

# 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 29 2020+ WELCOME TO WORSHIP

We are countinuing to publish our weekly Notices.

Please stay with connected.



Today: Services, Prayers and Readings
There will be a fellowship of reading, reflection & prayers
at 3pm in Maleny UC Garden Ampi-theatre

**Next Sunday: Prayers and Readings** 

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#### The Week Ahead

Tuesday March 31st

9am-12pm Church Office open 5429 6995

Wednesday April 1st

8.30am Christian Meditation 5435 8152

Thursday April 2<sup>nd</sup>

9am-12pm Church Office open 5429 6995

Friday April 3<sup>rd</sup>

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.

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# The Power and the Love

#### Romans 8:6-11, John 11:1-27, Mark 10:32-45

The Gospels tell us that neither heaven, nor resurrection, nor eternal life is reserved exclusively for some distant future. They can all, to some extent, be known in the here and now. The glory of God through veil breaks the of our human limitation. These experiences may come as major turning points in our lives (as for the disciples in Mark 9:2-10), or as the many little nudges we get through an awareness of God's Presence in the midst of daily life.

How we experience this though depends upon the God that we believe in. If we see God only as the Almighty, the All-powerful, we may 'see' God in the crushing of our enemies, in our victories and triumphs. However, any emphasis on the power of God needs to be balanced by an equally strong emphasis on the love of God. Then we see that God's victory comes, not through the exercise of naked power, but through the power of love.

Love knows we can't have the joy of Resurrection on Easter Day without the crucifixion pain of Good Friday. We can't know the gift of eternal life and still go on living in a selfish, desire-dominated way (Romans 8:6-10). Our ego-centred pride has to give way to Christ-centred humility (Mark 10:43-45). We face death with the assurance that if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells within us, we too shall be raised to a resurrection of the kind that we celebrate at Easter (Romans 8:11). By the love and power of God, we have already been raised to live the new life through Christ.

- "The glory of God breaks through the veil of our human limitation." What are the human limitations that prevent us from "seeing" God?
- Why is it so important to keep in balance both the power and the love of God?
- What do you understand Jesus as saying in the words, "I am the resurrection and the life"?
- Read or sing Graham Kendrick's hymn The Servant King (256 in Together in Song).

**Rev Ron Potter** 

**Piula Publications** 

### "I am the way" (John 14 vs 6)

The Corona-pandemic is tragic. And we lament and mourn and plead to God. Tragedy however also forces us to pause and review and reconsider. So, the Corona-virus is stopping us in our tracks. It is not business as usual – businesses are closed. The inspirational words "the show must go on!" are now merely an empty adage as stages remain empty and silent. Our social lives have been disrupted, barbies and coffees are left pending. And yes, even the way we live as families have changed.

The Corona-virus compels us to pause. To pause and to hear clearly "I am the way". It compels us to pause and ask what is the way of the Servant King? How do the tracks of business and entertainment and socialisation and family run in the Kingdom of the Servant King? The Corona-virus compels us to pause and consider our ways of doing business, our ways of entertainment, our ways of socialisation, our ways of being family? It compels us to pause and compare the two ways and to consider: Perhaps we need to change our ways? Shalom Liena

#### Reflections @3

There will be an opportunity for reflection led by Liena at the church on Sunday at 3pm (at the amphitheatre weather permitting or inside the church health safety regulations permitting).

# Meditations Wednesday mornings at 8:30

The Wednesday morning meditation continues within the health safety regulations.

### E-Broadcasts on the BRUC Web-page

We are placing electronic messages and services on to the BRUC website. So have some fun and do some surfing on the web and stay connected and encouraged.

#### **BRUC FB**

Acronyms! Acronyms! A new FaceBook page has been established. It is the Blackall Range Uniting Church FB page and will co-exist with the individual FB pages of Maleny, Montville and Palmwoods.

#### Easter 2020+ Services

Opportunities for fellowship for Good Friday & Easter Sunday will be advised.

#### **REFLECTION GALLERY**

The Reflection Gallery at Montville is now closed until further notice along with all the other closures affecting us all.

#### **COVID-19 Letter & Protocol**

Please read the accompanying letter and protocol regarding our way forward.

#### MNC Women's' House

We have in the past supported the *Maleny Neighbourhood Centre Women's House*. A booklet of their work the past 18 months is available in pdf @MB). Please contact Jing should you wish to receive a copy. 14 women and 11 children have been assisted in the past 15 months and they continue to look for support.

## Thursdays in Black

The Thursdays in Black badges have arrived. If you wish to participate in this public witness please get your badges at the church office. \$5 donation towards MNC Women's House.

#### **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.

#### **CALLING CLEANERS**

Calling people who wish to help cleanintg the churches at Maleny, Montville & Palmwoods during this time. Please contact Rev Liena.

#### **OFFERING ONLINE BANKING**

Due to health advice about avoid to using cash. Blackall Range Churches recommend to our church members stop handling cash altogether, and use online banking instead. Our banking is with ANZ Beerwah. Account name: Blackall Range Uniting Church, BSB No. 014-507, Account No. 3762 29735.

#### The Tenebrae Service is cancelled.

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

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