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

June 7 2020+

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 7th June is Trinity Sunday
(Holy Communion)
Prayers and Readings
Genesis 1:1-2:4a; Psalm 8;
2 Corinthians 5:14-18a; 13:11-13; Matthew 28:16-20

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Next Sunday 14thJune
Prayers and Readings
Genesis 18:1-15,(21:1-7); Psalm 116:1-2,12-19;
Romans 5:1-8; Matthew 9:35-108,(9-23)

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The Week Ahead

Wednesday Meditation at 08H30 resumes the 17th June, although there will an opportunity for meditation on Wednesday 10 June.

Wednesday June 10th – Cuppa Conversation
Join us for our Cuppa Conversation on www.ourcommonlife.org.au under Cuppa Conversations.

Thursday June 11th
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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Imago Dei: Created in the Image of God

"So God created humankind in his own image,
in the image of God he created them;
Male and female he created them."
(Gen 1:26-27)

Imago Dei: Created in the image of God. Created in love. Because God is love. Created in the image of God, like God, means that we need to be like God. We are God's representatives, followers, witnesses, ambassadors. Human beings who live like God, follow God's lifestyle, God's way – forgiveness, unconditional love, caring, justice, peace, etc. We are *functional* creatures.
Human beings are special creatures. This is undeniable. We are created in the image of God, little lower than God/heavenly beings (Ps 8 vs 5). We are close to God, near God, in relation to God. We are *relational creatures*, in relation with God and with one another.

Recreation. Yet we know we fail in being what we are created as - God's representatives. Consequently we need to be *re-created*. We are recreated in Christ, who is the image of God. We are recreated through baptism – in Christ's death and resurrection (2 Cor 3:17-18; 4:4-6; 5:17). This is the work of God, the Almighty Creator: because of the love of the Father, through the death and resurrection of the Son, and through the power of the Holy Spirit. This is the love of God, the Holy Trinity.

Purpose: We are created and recreated in the image of God. So we can be godly. Not to become deified, but to know God, know God's love, love God, then we can show God's love to the world. This is what we are called to be, witnesses of God's love. This is what the Holy Spirit, the new life giving Spirit enables us to be – representatives of God.

Memorise our Corona-Cs, there are now 10!.
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.
Community – reach out to someone in the community

Different, but Not So Different

2 Corinthians 13:11-13, Matthew 28:16-20

As Jesus reminded the woman that he met at a well in Samaria, God is spirit. It follows that God is to be worshipped in spirit and in truth (John 4:24). It also follows that we do not limit God to the restrictions of time and space under which we live.

God is in heaven, yet present in all existence. God is within us, yet God comes to us. God is separate from us, yet God is the foundation for our lives. God is almighty although not everything that happens does so according to God's will. God is the same yesterday, today and tomorrow, yet God is ever changing according to our circumstances. God is beyond all human imagining, beyond any form of representation, beyond all human limitation, yet God was uniquely incarnate in one, historical, human person.

God speaks although God has no mouth; God acts although God has no body. God is one, yet a community of Father, Son and Holy Spirit. In Christian theology the term Trinity was adopted around the third century describing the One who was three, three-in-one, yet not three gods – three persons, one godhead.

God is not a person as human beings are persons, although God is personal. Truly God's ways are not our ways (Isaiah 55:8). God is known, not as knowledge, but as presence and power. We cannot lay hold of God; God lays hold of us. God is different from us, yet not so different that we cannot bask in God's presence, revel in the work that God gives us to do, praise God for the goodness that surrounds us and trust God healing, renewing, saving and sustaining love.

- What restrictions are placed upon us as creatures bound by time and space?
- What are some of the ways in which we limit God?
- What is meant by saying that God is personal while not being a person as we know persons?
- How helpful do you find the doctrine of the Trinity for your faith and life?

Rev Ron Potter ***Piula Publications***

STAGE 2 REOPEING

- Small Groups, up to 20 people, recommence (in public places and in places of Worship)
- Communion gathering (up to 20 only) at the Church building on the first Sunday of the month
- Small Groups in home (up to 20 visitors + household)
- Pastoral visiting
- Visiting one and other within Queensland
- Funerals (up to 50 mourners)
- Weddings (up to 20 people)
- Re-establish Hall hire for groups up to 20

STUDY ON HOLY SPIRIT

All are invited to join, individually or in groups the 7 week study on the Holy Spirit based on the Nicene Creed. Resources are available on the website and BRUC FB page. Please contact the church office if you cannot access the resources.

REFLECTION GALLERY

The Reflection Gallery at Montville Church is open again for visitors. **If anyone across the BRUC would like to join the team in helping to maintain the safety and hygiene requirements on a roster basis, please contact Ron Potter or Liena.** Otherwise simply visit the gallery to reflect on the paintings. The Reflection Gallery's Facebook remains operative (facebook.com/UCMontville). Take time to read the accompanying text and let God speak through both word and image. Ron Potter

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

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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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