



Maleny | Montville | Palmwoods
Uniting in Christ | Acting with love | Living with hope | Witnessing in faith | Working for justice

March 15 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
Palmwoods 10.00am Pastor Kay Nixon
1.00pm Tongan Service

Luke 13:34-35; 19:41-44; 23:26-31

Romans 8:26-30

Next Sunday: Services, Prayers and Readings

Montville 8.15am Revs R Potter & G Woodward
Maleny 9.00am Prayers in prayer room
9.45am Rev Bruce Johnson
Palmwoods 10.00am Pastor Kay Nixon
1.00pm Tongan Service

1 Samuel 16:1-13, Psalm 23, Mark 9:2-10

Ephesians 5:8-14. John 9:1-41

>>>>>>> The Week Ahead

Open Daily: Reflection Gallery Montville (see over) **Monday March 16**th

9.00am BRUC Council Meeting-Montville

Tuesday March 17th

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

Wednesday March 18th

8.30am Christian Meditation 5435 8152

Thursday March 19th

9am-12pm Church Office open 5429 6995

9.30-11.30am Ladies Friendship

Friday March 20th

1.30pm Know Your Bible (KYB) 5494 2486

9.00am Decision time for CTF

Blackall Range Uniting Churches acknowledge the Jinibara and Kabi Kabi / Gubbi Gubbi peoples who are

the traditional owners of this land.

Saviour of the World

John 4:5-42, Mark 8:27-33

What do you say of Jesus? One of the words we often use is that of Saviour. We even dare to join the citizens of Sychar (John 4:42) in calling him the Saviour of the world. But do we grasp the enormity of such a claim? Saviour of the world! In face of the mess that the world is in, how can we make that claim with a straight face?

Perhaps it's just a piece of hyperbole. Preachers over-stating their claim. But no! Not if we take the Gospel seriously. He is the Saviour whether we acknowledge him at such or not, just as Sparky Bright is a qualified electrician whether I choose to employ him or not.

That is the Gospel. Through him, God acted to save all people from their rebellious nature and to open up the Creator's intended way for all. If he were accepted as such by everyone, we would be living in a transformed world. If all people allowed his Spirit to lead them, if they accepted God's acceptance and reconciliation, if they surrendered their self-centredness to Christ-centredness, we would see the full realization of his being the Saviour of the world.

OK. This is not going to happen, not in the world as we know it, but does that mean that we ignore the Gospel? Do we act as though Jesus never lived and as though the spirit of Christ is not active in our hearts? Of course, not! We become part of God's transforming work and we witness to it that others too may share in it. On a personal level we accept him as Saviour knowing that he is not just my saviour, he is the Saviour of the world.

- Jesus has been given several titles. What are some of them?
- What does Jesus save the world from?
- What does he save the world to?
- What does it mean to you to call Jesus Saviour?

Rev Ron Potter

Piula Publications

LAMENT

"But even now," says the Lord,
"repent sincerely and return to me
With fasting and weeping and mourning.
Let your broken heart show your sorrow;

Tearing your clothes is not enough." (Joel 2:12-12)

Lament. Wail. A constant cry. A complaint. A passionate expression of grief and sorrow. To lament is not common in our modern "Western" culture. Yet, Lament is a common, profound, powerful Biblical voice.

Indeed, there is a Book of Lamentations, many psalms of complaint and countless voices of lament. Personal lament, community lament, private lament and public lament. Voices that call out to God, against God, before God. Voices of sorrow and grief. Sorrow and grief for personal sins, but also for the sins of others, for great injustices wrongs, for tragic loss.

Also, God's own voice of lament, time and time again, for people hard of hearing and hard of heart.

In this time of Lent, when we follow Christ's journey to Jerusalem and Golgotha there is no more passionate, no more challenging lament than Jesus lament overlooking Jerusalem:

"Jerusalem, Jerusalem!

You kill the prophets and stone the messengers God has sent you!

How many times have I wanted to put my arms around you your people,

just as a hen gathers her chicks under wings, but you would not let me!" (Matt 23:37) Shalom Liena

REV. CEC SCHLOSS



Rev. Cec Schloss passed away on 11th March. We remember Cec as a dynamic, respected and much loved minister within the Methodist Church and then also within the Uniting Church. As the Blackall Range Congregations we were privileged, on many occasions during Rev. Catherine's ministry, to have

Cec and Faye, Catherine's beloved parents, worshipping with us. We, as a church family, remember how much Catherine loved and relied on Cec's guidance, especially during the early part of her ministry. Please pray for Faye, Catherine and all the family at this time and especially pray that Catherine and Andrew will be able to leave Italy, where they have been skiing, and come home to Australia. *Thank you Lord for Rev. Cec Schloss.*

CHAPLAIN MRS FRANCIS

TODAY Chaplain Becky will speak to us about her ministry at Maleny UC.

BRUC COUNCIL MEETING

The next Blackall Range Council is at 9:00am 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 Thursday,19THMARCH 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.

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 20thof March.

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 Sunday 12 April

06:00 RCLN Sunrise Service Montville

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

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**.

PRAYER & MEDITATION

'SOIL & SOUL' – (Palmwoods Community Garden) on Friday mornings at 7.45 – 8.15 am. All welcome.

Guided Gardening at 7.00 am each Saturday morning (weather permitting). Will be 8.00 am when the weather cools down.

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

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