

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

October 25 2020+ WELCOME TO WORSHIP

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

Services: Service, Prayers and Readings



Montville: 8:15 am Worship Service Maleny: 9:45 am Worship Service Palmwoods: 15:00 pm Garden Fellowship

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 25thOctober Prayers and Readings

RCL: Exodus 34:1-12; Psalm 90:1-6,13-17; 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8; Matthew 22:34-46

Next Sunday 1st November Prayers and Readings

RCL: Joshua 3:7-17; Psalm 107:1-7,33-37; 1 Thessalonians 2:9-13; Matthew 23:1-12

The Week Ahead

Tuesday October 27th

9am-12pm Church Office open 5429 6995

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

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

Thursday October 29th

9am-12pm Church Office open 5429 6995

Friday October 30th

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

Overall Direction for Life

Matthew 22:34-46

Communication needs to be interpreted for it to make sense. The Bible, the laws of the land, any writing at all needs to be interpreted. This interpretation usually takes place against the background of some fundamental principles. So, the High Court, when called upon to do so, interprets the Australian Constitution and the judiciary interpret the laws made by parliament. When asked by a lawyer to state the basic principle by which the Mosaic Law should be interpreted, Jesus quoted Deuteronomy 6:5, love God with all one's heart, soul and mind. To this, he added Leviticus 19:18, love your neighbour as yourself which he suggested was all tied in with love toward God.

However, Jesus was not mainly interested in ideas. He was concerned about life and how it is lived. So, for him, love for God and neighbour is not just a guiding principle; it is the basic orientation of life. It is the power, the motivation, the direction for living. It is a reflection of the love that God has for us all.

The guiding light for morality is love for God and for people – unconditional, generous love. The standard against which all laws are to be judged is that love which respects humanity and seeks the best for all. The shaping force for interpersonal relationships is *agape* love. God who created the universe out of love, rescued sinful humanity out of love, dwells in the depths of our own lives out of love, calls us to reflect this love in our relationships with God and with other people.

- What are some ways in which people express their love for one another?
- How can we express our love for God?
- What does it mean for love to be the overall direction for our lives?
- When is it hard to live by these two great commandments, to love God with all our being and to love our neighbour as we love ourselves?

Rev Ron Potter

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35th SYNOD LIVESTREAM

Liena will be travelling to Brisbane Thursday afternoon. Although, it is an e-synod and primarily on-line she will be on standby in the event she may need to go into the Synod office as a member of the facilitation team.

Liena will be back early Monday morning. If pastoral assistance is needed over the weekend please contact Rev Bruce Johnson (0407 180 864).

Join us for the livestream of the 35th Synod in Session this Friday, Saturday and Sunday on our <u>website</u> and <u>Facebook</u>. For a list of daily events and times, please view the <u>program</u>.

Follow our live updates on Facebook and join the

conversation by using the hashtags: #GrowTogether, #GrowAbundantly and #GrowHopefully.



A written review of each day will also be available on JourneyOnline.

NOVEMBER OUTREACH PROGRAM

November we are celebrating our outreach ministries and exploring possible new way of getting involved in local, regional, national and international communities.

Please make sure you pick up a flyer of the program. And please join in!! If you cannot attend the services make sure to tune in to the recordings! Give your stories, your visions. This is a conversation.

Also, make sure to invite a friend or share the news, the messages and information.

Grant us True Judgment

(Thomas a Kempis)

Grant to us, O Lord,
to know that which is worth knowing,
to love that which is worth loving,
to praise whatever pleases you most,
to esteem whatever is most precious to you,
and to dislike whatever is evil in your eyes.
Do not let us judge
merely by what we see with our eyes,
nor to decide

based on what we hear from ignorant men, but to discern with true judgment between things visible and spiritual, and above all to search out and to do what is well pleasing to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

MEDITATION GROUP @ 8:30am

With spring/summer upon us, we **start at 8.30 am** again from this coming Wednesday. New meditators always welcome

CHRISTIAN RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION

Christian RI (Religious Instruction) Queensland is seeking volunteers to assist with the filming of a recruitment campaign for next generation volunteers. They are looking to interview people who are both new to RI and those who are experienced.

If you are interested in sharing your story, please contact Rev David Baker

LADIES FRIENDSHIP GROUP CELEBRATION.

Lets say goodbye to this year by enjoying each



other's company in a Relaxing Morning Tea. Place: The Orangery,

Cairncross Corner, Maleny.
Date: Thursday, 19th
November, 2020.

Time: **9.30 – 11.30am**

Cost: \$15.00 per person. (this will include savoury and sweet).

We look forward to sharing in a welcoming and COVID free setting. Trust you are able to come!

Then with "Hope" we look ahead to a safer and happier 2021 for us and families and friends, our community and our world.

For numbers – Please reply to Marnie via list at church or Patricia

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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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