

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

March 1 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

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, Psalm 32, Mark 1:12-15

Romans 5:12-19. Matthew 4:1-11

Next Sunday: Services, Prayers and Readings

8.15am Rev Liena Hoffman HC Montville 9.00am Maleny Prayers in prayer room 9.45am Mr Peter Uhlmann Palmwoods 10.00am Rev Liena Hoffman HC (Comb)

Genesis 12:1-4a, Psalm 121, Mark 3:19-27 Romans 4:1-5;13-17, John 3:1-17 or Matthew 17:1-9 >>>>>>>>>>>>>>>

The Week Ahead

Open Daily: Reflection Gallery Montville (see over) Tuesday March 3rd

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

Wednesday March 4th

Christian Meditation 5435 8152 8.30am

Thursday March 5th

9am-12pm Church Office open 5429 6995

Friday March 6st

Know Your Bible (KYB) 5494 2486 1.30pm >>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>

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

Temptation

Matthew 4:1-11, Mark 1:12-15

There is a right way to live and there is a wrong way to live. How do we know which is which? Is it determined by popular opinion, by the society in which we live or by the traditions we have learnt from our parents? As Christians, we get our cue from Jesus. He called the right way the kingdom of God or kingdom of heaven way. It's the way Jesus calls us to when he says, "Follow me".

The right way is the way God meant us to live. In summary it is the way of love to God and to neighbour in response to God's love for us. God's Spirit within us urges us to live this way. However, God's Spirit is not the only spirit to influence us. There is a power abroad that actively works against our living God's way. The urgings of this power we call temptation. We are tempted to let self-interest crowd out love for God and neighbour. Its universal.

Everyone experiences this temptation, not just the temptation to eat too much chocolate or something like that, but the temptation to push God's way aside in favour of getting our own way or to go along with social pressures knowing that they conflict with God's way. These are times of testing. Jesus experienced this. As the Christ, how was he to go about his Godgiven task?

Remembering the miracle of manna in the wilderness, he was tempted to turn stones into breadrolls. Aware of passages like Psalm 91:9-13 he was tempted to draw people by means of signs and wonders. Aware that he was called to exercise a royal kind of authority, he was tempted to be an emperor even more powerful than the emperor in Rome. All of these he rejected in keeping true to God's love-filled way of life, and in so doing he invites us to follow him.

- everyday language, temptation enticement, but in the Bible it means testing. What is the difference?
- If temptation is a time of testing, what is being
- What is the difference between proper self-regard and selfish behaviour?
- How have you experienced temptation to depart from God's love-filled way of life?

Rev Ron Potter

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Repentance

"Repent and believe the Good News".

Repentance is not a single act. It involves a number of acts. It is to *turn* to God, to turn from ourselves and acknowledge that He is God. But it is also to *turn inwards*, towards ourselves and acknowledge who we are - sinners. It is to *recognise*, to identify, name and confess our wrongs. It is to *show remorse*, to be sorry, to be ashamed. And it is more, repentance is to *make a commitment*: to sin no more. To change, to act differently, to follow God.

Repentance is not an isolated act. It is intertwined with faith. It is to *believe* the Good News. That we are forgiven, that we are born again, that we are a new creation. That we are not only sinners, but also beloved. Children of God. That our names are engraved in the palms of our Parent's hand, that not a hair will be lost from our heads. That our inheritance is to be eternally in the presence of God, with God. Forever.

Repentance is also a constant. Every morning we need to repent, to turn to God and to ourselves. Every morning we need to make a commitment. Every morning we need believe the Good News. Morning by morning His faithfulness we see and believe. That is the significance of the gift of the Eucharist. It is a symbol, a prompt, to "to repent and believe the Good News". "This is my body given for you, do this in remembrance of me." Shalom Liena

MONTVILLE

Wednesday, 4 March, 4.15 pm Lenten Study in the church hall.

Friday, 6 March, 9.30 World Day of Prayer Service in our church.

Reflection Gallery displays paintings by Rev. Geraldine Wheeler, theme: Women of the Bible. **Each day from 10 till 3**.

MEN'S GROUP – FIRST THURSDAY GATHERING Our first meeting for the year is on Thursday, 5th March, from noon, at Baroon Pocket Dam via, Nth Maleny Road. All men are welcome. Casual BBQ (BYO), with time for a chat and maybe a relaxed walk in tranquil surroundings. Ideas for future activities will be welcomed.

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.

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.

Sunday 15 March Chaplain Becky will speak to us about her 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.

Easter 2020+ Services

Palm Sunday 5 April

8:15 Montville9:45 Maleny10:00 Palmwoods

16:30 Family Fellowship Maleny

Maundy Thursday 9 April

18:30 Tenebrae Service Maleny

Good Friday 10 April

07:30 Montville 08:00 Maleny 09:00 Palmwoods

Easter Saturday 11 April

19:00 Taize Service Catholic Church, Maleny

Easter Sunday 12 April

06:00 RCLN Sunrise Service Montville

07:30 Montville 09:45 Maleny 09:00 Palmwoods

Bookmarks are available with all the times on.

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

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