

# March 8 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

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| Montville | 8.15am  | Rev Lier |
| Maleny    | 9.00am  | Prayers  |
| -         | 9.45am  | Mr Peter |
| Palmwoods | 10.00am | Rev Lien |
|           |         | (Comb)   |

Rev Liena Hoffman **HC** Prayers in prayer room Mr Peter Uhlmann 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

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

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| Montville | 8.15am  | Rev Liena Hoffman      |
| Maleny    | 9.00am  | Prayers in prayer room |
|           | 9.45am  | Rev Liena Hoffman      |
| Palmwoods | 10.00am | Pastor Kay Nixon       |
|           | 1.00pm  | Tongan Service         |
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Exodus 17:1-7, Psalm 95, Mark 8:27-33

Romans 5:1-11, John 4:5-42

#### The Week Ahead

## Open Daily: Reflection Gallery Montville (see over) Tuesday March 10<sup>th</sup>

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

# Wednesday March 11th

8.30am Christian Meditation 5435 8152

### Thursday March 12<sup>th</sup>

9am-12pm Church Office open 5429 6995

# Friday March 13th

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.

# **Eternity Now**

John 3:1-17

Arthur Stace's copybook-script graffiti painted all around Sydney in the years between 1932 and 1967, and featured at the Opening Ceremony of the Sydney Olympics, has entered into Australian folklore. The one, elegantly written word asks the question, "Where will you spend eternity?" The usual assumption is that eternity is something to be experienced after our period of time-bound existence is ended. However, time and eternity, in John's Gospel, do not stand as an either-or option, but rather as a both-and situation. Eternity is not distinct from life in this world of time and space.

This is similar to the way it is with the First Peoples of Australia whose eternal Dreaming intersects with time-bound existence in a way that later Australians find hard to understand. The eternal kingdom of God is present in the here and now. However, one needs divinely inspired insight to realize it. Or to put it in Jesus' words, "No one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." It is by God's Spirit moving in our hearts that we come alive to God's eternal realm.

Now. Not just later on. Living on an eternal dimension while still living in this time-bound existence – it's not easy, but it is an exhilarating experience, an experience opened up for us by Jesus. God so loves the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who places trust in him is able to share in this eternal life now and also beyond all time-bound existence. By God's Spirit, eternity meshes in with our timebound lives to transform our day-to-day living. Let's be ever responsive to the urgings of that Spirit.

- How can we distinguish the promptings of God's Spirit from other urges or impulses that we have?
- What do you understand by the word eternity?
- What difference does it make to understand that eternity intermeshes with time-bound existence and is not just something we look forward to after death?
- How does the Gospel help you face the inevitability of your own death?

# **Rev Ron Potter**

**Piula Publications** 

# LET YOUR WILL BE MY WILL

(A prayer by Cecile Cilliers - loosely translated) Dear heavenly Father, and Mother,

YOU know how heavy the times lie on my heart. YOU know how the violence of our existence,

the meaningless violence, tears my soul to shreds; how the incomprehensible suffering shatters my spirit.

These times, dear Lord, lie so far beyond YOUR love-command

That I begin to doubt YOUR love, and YOUR will. And God, forgive me, sometimes even YOUR existence.

Lord, carry me, forgive me, support my faith.

And in *all* things, teach me to be dependant upon YOU.

Dear heavenly Father, and Mother,

Let YOUR will be done in this world, and for my life in this world.

Dear Lord, let YOUR will not only be done,

But let YOUR will, dear heavenly Father, in *all* aspects, become mine.

In the name of YOUR SON, I ask this Father He who died so I may live. Amen.



TODAY - SAFE MINISTRY WITH CHILDREN TRAINING – Movtville UC at 2.00pm

# **CHAPLAIN MRS BLAND**

**Sunday 15 March** Chaplain Becky will speak to us about her ministry at Maleny UC.

#### **BRUC COUNCIL MEETING**

The next Blackall Range Council is **Monday, March 16, 2020 at Montville UC.** 

Any feedback or suggestions from congregation members, please feedback through your Ministry Task Group rep on the Council.

#### LADIES FRIENDSHIP 9.30AM TO 11.30AM

This is your invitation to visit 51 Bunya St, Linda Fawkes and Lorraine Howe will be your hostesses. Rev Liena will be our speaker. All welcome.

# Thursday,19<sup>™</sup>MARCH



# **DECISION TIME FOR CTF**



Everyone is invited to contribute ideas for consideration about the future of the Christmas Tree Festival and how it might look this year. A team leader is required. Please be in prayer and attend the meeting **at 9am Friday 20<sup>th</sup>of March**.

# **BRUC COUNCIL SECRETARY**

I'm saddened to announce that Merilyn Milton has resigned her position as BRUC Council Secretary.

Merilyn is a person who goes 'over and above' in the role to ensure best possible results in the service of our Lord.

Merilyn continues in the service of the Maleny congregation.

I thank Merilyn for her years of service to the Maleny and Blackall Range congregations.

Please prayerfully consider a replacement for Merilyn. In the meantime, Sue Callaghan has agreed to continue taking and circulating Council minutes.

For more info about the Secretary role, please contact Peter Callaghan.

# Easter 2020+ Services Palm Sunday 5 April

- 8:15 Montville
- 9:45 Maleny
- 10:00 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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 Notice Sheet:
 Contributions requested before 10am

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