# 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**

## January 26 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.

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**Services Today and Readings**

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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

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**Services Next Week and Readings February 2**

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| Montville | 8.15am | Mr Peter Uhlmann |
| Maleny | 9.45am | Rev Liena Hoffman **HC** |
| Palmwoods | 10.00am | Pastor Kay Nixon |
| | 1.00pm | Tongan Service |

Micah 6:1-8, Psalms 15,

1 Corinthians 1:18-31, Matthew 5:1-12

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**The Week Ahead**

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

**Tuesday January 28th**

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

**Wednesday January 29th**

8.30am Christian Meditation 5435 8152

**Thursday January 30th**

9am-3pm Church Office open 5429 6995

**Friday January 31st**

1.30pm Know Your Bible (KYB) 5494 2486

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***MY FATHER WAS A WANDERING ARAMEAN***

It is significant that the oldest creed in the Bible is found in Deuteronomy 26:5-10: *My father was a wandering Aramean*. The creed is definitive. It defines our core identity: that we are forever pilgrims, always sojourners on the move in this world, wherever we may reside and wherever our political citizenship may reside.

Significant too, is that the creed is embedded into the establishment of the firstfruits offering after the first harvest in the promised land. It is a thanksgiving offering, bringing thanks and acknowledging God and His providence. It is an undertaking to care for the aliens, the orphans and widows in recognition of what we ourselves are: sojourners defendant upon God. This pilgrim identity is echoed in the New Testament where we are referred to as stranger and aliens (1 Peter 1:2, 2:11 and Hebrews 11:13). It is reiterated in the confessions of the Uniting Church: *We are a pilgrim people* (Statement of Faith nr 8 p 130).

Whilst we celebrate Australia Day this weekend and give thanks for our worldly residence and citizenship, let us not forget our ancestry, who we truly are in God: *My father was a wandering Aramean.* Blessed Australia Day celebrations! Shalom Liena

**BIBLE STUDY**

KYB (Know your Bible) study will commence on **Friday 31st January at 1:30 p.m.** in the Maleny Church hall. WE will be continuing with Genesis 25 - 36. Enquiries - contact Dorothy 5494 2486.

**PASTORAL CARE MEETING**

The next Pastoral Care meeting will be on **Tuesday 4th February at 1:30 p.m. at the Maleny Church**. This is where we seek to identify the needs of our people and how to care for them - prayer, friendship, and physical needs.

**MALENY PRAYER MINISTRY**

Thanks to those who have approached me to be on the list to receive private intercessory ***prayer updates***. I am keen to hear from others who want to join together in this important way of upholding our church family and beyond. My contact details are below. Also, a reminder that I will be in the Maleny church prayer room at 9am each Sunday starting February 9 for a time of ***corporate prayer*** before the 9.45 am service. I look forward to having anyone who is available to join me in this.

This will be replacing the previously held monthly prayer meeting. Be in touch - I'm keen to hear from you.

**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 7th February 9 am** at Maleny U.C. All feedback is welcome, and future activity will be discussed.

**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.

**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 helen_uhlmann@hotmail.com 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

**LIFELINE AND UNITINGCARE STRENGTHENING CONNECTIONS AND PASTORAL CARE 2-DAY TRAINING**

Thursday 30th and Friday 31st January.

This a 1 and 2 day training course designed to better equip the local community to help after an event. Day 1 is for anyone in the community and days 1 and 2 are for pastoral carers/chaplains, Ministers and Pastors and Community workers.

Day 1 – Strengthening Connections Workshop – How to recognise & respond to a person's immediate needs and refer them to the appropriate services.

Day 2 – Pastoral Care/Community Disaster "Recovery Chaplaincy Workshop – Prepares you to provide a pastoral presence and support, participate in recovery activities and provide resources, training & support.

For more information and to register, please go to the Eventbrite Website here. https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/lifeline-and-unitingcare-strengthening-connections-and-pastoral-care-2-day-training-workshop-registration-

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**OFFERINGS** can be Direct Debited through the ANZ Bank, BSB 014-507 A/c 3762 29735.

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**Ministry Contacts**:

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| **Minister** | Rev Liena Hoffman 0490 421 874<br>minister@ourcommonlife.org.au |
| **Church Office**: | Jing Wang 5429 6995 |
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| | Siale Lolohea 0436 463 538 |
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| **Notice Sheet:** | Contributions requested before 10am Wed: admin@ourcommonlife.org.au |

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