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

Our Common Life is our weekly Notices
Please stay connected with us.

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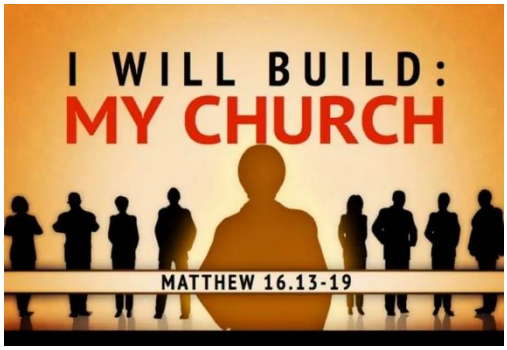
Services: Service, Prayers and Readings



Montville: 8:15 am
Maleny: 9:45 am
Palmwoods: 3:15pm in the garden

Prayer meeting at Maleny at 9:00am at the church

Catch up on our E-Services under E-Broadcasts on the BRUC Web-page: www.ourcommonlife.org.au

This Sunday 23rd August
Prayers and Readings
Exodus 1:8-2:10; Psalm 124
Romans 12:1-8; Matthew 16:13-20

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Next Sunday 30th August
(Combined Service at Maleny at 9:45)
Prayers and Readings
Exodus 3:1-15; Psalm 105:1-6,23-26,45b
Romans 12:9-21; Matthew 16:21-28

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The Week Ahead

Tuesday August 25th
9am-12pm Church Office open 5429 6995

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

Cuppa Conversation Join us for our Cuppa Conversation on www.ourcommonlife.org.au under Cuppa Conversations

Thursday August 27th
9am-12pm Church Office open 5429 6995

Friday August 28th
1.30pm Know Your Bible (KYB) 5494 2486

Sunday the 30th August
9:45am Combined Service at Maleny
11:00am AGM at Maleny

Isaiah 51 vs 1-10

"But my righteousness will last forever,
my salvation through all generations."

This is a repetitive truth in the promise of Isaiah 51 that builds the prophecy in the following three sections:

First stanza (vs 1-3):

Addressees: *those who pursue righteousness and seek the Lord*

1a *Call* to listen to God
1b-2a *Call* to think of Abraham & Sara (origin)
2b *purpose*: to remember what God did for Abraham
3a *Motivation*: to think what God will do for Zion
3b: *Consequence*: joy and thanksgiving

Second stanza (vs 4-6):

Addressees: *Lord's people and nation*

4a *Call* to listen to God and pay attention to what he says
4b-5 *Purpose:* righteousness & salvation/justice will become part of God's people & islands
6a1 *call to* look to the heavens and earth;
6a2 *Purpose:* heaven and earth will vanish
6b: *Promise*: **salvation and righteousness will last forever**

Third stanza (vs 7-8):

Addressees: *the righteous (know what is right and taken instruction to heart)*

7a *Call* to listen to God
7b *Call* not to fear reproach or insults
8a *Motivation*: people will perish
8b: *Promise*: **salvation and righteousness will last forever**

Message: God's salvation and righteousness/justice are irrevocably inter-twined and bound together; and is meant for God's people and for others; and God's people (the church) is the evidence of this.

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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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Not Just A Name

Romans 12:1-8, Matthew 16:13-20

The Dutchman, Martinus Beijerinck, late in the 19th century, was the first to use the word virus of certain disease-causing pathogens. Since then it has become a widely-used term all around the world. Whether they take it seriously and alter their behaviour accordingly or not, people everywhere are familiar with the term.

Peter was the first to use the word Messiah for Jesus, and since then, in its Greek-based version of Christ, it has become the most widely-used designation for Jesus everywhere. But people do not always all take it seriously and adjust their lives to its implications. If Jesus is God's Son and Deliverer as the word Messiah suggests, he is to be listened to, responded to, related to in a way that makes us different. It is to have our thought-patterns and ways of thinking transformed so that we discern God's good, acceptable and perfect will. It is to so undergo a process of change that we do not conform to the widely-accepted patterns of life and thinking that centre on self. We are prepared to be different.

Worship is not just something to be done in church guided by liturgy or as expressed in song. Worship is the offering of the whole self, our physical existence to God – that is our spiritual worship.

- What does it mean to take the idea of virus seriously and adjust our lives accordingly?
- Have we become so familiar with Jesus being called Christ that we have missed the implications for our own lives?
- What are those implications?
- Paul, in Romans 12, suggests that Christians think differently from other people. Is this so? How differently?

Rev Ron Potter ***Piula Publicat***

PALMWOODS UC NOTICES

TODAY No morning Service.

Garden Reflection **3.15pm** @ Palmwoods Community Garden.

Growing Together **4pm** @ Palmwoods Community Garden (Working Bee then BYO meal @ 5pm)

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.

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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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TWO THINGS

We are looking at our community involvement in the next issue. First, I would like everyone to let me know what you are doing in the community please, so we can draw a picture of what we look like to the community. Strictly anonymous as it is the overall picture we need. Secondly, we need stories of that involvement as that will form the bulk of the journal. Closing date is still **Sunday, 30 August** to grandar@bigpond.net.au or by hand. I look forward to hearing from you. Graham

LET GO AND LET GOD

But what if I fell?
How far would I fall?
If only I could be sure
that you'd be there to hold me!

I'll do more than hold you,
my dear confused friend.
I'll lift you and guide you.
My life I will spend.

But I want to climb
high up on my own.
I have my ambition.
I make my own plans.

But where are you climbing,
my daring, brave friend?
My hope you are breaking,
the plan I intend.

Letting go isn't easy.
My fingers are cramped.
I've grasped for control so long
now, how can I change?

You forget who I am
my pensive, dear friend.
If you'd only let me,
your fingers I'd mend.

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Notice Sheet: Contributions requested before 10 am Wed. admin@ ourcommonlife.org.au

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