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

February 2 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

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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Services Next Week and Readings February 9

Montville	8.15am	Rev Liena Hoffman **HC**
Maleny	9.45am	Rev Bruce Johnson
Palmwoods	10.00am	Rev Liena Hoffman **HC**

Isaiah 58:1-9a(9b-12), Psalms 112:1-9,

1 Corinthians 2:1-12(13-16), Matthew 5:13-20

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The Week Ahead

Open Daily: Reflection Gallery Montville (see over)

Tuesday February 4th

7.00am Prayers at Moyra's 5494 2661
1.30pm Pastoral Care Meeting

Wednesday February 5th

8.30am Christian Meditation 5435 8152

Thursday February 6th

9am-3pm Church Office open 5429 6995

Friday February 7th

9.00am Christmas Tree Festival feedback
1.30pm Know Your Bible (KYB) 5494 2486

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

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A Truly Happy Life

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

Life in heaven is life lived in humility. There is no egotism there. Nobody is full of their own importance. There is no grief. There are no A lists or elites; everyone is meek and respectful. You won't find anyone who is full of their own importance; only people who delight in their relationship with God and with others.

Everyone is merciful and compassionate, reflecting God in whose presence they live. They are pure and genuine in their love for God and for one another. Peacemakers all. For them, living in a right relationship with God, living as God wants people to live, comes first; nothing interrupts that. When we pray, "Your kingdom come" we are praying that this might be the way people live in everyday life. As Tom Wright says, "Heaven is God's space, where full reality exists, close by our ordinary ('earthly') reality and interlocking with it."

To follow Jesus is to live this way in the here and now. So, who are the people truly blessed by God? Who are living life as God meant it to be lived? Who have got it right? Well, none of us perfectly, but his Spirit is pushing us in that direction, and we are being called to live that way in spite of its being in conflict with much of what goes on in everyday life. If we would be truly happy, remember, "God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength." The Beatitudes of Matthew 5 are a statement about who is living life as it should be lived, life as lived in God's realm.

- What makes you happy?
- People often say that they have been blest. What does it mean to be blest?
- How does the understanding of heaven depicted here differ from that commonly held in the community?
- What do you feel when you read the Beatitudes: comfort, challenge, joy, shame, hope or confusion?

Rev Ron Potter **Piula Publications**

TO WALK WITH GOD IN 2020+

20/20 in optical language means normal vision. Consequently, I like to denote the year as 2020+, with a plus sign. This symbolizes something more than normal: special, extra-ordinary, different, distinctive. My prayer too is that our walk with God in 2020+ will be more than normal - something out of the ordinary. As we reflect upon our walk with God, it touches our *personal* lives, our ups and downs, our dreams and realities. But walking with God is more than our personal experiences, it is also about our walk with God in the *community of faith*, with fellow believers. For us, it is particularly about walking as the BRUC congregation: Maleny+, Montville+, Palmwoods+. Communities of faith with different stories, different histories; and now with a combined story made of distinct yet inter-linked walks. Our *common life*: one body with different parts. Moreover, our walk with God is also walked in the *contexts* we live in: in the homes, the offices, the places along and at the foothills of the Blackall Range, across the Sunshine Coast, throughout Queensland and further afield. Our walk with God touches both the vertical and horizontal intersections (+) of our lives, all our walks and talks. And of-course the + is a symbol of the cross, a reminder that our walk is in Christ. May we truly experience that our walk with God, from the most personal inner room to the far outer room, in 2020+ is a walk beyond the normal (Micah 6:6-8). Shalom Liena.

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. *Helen Uhlmann*

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 know. A.S.A.P 0409 586 601

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.

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.

PRAYER & MEDITATION

'SOIL & SOUL' – (Palmwoods Community Garden) on Friday mornings at 8 am. All welcome.
Guided Gardening at 7.00 am each Saturday morning (weather permitting). Will be 8.00 am when the weather cools down.

MONTVILLE

Lenten Study commences **4.15 pm Wednesday, 26 February**, in the church hall.
World Day of Prayer Service in our church at **9.30, Friday, 6 March**
Reflection Gallery displays paintings by Rev. Geraldine Wheeler, theme: Women of the Bible. Each day from 10 till 3.

REFLECTION GALLERY

The gallery in the Montville Church continues its 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**.

COMBINED SERVICE SUNDAY 23RD FEBRUARY

Combined Service with all three churches. It will be held at Maleny on **Sunday 23rd Feb** to launch the Lenten Bible study.

YOUNG FAMILIES 4:30 PM GROUP 16th February

The young families group will have their first meeting on **16 February at 4:30** at Bob & June Eather's place. 33 Mary Cairncross Avenue. Maleny Qld 4552. Contact Bob: 0427 286101

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

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