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 20 2020+

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 Worship Service
Maleny 9:45 Worship Service
Palmwoods 10:00 am Holy Communion
Prayers and Readings

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 20th December
RCL: 2 Samuel 7:1-11,16; Luke 1:46b-55 or Psalm 89:1-4,19-26
Romans 16:26-27; Luke 1:26-38

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Next Sunday 27th December:
Montville: 8:15 am Worship Service
Maleny 9:45 Worship Service
Palmwoods 15:00 pm Garden Fellowship
Prayers and Readings
RCL: Isaiah 61:10-62:3 ; Psalm 148 ;
Galatians 4:4-7 ; Luke 2:22-40

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CHRISTMAS EVE SERVIES
THURSDAY 24 DECEMBER

7.00pm Maleny

CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICES
FRIDAY 25 DECEMBER:
7.30am Montville
8.00am Maleny
9.00am Palmwoods

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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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The Way of Submission

Luke 1:26-38

Submission, that's a hated word! We hear of people being beaten into submission. It suggests servile, humiliating defeat. It implies weakness. It reeks of insincerity when we see people using apparent submission as a ruse to get what they want. But Mary's words of submission in Matthew 1:38 have been highly extolled throughout the years. She is pointed to as a model for us to follow for she was submissive to the will and word of God, ready to serve God's purposes in whatever way it was asked of her, irrespective of the cost.

Voluntary submission to the will and word of God lies at the heart of Christian discipleship. We are called to place ourselves in the hands of God, ready for service. This is powerfully voiced in John Wesley's Covenant Prayer which he encouraged his followers to pray at the beginning of each new year.

"I am no longer my own, but thine. Put me to what thou wilt, rank me with whom thou wilt. Put me to doing, put me to suffering. Let me be employed by thee or laid aside for thee, exalted for thee or brought low for thee. Let me be full, let me be empty. Let me have all things, let me have nothing. I freely and heartily yield all things to thy pleasure and disposal. And now, O glorious and blessed God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, thou art mine, and I am thine. So be it. And the covenant which I have made on earth, let it be ratified in heaven. Amen."

- What do you understand submission to mean?
- Under what circumstances would it be wrong for a Christian to be submissive?
- To whom should we, as Christians, submit?
- Perhaps you would like to reflect further and meditate on the words of The Covenant Prayer.

Rev Ron Potter ***Piula Publications***

And the Word became flesh, and came to dwell with us" John 1:14

May we become truly human – a prayer by Jörg Zink

(loosely translated)

Lord Jesus,
we see You from a distance
over the immeasurable distance of time.
We hear You
we try to understand You
we try to grasp who You.
May we walk with You.

You were on earth different to all other people.
You were stronger and weaker,
greater and lesser,
You proclaim the glory of God,
and side with the despised.
You bring the power of God,
and You are weak with the weak.
You give freedom,
and You bind yourself with the bonded.
You are God with us.
You defend the case of the guilty.
You separate truth from lie
You do not use violence,
and You do not shy from sacrifice.

Lord, may we walk with You,
accompany You.
Grant us the light out of Your Goodness
make us like You
so that we can truly become human
Where You are
The world changes.
Make from us humans, truly human.
Lord, we believe
help us in our disbelief.

MEDITATION MEETING

The Christian Meditation group is now in recess and will recommence on **Wednesday 20 January 2021 at 8.30 am** in Maleny church.

THE CHURCH OFFICE

We will close the church office from **Tuesday, 22nd 2020 to 17th Tuesday, January 2021. Open on 19th Tuesday, January 2021.**

BIBLE READING:

January 3, 2021 Jeremiah 31:7-14 or Sirach 24:1-12; Psalm 147:12-20 or Wisdom of Solomon 10:15-21; Ephesians 1:3-14 - John 1:(1-9), 10-18
January 6, 2021 Isaiah 60:1-6 - Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14; Ephesians 3:1-12 - Matthew 2:1-12
January 10, 2021 - Genesis 1:1-5 - Psalm 29; Acts 19:1-7 - Mark 1:4-11
January 17, 2021 1 Samuel 3:1-10, (11-20) - Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18;
1 Corinthians 6:12-20 - John 1:43-51

PRAYER: `Jane Austen

O Lord, lay words in my mouth to pray to you,

so that you will have joy in listening to them!

WEEK OF PRAYER 10-17 JANUARY 2020

We are planning to kick off the new year with a South African tradition of a week of prayer. There will be a helpful daily reading and video and a time of prayer each day from 6-6.30 pm where we can either pray in our own home of come and meet communally at that time. (Each worship centre will have its' own event.) So mark your diaries from Sunday January 10 until Sunday January 17. More information to come!
Helen Uhlmann (Prayer Co-ordinator)

OFFERING ENVELOPES OR DIRECT DEBIT

Offering envelopes for 2021 are now available at Maleny, Montville and Palmwoods. We have traditionally used the envelope system because it encourages regular giving and reminds us that the work of the Church continues when we are away. The envelopes are un-numbered – there is no pledging or monitoring. But online banking is an even better way of making your offering. COVID has changed the way we do things and currently about 75% of the Maleny offerings come by regular electronic bank transfers – weekly, fortnightly or monthly. Our banking is with ANZ. Account name: Blackall Range Uniting Church, BSB No. 014-507, Account No. 3762 29735.

CHRSTMAS CAROLS AND SERVICES
Diarise these dates:

20 Sun 7pm Maleny Baptist Church Carols on the grass at Baptist Church

22 Tues 7pm Witta Carols @ Lutheran Church

24 Thurs 7pm Maleny Uniting Church Stories and Songs: Journey from Bethlehem to Jerusalem

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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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