



Our Common Life Blackall Range Uniting Churches

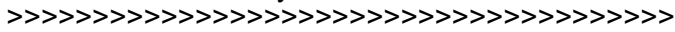


Maleny | Montville | Palmwoods

Uniting in Christ | Acting with love | Living with hope | Witnessing in faith | Working for justice

**December 6 2020+
WELCOME TO WORSHIP**

Our Common Life is our weekly Notices
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Services: Service, Prayers and Readings



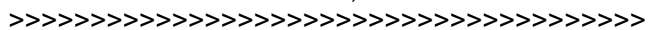
**Maleny 9:45 Coral Communion Service
Palmwoods 10:00 Family Service
Montville 4:30pm Faith Conversations**

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 6th December

RCL: Isaiah 40:1-11; Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13;
2 Peter 3:8-15a; Mark 1:1-8



Next Sunday 13th December:

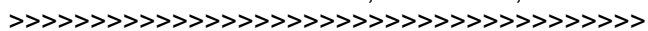
Montville: 8:15 am Holy Communion

Maleny 9:54 Worship Service

Palmwoods 15:00 pm Garden Fellowship

Prayers and Readings

RCL: Isaiah 61:1-4,8-11; Psalm 126 or Luke 1:46b-55;
1 Thessalonians 5:16-24; John 1:6-8, 19-28



The Week Ahead

Tuesday December 8th

9am-12pm Church Office open 5429 6995

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

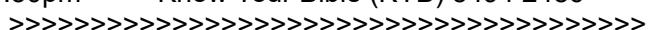
Wednesday Cuppa Conversation Season 2 will be back in 2021. Meanwhile enjoy some episodes from Season 1: www.ourcommonlife.org.au under Cuppa Conversations

Thursday December 10th

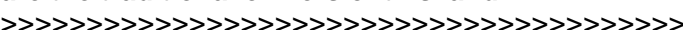
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Friday December 11th

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.



Parallel Universes

2 Peter 3:8-15

Have you heard of multiple or parallel universes? It's a controversial theory, but some scientists suggest that there could be more than one form of reality. Whether there is any scientific truth in that or not, the Christian message is based on the understanding that there is an alternative universe. It is generally called heaven, although when heaven is integrated with this world it is called a new heaven and a new earth, a new creation or the kingdom of God.

In olden times, when people thought that the earth was flat and that the sky was like a roof over the top it used to be thought that heaven was up above the sky, hence we still refer to the sky above us as the heavens. However, with our much-expanded view of the universe we no longer think of heaven as a place up there; it is another reality. It is life on another dimension.

Being of a spiritual nature, this alternative reality is not limited by time and space: "With the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day." While we still await the day of the Lord's coming, we are able to live in fellowship with Christ day by day. As a realm without sin it is a realm of holiness and goodness, so Christ is constantly calling us to live in holiness and goodness all the days of our lives. Being part of God's new creation through Christ we bring the influence of God's realm to bear upon this familiar God-owned but sin-corrupted universe.

- You might like to use your search engine to find out a bit about parallel universes.
- Do you find it more helpful to describe heaven as another reality rather than as a place?
- In what way can God use us to bring God's influence to bear on our world today?
- How are we to wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home (2 Peter 3:13)?

Rev Ron Potter

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