

# 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 22 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: 3:30 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: <a href="https://www.ourcommonlife.org.au">www.ourcommonlife.org.au</a>

## This Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> November Prayers and Readings

RCL: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24; Psalm 100; Ephesians 1:15-23; Matthew 25:31-46

#### Next Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> November: Combined Service Prayers and Readings

RCL: Isaiah 64:1-9; Psalm 80:1-7,17-19; 1 Corinthians 1:3-9 - Mark 13:24-37 Message: 1 Peter 3:15

#### The Week Ahead

#### Tuesday November 24th

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 <a href="https://www.ourcommonlife.org.au">www.ourcommonlife.org.au</a> under Cuppa Conversations

#### Thursday November 26th

9am-12pm Church Office open 5429 6995

#### Friday November 27th

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.

### **Christ Reigns**

**Ephesians 1:15-23**;

2020 will go down in history as the year of the great covid pandemic. Let's hope it's not seen as the first year of the great pandemic. In any case, it will be remembered as the year the world changed. The dating of the year as 2020, however, marks the year (approximately) since the world changed in an even more profound and radical way. It was the time when Christ became king. No longer was Caesar the greatest ruler on earth, and, by implication, neither are the dominant political emperors of any age. The death and resurrection of Jesus proclaimed him as the King of Kings and Lord of Lords. Dare we still say it today? That Jesus rules above all the dominions and powers - commercial, economic, academic, legal, etc? How confidently do we celebrate this day, the Day of Christ the King?

Christ rules in the hearts and souls of people who accept his authority, but that is not all: Christ's rule is seen in all that is holy, true, just and loving everywhere, in every society. Christ's rule prompts us to call out racism, oppression, cruelty and injustice wherever and whenever it appears, even among our own families, communities and nation, or lurking deep within our own selves. This is more than following a party line or serving an ideology; it is responding to the voice of God expressed through the living Christ in our hearts.

- What changes has the covid-19 pandemic made in your life?
- How many of the dominant political emperors or rulers of history can you name?
- Where do you see signs of Christ's reign in Australia today?
- What action is Christ prompting you to take against racism, oppression, cruelty or injustice in your community?

Rev Ron Potter

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### **Outreach Month**

Our guests this week Micah Jones the High School chaplain.

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> is Advent and we celebrate together in a Combined Service at Maleny.

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#### Hope to which we have been called

"I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, <sup>19</sup> and his incomparably great power for us who believe".

(Ephesians 1 vs 18-1)

Prayer of Hope by Jane Holloway
Lord, Holy Lord, Holy Trinity
Fill us with strength and boldness
according to your promises,
That we might reach our needy nation,
with your love, in this season of Hope.
We humbly acknowledge our weakness and
failure,

But our eyes are fixed on you. Fulfil your purposes and plans

that your name may be honoured in our land.

In the name of Jesus Christ, Amen

**Working Bees at Montville** –persons from wider BRUC welcome. Come and enjoy to work alongside and get to know one another better:

Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup> November, at 9.30 am you are invited to take part in a Working Bee to set up the Advent display in the church incorporating six long banners that were designed by Elsie Hall. In addition, there will be several decorated Christmas trees; one a prayer tree to which people are invited to attach written prayers and three that present aspects of the Christmas message.

**Monday, 7 December** at **7.30 am on** there will be a Working Bee to work on levelling a grassed pathway around to the back of the church grounds.

Tuesday 24 November 5:00-6:30pm Disaster preparedness seminar to be held at Maleny Community Centre run by SCC but supported by Maleny Forums. Booking essential due to COVID.

#### **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.

**NEW VINE** - the next edition is due very soon and will focus on **HOPE**. My <u>HOPE 4U</u> is that some of you will feel inspired to write something, talking about where/how your life has been touched by hope - it can cover any situation where hope was, is or will be important for you and yours. If it could reach me at **grandar@bipond.net.au** by **Thursday 26 November**, that would be great. Many thanks in advance. Graham Dempster

**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.

#### **Wesley Mission Queensland Red Bag Appeal**

s estimated that over 700,000 people in



Queensland are experiencing poverty. With your gift of a Red Bag full of groceries, decorations and toys you will bring hope to those who are doing it tough this Christmas.

For more information about the

appeal or to find a drop off location, visit the <u>website</u>. https://www.redbagappeal.org.au

#### **COVID SAFE CHURCH**

We're seeing a positive turnaround in covid-19 cases across Australia. As at the time of writing, Australia had two days of no transmissions across the country. BUT, as borders re-open and with Christmas looming, we need to be extra mindful of the risks. We all have a part to play in preventing an outbreak in QLD through –

- Maintaining physical distancing of 1.5 meters
- Maintaining good hand hygiene (washing or sanitising hands regularly)
- Maintaining respiratory hygiene (coughing or sneezing into elbow)
- Maintaining contact tracing and rapid response (keeping contact details for 56 day for each worship service/activity conducted by the Church)
- Frequently cleaning/disinfecting the spaces we use
- If unwell, stay at home.
- Recommended to wear a mask at times and places of people mingling, eg. Before/after a service..

If you are having problems or want further clarification, phone **Peter Callaghan M: 0458 263 322**.

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