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 28th June
Prayers and Readings
Genesis 22:1-14; Psalm 13;
Romans 6:1-23; Matthew 10:32-42
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Next Sunday 5thJuly (Holy Communion)
Prayers and Readings
Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49,58-67; Psalm 45:10-17 or Songs of Solomon 2:8-13;
Romans 7:15-25a; Matthew 11:16-19,25-30
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The Week Ahead

Wednesday Meditation at 8:30 am is now running again subject to the public safety regulations.

Wednesday July 1st – Cuppa Conversation
Join us for our Cuppa Conversation on www.ourcommonlife.org.au under Cuppa Conversations

Thursday July 2nd
9am-3pm Church Office open 5429 6995

Sunday 5th Holy Communion
We will be celebrating Holy Communion again in sessions**.** We will be phoning you to book a spot!
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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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Baptism: Grace making us free to follow

Romans 6:1-23; Matthew 10:32-42

Baptism: Martin Luther said we need to creep back into our baptism daily, every morning we wake up. And in times of stress and doubt, he is said to have inscribed on his desk "*baptizatus sum*" – I am baptised. What is the significance of baptism? For Luther (and for us) it is found in Romans 6:4 which Luther apparently also recited every morning"

"We were therefore buried with him
through baptism into death
in order that,
just as Christ was raised from the dead
through the glory of the Father,
we too may live anew life."

Baptism: (i) Buried with Christ into death. This means that death/sin/evil/ NO LONGER has hold over us. It is in the past tense. We are now pardoned, made righteous, made new.

Baptism: (ii) Raised with Christ into a new life. This means we are raised to a new life. A new life with Christ –to be lived with Christ every day.

Baptism (iii) A new life lived to God, alive to God in Jesus Christ. This means we are pardoned to *follow God*. To live in God, *for* God. Not for ourselves, not for anyone else, but for God.

Every morning. Every morning we need to creep back into our baptism. To be reminded of God's grace and faithfulness – new every morning. To know we are pardoned, Free. And also to know we are free to follow Christ. Every morning, every day. This is the Christian faith, the Christian life.

Holy Spirit: this is the work of the Holy Spirit – to grant us the Christian faith – to believe, to know, *that baptised in Christ means we are dead to sin and alive to God. Alive to live to God*. Every morning.

To Trust is To Obey

Genesis 22:1-14,Romans 6:12-23

We all know that we are called to place our faith in Jesus Christ for our redemption, but are we as aware that we are to place our faith in him for daily living? Faith means trusting. Faith in Christ means commitment to Christ's way of living. It means following him even when it is contrary to popular opinion.

From ancient times, Abraham has been taken as a great model for faith. He not only stepped out in faith, leaving his homeland to find a new land where he could live under God, but, in the story where he is shown to be willing to sacrifice his only recognized son he is shown to be living by faith in the wisdom and purposes of God. Told to sacrifice Isaac, the one through whom God promised blessing to his family and through them to all people everywhere, Abraham was obedient to the call.

Trust means obedience. Faith means willing to do the will of God. God provided a substitute, so Abraham was not called upon to sacrifice his son, but through this time of testing he came through as one who trusted God completely. On occasions, Jesus chided his disciples for their lack of faith, and there were occasions when Jesus could do no mighty work because of the people's lack of faith. But when people placed their faith in him, they saw the sick healed and the dead raised.

So the call comes to us to trust God who was revealed in and through Jesus of Nazareth, not just for our ultimate salvation, but for our way of living, our attitudes, the way we relate to others, the purpose and direction for our lives and the service that he calls us to render.

- If trusting God means obeying God, how do we know what God wants of us?
- What is the difference between having faith that something is true and trusting God to lead us in the way of truth?
- Paul speaks of humanity enslaved to sin; what does that mean?
- He also speaks of humanity set free from slavery to sin; what does that mean?

Rev Ron Potter ***Piula Publications***

STAGE 2 REOPENING

- Small Groups, up to 20 people, recommence (in public places and places of Worship)
- Communion gathering (up to 20 only) at the Church building on the first Sunday of the month
- Small Groups in a home (up to 20 visitors + household)
- **Pastoral visiting, Visiting one and other within QLD**
- **Funerals (up to 100 mourners) plus 2 officiates, Weddings (up to 20 people) plus the couple and the celebrant.**
- Re-establish Hall hire for groups up to 20
- **Visitors register to be completed and destroyed after 45 days**

REFLECTION GALLERY

The Cross is central to our Gospel. The new display in the Montville Church by Laura McDade, entitled Cross Closeups, presents photographic images featuring the cross.
Open each day 10 till 3. A place for quiet prayer and reflection.

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

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.

Music resources

We have many talented musicians within the Uniting Church such as Rev David Macgregor—Community Minister at Southside Uniting Church in Tarragindi—who has made his music available free of charge to the broader church for use in their online worship. These recordings take the form of video files (through YouTube) with lyrics displayed and a lead vocal. These can be accessed through David's website. --- Uniting News

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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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