



# 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

**31 January 2021**

### WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Service, Prayers and Readings

Combined Commissioning Service  
At Maleny 9:54 am

Prayers and Readings

RCL: Deuteronomy 18:15-20; Psalm 111  
1 Corinthians 8:1-13; Mark 1:21-28

Catch up on our E-Services under E-Broadcasts on the BRUC Web-page: [www.ourcommonlife.org.au](http://www.ourcommonlife.org.au)

Next Sunday 7 February 2021:

Montville: 4:30 pm Faith Conversations

Maleny: 9:45 am Holy Communion

Palmwoods: 10:00 am Family Service

Prayers and Readings

RCL: Isaiah 40:21-31 - Psalm 147:1-11, 20c -

1 Corinthians 9:16-23 - Mark 1:29-39

#### SPECIAL COVENANT PRAYER

I am no longer my own, but yours,

Put me to what you will,

Rank me with whom you will;

Put me to doing,

Let me be employed for you or laid aside for you;

Exalted for you or brought low for you;

Let me be full, let me be empty;

Let me have all things, let me have nothing;

I freely and wholeheartedly yield all things

To you, my Lord and my God

#### OCCASIONS:

❖ Pastoral Care team will meet on **Wed 17<sup>th</sup> Feb** at 4pm at the Maleny church. **Dorothy**

❖ THE GOSPEL IN A MULTICULTURAL SOCIETY  
The topic for discussion at **Montville's Faith Conversation** next Sunday 7 Feb at 4.30pm will be, "The Gospel in a Multicultural Society", led by **Rev. Ron Potter**. All welcome.



\*\*\*\*\*LECTIONARY THEMES\*\*\*\*\*

## Humble but Confident

Mark 1:21-28

Confidence makes a world of difference. If you believe in your ability to accomplish something, you probably will; if you lack that confidence, you almost certainly won't. Watch people playing sport, delivering speeches, going into business, bringing up children, or any other activity that people engage in. Provided the confidence is well-grounded and the aims realistic, people who act and speak with confidence inspire others and achieve things that people lacking that confidence never will.

According to Mark, the people of Capernaum were amazed at the level of authority or confidence with which Jesus addressed the assembled people in the synagogue. He had not come through any of the great rabbinic schools nor did he back up what he had to say by quoting other authorities. He was sure of who he was and what he had to say.

How confident are we in our faith, in our witnessing, in our presenting Christ to others? A half-hearted approach will get nowhere, but neither will an arrogant, imperious approach. Christian confidence arises out of our lived relationship with God, the experience of Christ in our lives, the presence of the Holy Spirit within. The authority upon which our confidence rests is not our own knowledge or ability but that of Jesus Christ himself. That is why we can witness and serve with authority in humility, because it is not based upon our own ability, but on the power of God at work not only within us, but also in the lives of others and in all creation.

- ❖ What builds up self-confidence? What undermines it?
- ❖ Where did Jesus get his authority from?
- ❖ What undermines your confidence to witness for Christ?
- ❖ Why is it important to link authority with humility?

Rev Ron Potter

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## Commissioning Service

Every Sunday is a special day. For Christians, it is the day we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Yes every week - an event so significant and central to our faith that we celebrate it weekly, and not simply on Easter Sunday.

Sundays we gather as a community of faith to praise God, to plead with God, to hear God – together! It is an opportunity when we confess our wrongs, receive forgiveness, commit ourselves to God – together. We call it worship!

This Sunday is a commissioning service when we focus on our constant commitment ourselves to the witness and ministry of the kingdom and recall our commissioning by Christ.

### The theme is Welcome!

*“The Spirit and the Bride say,  
“Come!”.*

*Everyone who hears this  
must also say,*

*“Come!”.*

*Come,*

*whoever is thirsty;*

*Accept the water of life*

*as a gift,*

*whoever wants it.”*

(Rev 22:17)

**Come!** Come, you are welcome. Come in, come sit, come join us, come! Come as you are: come, here you are welcome just as you are. Come we want to listen: we have time for you, here is a place for you, we care. Come, do not fear, do not hesitate – we have no conditions, we will speak so you can understand. Come!

**Creators.** We are creators. We are starters. We can initiate, we can begin. We can invite or not invite. We can smile or not smile. We can listen or not listen. We can speak or not speak. We can include and exclude. We are access points to the kingdom of God.

**Ripple effect.** And each act or omission of ours has a ripple effect, an impact. Each smile we give, gives hope. Each judgment, closes a door. Each child we silence, brings estrangements.

**May the Spirit teach us, the Bride, to say: “Come!”**  
ShalomLiena

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## CUPPA

When the world is at odds  
and the mind is a sea  
then cease the useless tedium  
and brew a cup of tea.  
There is magic in its fragrance  
and there is solace in its taste  
and the laden moments  
vanish somehow into space.  
The world becomes a lovely thing  
there's beauty as you'll see:  
all because you briefly stopped  
to brew a cup of tea. ~

Anonymous

## CUPPA

It is no secret that cuppa is not only my favourite word acquired in Australia, but that my soul can almost be bought for a cuppa and a day's agenda certainly paused for a cuppa!

Cuppa. Welcome. Warm. Inviting. Fun. There is such a joyful ring to cuppa. It rolls smoothly over the tongue. And tastes pleasingly. Albeit tea or coffee.

*A cup of tea  
is an excuse to share*



*great thoughts with  
great minds.*

Cuppa. A cradle of hospitality. Of conversation. Of getting to know one another. And that is the purpose of our **Cuppa Conversations** - getting to know one another, and also others. Hearing snippets of our lives, our journeys, and each one of us has a story. Indeed, a number of stories within each of our life- stories.

Cuppa. There is a time for a cuppa alone, but also a time when a cuppa needs to be shared; when it can break the loneliness. During the reflection and review of our ministry and mission that we had mid-2020, a response we received was a proposal that the church creates a welcoming space - a place for persons, members and non-members, gents and ladies, boys and girls, to come and sit for a chat, over a cuppa! And should anyone wish to bring along a craft, well and good. I have had a number of conversations with persons and believe there is a need for such an occasion and the proposal has been considered and approved by council. I have dubbed it "**cuppa craft**".

**Cuppa craft** will be run on **Tuesdays from 9:30-12 noon at Maleny**. Persons are welcome to pop in anytime for as long as they wish - 3 minutes or 30 minutes or 150 minutes. Welcome to simply come to enjoy a cuppa and a chat, or to bring along a craft too. We will begin by having it every **first Tuesday of the month**, but hope it may develop into a fortnightly cuppa. So book **Tuesday the 2 March 2021**, and pop in for cuppa!!!!



#### **Cuppa after worship service: TAFE COVID Safe for Dining In Course**

And if you want a cuppa after a worship service PLEASE do the TAFE course or encourage someone to do it! It is an on-line simple course, which should take no more than 30 minute to complete. Persons who serve the tea need to have done the course.

Once completed please let us know ie let Jing at the office know and Peter Callaghan, our COVID-Protector!

Here is the link to the COVID Safe for Dining In course: <https://tafeql.edu.au/covid-safe>



Thanks Liena

## **The Week Ahead**

### **Tuesday February 2<sup>nd</sup>**

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 February 2021. Meanwhile enjoy some episodes from Season 1: [www.ourcommonlife.org.au](http://www.ourcommonlife.org.au) under Cuppa Conversations

### **Thursday February 4<sup>th</sup>**

9am-12pm Church Office open 5429 6995

### **Friday February 5<sup>th</sup>**

1.30pm Know Your Bible (KYB) 5494 2486

**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.

## **Synod News**

Online worship services

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Here is a list of Queensland Uniting Church congregations who are [live streaming](#). For suggested changes or corrections to this list, please email the [Mission Engagement Team](#).

## **Agency and service provider news**

### **Lent begins in three weeks!**

If your congregation is looking for some original studies to use, UnitingWorld have released a new set called "How to be a good global neighbour".

It explores why neighbourliness is central to our identity in Christ, whether we're called to generosity or justice, and why vulnerability is so central to our relationships.

Beenleigh Region Uniting Church who piloted the studies last year said, "We appreciated exploring what being created in the image of God really means for those who call themselves Christians and what a world fully reconciled with God would look like."

Visit [UnitingWorld's Lent Event](#) to find out more, download or order your copies online.



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### BUSH TRACK – REMIND US OF OUR JOURNEY THROUGH LIFE

This oil painting was done after Ron Potter visited part of the old Mapleton-Nambour rail track at Kureelpa.



The artist Ron Potter

### The Churches Hall Occupied by next week:

#### Maleny:

Pilates: Monday 9:15-10:15 am; 5:45-6:45pm  
Tuesday 8:00-9:00 am  
Friday 9:15-10:15 am

Meditation Group: Wednesday Start 8:30 am  
Dancing Group: Thursday 9:30-10:30 am

**Montville:** Reflection Gallery – Every Day

**Palmwoods:**

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Please stay connected with us.

Range Uniting Churches acknowledge the Jinibara and Kabi Kabi Blackall / Gubbi Gubbi peoples who are the traditional owners of this land.