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

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WELCOME TO WORSHIP

We are continuing to publish our weekly Notices.
Please stay connected with us.

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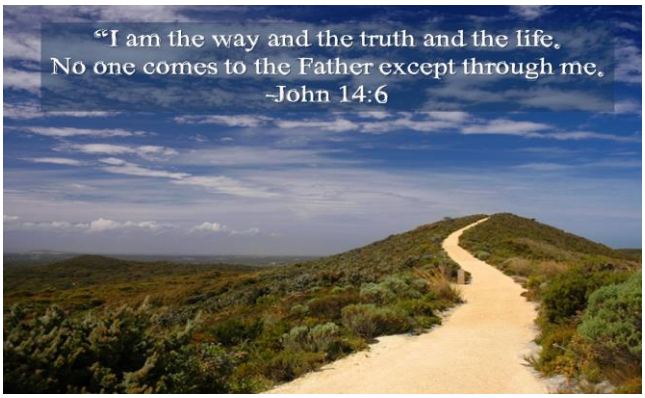

Services: Service, Prayers and Readings
Catch up on our E-Services under E-Broadcasts on the BRUC Web-page: www.ourcommonlife.org.au

This Sunday 10th May
Zechariah 2 vs 1-13; Psalm 31:1-5,15-16
Revelation 21 vs 1-6a and verse 22-26;
Acts 7:55-60, 1 Peter2:2-10, John14:1-14

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Next Sunday 17th May
Prayers and Readings
Acts 17:22-31, Psalm 66:8-20
1 Peter 3:13-22, John14:15-21

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The Week Ahead

Wednesday Meditation has been cancelled due to public safety regulations.

Wednesday May 13th – Cuppa Conversation
Join us for our Cuppa Conversation on www.ourcommonlife.org.au under Cuppa Conversations

Thursday May 14th
9am-3pm Church Office open 5429 6995

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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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New Jerusalem:
A city without walls and no temple

Zechariah 2 vs 4-5 "Run, tell that young man, 'Jerusalem will be a city without walls because of the great number of people and animals in it. And I myself will be a wall of fire around it,' declares the LORD, 'and I will be its glory within."
1 Peter 2 vs 4-5 "As you come to him, the living Stone--rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him - you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ."

Introduction: What would the "new normal" look like" the post COVID-19, new BRUC?

Invitation: Please share your thoughts and comments.

Some Characteristics:
Living stone/Cornerstone is Christ: This entails we need to make a continuous choice. Time and time again for Christ, to come to Him, return to Him. To be a distinct community, to live as strangers (1:17). To depart from the worldly ways, to Holy (1:13-16), to love deeply (1:22); to be born again (2:2); to grow (2:2).
As Livings stones we are to be build up into a spiritual house" The verb "built up" is in a medium form, meaning it is not passive, neither active on our own, but together with God.

A spiritual house with no walls. No walls for protection. No walls to exclude. No boundaries of locality, of colour, of language, of denomination. A spiritual house for all nations. As resident aliens in this world we are built into a home for the homeless, a welcome haven for the stranger, a retreat for the seeker.

Calling to proclaim (2 vs 9) Because we are recipients of God's mercy, a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God - our calling is to praise the might acts of God. To witness, to proclaim His mercy. His dwelling with humankind.
Run, tell that young man God has aroused Himself and is coming to build a city with no walls, no temple. It is done. I am the Alpha and Omega!

The Way

John 14:1-14

After reviewing many scholarly attempts to discover the historical Jesus, Albert Schweitzer, in his book, *The Quest of the Historical Jesus*, wrote, "He comes to us as One unknown, without a name, as of old, by the lakeside, He came to those men who knew Him not. He speaks to us the same words: "Follow thou me!" and sets us to the tasks which He has to fulfill for our time.

He commands. And to those who obey Him, whether they be wise or simple, He will reveal himself in the toils, the conflicts, the sufferings which they shall pass through in His fellowship, and, as an ineffable mystery, they shall learn in their own experience Who He is." And in learning who he is we learn who God is. God who comes to us beyond description, beyond definition is revealed to us as we worship, obey, trust and serve in an on-going divine-human relationship.

Jesus is our doorway to this One. He is the road that leads us into an ever-deepening relationship with the Father. John 14:16: "I am in the Father, and the Father is in me." If you want to know what God is like, look at Jesus presented to us in the pages of Scripture.

If you want to live in an on-going relationship with God, do it through a trust-filled relationship with the living Lord Jesus Christ. To know Jesus is to know God: to know God is to know Jesus. Through this one, our fellow human being, we are invited into God's eternal realm of joy, peace, justice, truth and love, and he assures us that there is no shortage of accommodation there (John 14:2). There is always room for one more.

- What have you learnt of Jesus through the Bible?
- What have you learnt of Jesus through your own experience?
- What does it mean to come to the Father by way of Jesus?
- Compare this interpretation of John 14:2 with that used at funerals.

Rev Ron Potter ***Piula Publications***

MOTHERS DAY

Give special thanks to the Lord for the mothers in our lives: mums, grandmothers, godmothers, foster mothers, - all kinds of mothers and give one or more a call to thank them!

Memorise our Corona-Cs, there are now 9!.

Calm – be calm.

Cautious – be cautious.

Common sense – use your common sense.

Care – take care of yourselves and others.

Commit – commit the COvid-19 pandemic to prayer.

Candle – Light the COVID-19 prayer-candle at 7pm (19:00) in your window every night as a symbol of hope.

Connect – remember to connect with one another.

Communicate – talk to someone.

Cuppa Conversations - follow our Cuppa Conversations on-line, or have one of your own.

NEXT NEW VINE

A gentle reminder that any articles are to be with Graham by next Tuesday please, grandar@bigpond.net.au

HOME VISITS

Please will persons who are open to home visits contact Liena. Liena is aware some persons would be open to a home visit within the safety parameters, but does not know who. So kindly contact Liena and let her know and she will call on you.

BLUE CARD FORMS

Applying for or renewing Blue Cards during COVID-19 With self-isolation in place and many businesses closed or limited, accessing a Justice of the Peace (JP) for the signing of blue cards may be difficult at this time.

Blue Card Services has advised that any serving Police Officer can sign Blue Cards instead of a JP. This option should minimise the difficulty around applying for or renewing a Blue Card during this period.

Please remember that volunteers must not start volunteering in child-related activities until they have received their positive notice.

Blue Card Services have stated on their website that you can continue to use the forms which show an expiry date of 30 March 2020 until they notify us otherwise.

Blue Card Services have indicated that they will give plenty of notice when a new form is available. Lynde Davy Safe Church Assurance and Support Officer, Queensland Synod

IT IS TIME FOR A PASTORAL CARE REVIEW.

So, do you have concerns or issues that we can help with, or need someone to talk to, or would you like extra prayer? For any of these matters, please ring Dorothy 5494 2486 so that she can initiate help in some form. God's love is surrounding you and we wish to reinforce His care. Dorothy.

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OFFERINGS Kindly remember to continue to give make your weekly/monthly offerings. They can be Direct Debited through the ANZ Bank, BSB 014-507 A/c 3762 29735.

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