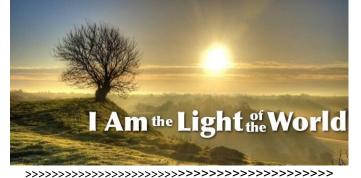


# January 19 2020 WELCOME TO WORSHIP

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

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Montville	8.15am	Rev Liena Hoffman
Maleny	9.45am	Rev Liena Hoffman
Palmwoods	10.00am	Rev George Woodward
	1.00pm	Tongan Service

Isaiah 49:1-7, Psalms 40:1-11,

1 Corinthians 1:1-9, John 1:29-42

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Montville	8.15am	Rev Liena Hoffman
Maleny	9.45am	Rev Graham Dempster
Palmwoods	10.00am	Rev Liena Hoffman
	1.00pm	Tongan Service

#### Isaiah 9:1-4, Psalms 27:1,4-9,

1 Corinthians 1:10-18, Matthew 4:12-23

### The Week Ahead

# **Open Daily: Reflection Gallery Montville** (see over) **Tuesday January 21**<sup>st</sup>

7.00amPrayers at Moyra's 5494 26619am-3pmChurch Office open 5429 6995

### Wednesday January 22<sup>nd</sup>

8.30am Christian Meditation 5435 8152

### Thursday January 23<sup>rd</sup>

9am-3pm Church Office open 5429 6995 Friday January 24<sup>th</sup>

1.30pm Know Your Bible (KYB) 5494 2486

# Chosen

### Isaiah 49:1-7, John 1:29-42.

The doctrine of election is a difficult one. It has been the subject of much controversy. Yet the idea that God chose Israel to be God's special people is a basic understanding running through the Bible. God entered into covenant with Israel: I will be your God; you will be my people. However, what does it mean to be chosen by God?

We would like to think that it means being given power, prosperity and priority above all other people, ensuring that we are triumphant and victorious in all that we do. To be chosen by God must mean that God loves us more than others. Wait a bit! God is love, and to be chosen by God is to be chosen to be, not only recipients of the divine love, but an extension of that love. It means to be the servant of God who gives of himself in love for the world.

The Book of Isaiah introduces us to the image of Israel, the chosen people, being a suffering servant. Jesus took up this image and identified himself with it. As he represented Israel, he saw himself as God's servant giving of himself for the sake of the world. That's what love does. The above passage from Isaiah also indicates that the figure of the Suffering Servant is not only of one who sacrifices himself for the sake of Israel, he is given as a light to the nations that God's salvation 'may reach to the end of the earth'.

To be chosen by God is to be called to be servants of the Servant God. To be chosen is to live for others and not just for ourselves.

- If you had to choose someone to build you a piece of furniture, what would you look for in making your choice?
- Why is God called a Servant God?
- How can we be an extension of God's love?
- What does it mean to call Jesus the Lamb of God (John 1:29)?

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# PERI-PATEO: TO WALK WITH JESUS CHRIST.

Peri-pateo is a Greek word used throughout Ephesians. It means to walk around, to conduct yourself, to live. I like to translate it with to dance to dance with the Lord. Ephesians is a practical letter addressed to congregations as a guide on how to live and conduct themselves as faithful witnesses to Christ in their day to day lives. In Ephesians (2:1-10) it is affirmed that we no longer are in the age of the world where we formerly walked, but that we are now in union with Christ. Consequently, in chapters 4-5 we are exhorted to walk with or dance with Christ. We are called to walk worthy of our calling (4 vs 1-3); to walk in holiness in the spirit and not like heathens (4 vs 17-32). We are called to walk in love (5 vs 1-2); to walk in the light (5 vs 7-14) and in wisdom (5 vs 15-19). May the Holy Spirit help us to be faithful witnesses, to conduct ourselves worthy of our calling, to walk in love, the immeasurable love of Christ that we are anchored into and founded upon. This is God's pleasure and purpose. To God be the glory! Shalom Liena

# DONATIONS FOR CHRISTMAS APPEALS



We have recently forwarded donations totalling \$7,186.65 to the Christmas Bowl Appeal of Act for Peace. This was the combined giving from our 3 Congregations for this appeal. We also sent a cheque for \$650 to the Qld. Synod Disaster Relief Appeal, specifically to help with drought and bushfire relief in

Queensland. This was the total offerings from the Maleny Congregation on Christmas Day. Finally, the donations received at the Christmas Tree Festival totalled \$1,100, and a cheque for this amount was sent to the Maleny Hospital Auxiliary.

# MALENY LADIES FRIENDSHIP GROUP

You are invited to set aside the third Thursday of each month (Feb – Nov 2020) for the get together of our group. If you are willing to take responsibility for organising activities for one of the months, please let Nancy knows. A.S.A.P 0409 958 6601

# CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL "DEBRIEF"

A "debrief" meeting concerning the 2019 Christmas Tree Festival will be held on **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February 9 am** at Maleny U.C. All feedback is welcome, and future activity will be discussed.

# **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.

# **RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION MONTVILLE**

Is there anyone who feels called to help with religious at Montville in 2020? Please contact Liena.

# **BOOMERS GROUP GATHERING**

Our first get together is planned for **Saturday February 1 starting at 4.30 pm**. The Eathers have opened their home to us and we are planning a late afternoon gathering with an early BBQ dinner. We hope this suits most and look forward to catching up then. The address is **33 Mary Cairncross Avenue**, **Maleny**.

For more information on what to bring etc, email <u>helen\_uhlmann@hotmail.com</u> or phone 0407542142 The Boomers are a group of people in the "Baby Boomers" age group (roughly - no proof of age cards needed!!) who meet from time to time to connect and enjoy the gift of eachother's company. If you are not currently on the email list, please contact me and I'd love to make sure you are included. Helen Uhlmann

# PASTORAL CARE...FOODBANK..

Thank you to all those who so willingly and generously contributed meals to this needy area of our ministry...Our recipients are always very grateful for our care....Marnie 54999394

# **REFLECTION GALLERY**

The gallery in the Montville Church continues it's pre-Christmas display entitled The Child until the end of this month when Rev. Geraldine Wheeler will return with her collection of paintings depicting women of the Bible. Open 10 to 3.00 each day.

## YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS

# Easter Madness 2020! Alexandra Park Conference Centre

It is a camp for high school students on 5–8 April at the Sunshine Coast. Early bird registration is \$199 (normal price is \$249). Share the

promotional <u>video</u> with your congregation and friends. Get in quick to secure the limited number of early bird tickets! <u>Register now</u>.

https://www.trybooking.com/book/event?eid=567885

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