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February 23 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.



Today: Services, Prayers and Readings
Maleny
9.00am
Prayers in prayer room

COMBINED SERVICE SUNDAY AT MALENY 9:45AM

Exodus 24:12-18, Psalms 2 or Psalms 99, 2 Peter 1:16-21, Matthew 17:1-9

>>>>>>>>>>>> Next Sunday: Services, Prayers and Readings

Montville	8.15am	Rev Liena Hoffman
Maleny	9.00am	Prayers in prayer room
	9.45am	Rev Liena Hoffman HC
Palmwoods	10.00am	Pastor Kay Nixon
	1.00pm	Tongan Service

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7, Psalms 32, Romans 5:12-19, Matthew 4:1-11

>>>>>>> The Week Ahead

Open Daily: Reflection Gallery Montville (see over)

Tuesday February 25th

7.00am Prayers at Moyra's 5494 2661 9am-12pm Church Office open 5429 6995

Wednesday February 26th

8.30am Christian Meditation 5435 8152

Thursday February 27th

9am-12pm Church Office open 5429 6995

Friday February 28st

1.30pm Know Your Bible (KYB) 5494 2486

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

Confirmation of Identity

Matthew 17:1-9

Matthew, Mark and Luke all tell us of a visionary kind of experience shared by three of Jesus' most intimate disciples in a quiet spot on a mountain away from the crowds. It seemed to confirm, in their eyes, that Jesus' authority, backed up by the Law and the Prophets, should be accepted and responded to as the voice of God: "This is my Son, the Beloved, with him I am well pleased; listen to him."

We all need confirmation that what we have heard and seen of Jesus is really of God because some of the things that people tell us about him are clearly not of God. That he set out to start a new religion, that his death was a sacrifice to appease the anger of God, that he represents a God of judgment and damnation, that he was a figment of people's imagination, that he can be blamed for the wars and oppression that have taken place in his name: all of this makes us cry out for the real Jesus to stand up.

They are not of God. For many of us the confirmation about who Jesus really is comes through the faith of others who place their trust in him, through the teaching and fellowship of the Church and its Scriptures, but above all confirmation comes through our on-going personal experience of living in a trusting relationship with him as a living presence, as the Spirit deep within.

This experience may come in times of withdrawal as it did for those three disciples, or we may live with it as part of our on-going experience of daily life. Even the times of withdrawal and worship have to be followed by times spent with Christ in the hurly-burly of everyday life. There, over and over again, we may see confirmation that he is the Son of the One who creates in love, rescues and renews in love and reaches out through us to unite in love.

- Who, in the Transfiguration story, represents the Law and who represents the Prophets of ancient Israel?
- What do people say about Jesus and who he was?
- Have you had memorable experiences during times of solitude or retreat?
- What does Christ mean to you?

Rev Ron Potter

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TO PAUSE

Lent is a particular time to pause and reflect – about God and about ourselves; about God's purpose, about our purpose. To deepen our God-knowledge and our self-knowledge. About our confession that Christ is Light from Light, true God from true God. And today at the threshold of Lent we pause at the transfiguration of Christ and our own transfiguration. Transformation. Becoming who we are in Christ.

A few weeks ago I wrote about us, BRUC (Blackall Range Uniting Church) being the body of Christ along and below the Blackall Range. Today I pause and give thanks for the body of Christ — the retired ministers, the lay leaders, *each one* of us involved some way in the ministry of BRUC: through writing columns, initiating and editing publications, preparing PowerPoints, IT, preaching, teaching, prayer, pastoral care, participation in groups, connecting with community ... the list is endless. It is each person's witness, and also our corporate witness as BRUC.

Today I invite you to pause this coming Lent to reflect on our God-knowledge, our self-knowledge and on our transformation. Our personal transformation, but also that of BRUC. To become who we already are in the crucified and risen Christ: witnesses of the Light from Light. Reflectors of His radiance and glory. Shalom Liena

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.

QUIET DAY

On Ash **Wednesday, 26th February**, Bruce and Heather Johnson are leading a Quiet Day at their home, 19 Attunga Court, Wltta **from 9.00am to 4.00pm**. This will be a time of Reflection and Prayer that will help participants enter into the 40 days of Lent. The theme of the day will be "Rest, Restore and Re-Create". There will some group input, but mostly significant periods of silence and personal reflection. Everything, including food and drink will be provided so all you need to bring will be your Bible. It will cost \$50 to cover costs of food and resources. If you want to attend or get further information contact

Bruce or Heather on 0407 180 864 or email <u>b_hjohnson@me.com</u>.

ROSTER

THANK YOU for your involvement, your dedication. Our church family really is belessed because of YOU.

Roster has been sent by email and also you can get a hard copy too. Please see Merilyn.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE 2020

World Day of Prayer is a global ecumenical movement led by Christian women who welcome all (include man) to join in prayer and action for peace and justice. WDP has the motto: Informed Prayer and Prayerful Action. The service this year has been prepared by the women of Zimbabwe, a landlocked country in the southern part of Africa.

Locationof local service: Maleny Catholic Church, 45 Cedar St, Maleny QLD, on Friday 6 March at 9:30am. **Everyone** is welcome to attend as we join with members of six other churches in praying for peace and justice in our world.

PRAYER FOR LOLOHEA FAMILY



Our condolences and prayers are with the Lolohea Family after the sudden loss of Vena, son, big brother, and uncle of members of our congregation. Please also pray for his wife and children in Emerald and for family visiting and supporting them.

SAFE MINISTRY WITH CHILDREN TRAINING – MUC SMWC training course will be on Sunday 8th March, 2pm at Montville UC. This training is open to any person in ministry with children, or on committees that make decisions about children's ministry.

NEW VINE - The Lent/Easter edition has been emailed to everyone on the internet, but hard copies are available at the back of the church today for those who prefer to read it in this format.

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