

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

November 8 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 Holy Communion Maleny: 9:45 am Worship Service Palmwoods: 3:30 pm Garden Reflections

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

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

This Sunday 8th November Prayers and Readings

RCL: Joshua 4:1-3a,14-25; Psalm 78:1-7; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Matthew 25:1-13

> Next Sunday 15th November Prayers and Readings

RCL: Joshua 4:1-7; Psalm 123; 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11; Matthew 25:14-30

The Week Ahead

Tuesday November 10th

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 <u>www.ourcommonlife.org.au</u> under Cuppa Conversations

Thursday November 12th

9am-12pm Church Office open 5429 6995

Friday November 13th

1.30pm Know Your Bible (KYB) 5494 2486

Outreach Month

Our guests this week are **Phil Smith, the mission bloke** form the Mary Burnett Presbytery and Becky Francis the primary school chaplain for Maleny and Connondale.

Texts are: Nehemiah 1 and Luke 10 vs 1-9.

A Word to the Wise

Matthew 25:1-13

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Can a person be too wise? If it means being a bit of a smart alec, yes, they can. But wisdom really has to do with insight about how one should live. It involves making sound judgments.

In the Bible, people are called to be wise because all true wisdom is of God. Wise people seek to live the way God wants them to live even though this way may not be self-evident to everyone. Wise people live as though Christ rules now although, as we say, its only at the end of the day that we see things as they really are. Wise people are inspired by the Spirit of God although they may not always be conscious of its origin. This is brought out by Jesus in his parable about the bridesmaids – five wise, but five foolish. The wise girls are those who were ready for the wedding where the wedding stands for the joyful occasion when God's reign is complete and acknowledged by all. The silly or foolish girls were caught unprepared.

We often think that wisdom comes from the past with age and experience, however true wisdom comes from the future – the future with God.

- When did you first come across the above puzzle?
- What is the difference between knowledge, understanding and wisdom?
- If you want to get on in the world, is it better to be wise or clever?
- What words of wisdom do you have for young people growing up today?

Rev Ron Potter

Piula Publications

"Here I am Lord – is it I lord? I have heard you calling in the night: I will go Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart." (Hymn TiS 658)

"I will go Lord, if you lead me". This song is our theme song for this month's focus on outreach. The question arises: Do we sing these words easily or with some hesitance? Are we ready to go? The underlying questions are: Where? What? How? When?

Where to Lord? When we hear of the great commission, of God calling us, we often think that we are called to far-off places, to the poor in Africa or to secularized Europe. But, perhaps "*where*" is closer: it may be my street, my neighbourhood, my town, my community.

What to do Lord? Is it to alleviate poverty, teach the illiterate or evangelize the secular? Perhaps it is to have a cuppa with the lonely man two doors up the street, or to offer to mind friends' children so rushed parents can go on a date, to mediate between two estranged colleagues, to tutor a child at the local school, or simply to listen to another?

How Lord? By being rooted in me, in love. By being sincere and authentic, truthful. Letting my light shine through you. By being in step with the Holy Spirt who will lead and show you what to say and what to do.

When Lord? Now! My people are in darkness. They are weeping. They are in pain. They are searching.

I will go Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart."

Shalom Liena (inspired by prayer of Malcom Boyd)

NOVEMBER OUTREACH MONTH

We specially ask you to join in and pray for our November Outreach program.

Sun 15 Nov	Sun 22 Nov	Sun 29 Nov Advent 1 st Sunday (Combined Service)
Rev Paul & Lyndall Moore (India/Dostana)	Chris Crause	Liena Hoffman
Matthew 25:14-30 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11	1 Peter 3:15	Mark 13:24-37
No Speaker	Micah Jones Chaplain Maleny State School	Launch of Christmas 2020

Mary Burnett Presbytery 13-15th November

There will be a live-in Presby meeting at Harvey Bay this coming weekend. We ask your prayers for discernment and seeking God's will for the Presby.

SAFE MINISTRY WITH CHILDREN TRAINING

This training is open to any person in ministry with children, or on committees that make decision about children's ministry.

Mooloolaba Uniting Church 17thNov 2020 at 6.30pm. Address:6 Meta St, Mooloolaba QLD 4557

SPECIAL PRAYERS: There are a number of persons in our communities that are grieving and recovering from serious health issues. Let us hold them before the Lord.

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS DONATIONS

A donation box has been setup in the Church Foyer. Donations are needed this year for Christmas lights to decorate the outside of the Church. Please donate if you can.

VOLUNTEER WANTED

In preparation for Advent, a volunteer is needed for garden duty to severely trim back (to 6 feet) the camellia trees in the front of the Church.

Please Let Nancy or Jan know if you can help.

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

list at church or Patricia

Cost: \$15.00 per person. (this will include savoury and sweet). Please reply to **Dorothy** via

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