



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

21st February 2021
WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Prayers

9:00am at Maleny

Services

Montville 8:15 Worship Service

Maleny 9:45 Worship Service

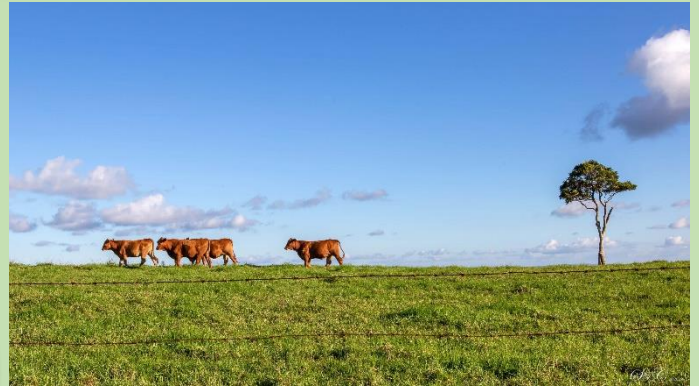
Palmwoods 10:00 Holy Communion

RCL Year B Readings

1st Sunday in Lent

Gen 9:8-17; Ps 25:1-10;

1 Peter 3:18-22; Mark 1:9-15



LECTIONARY THEMES

February 21

Temptation

Mark 1:9-15

Artistic representations of Satan usually depict a grotesque, horrible figure with horns and a tail, but in real temptation the tempter never appears like that at all. The whole thing about temptation is that it is highly desirable. It's entirely plausible. If it signaled its presence with horror and shame, it would lose its appeal.

Jesus' temptations in the wilderness, as described by Matthew and Luke, were noble and popularly expected ways for the Messiah to act: supply manna to feed the hungry as God did in the time of Moses; through the use of miracle, give demonstration of great power; establish an empire to out-rival the Roman Empire but uncontaminated by corruption and the abuse of power.

Temptation does not come to *us* with a frightening face either, but rather with the slick charm that draws us away from Christ's simple call of, "Follow me." It poses the possibility that I would be better off by just relaxing, for this once, an insistence on integrity – look how much good I could do with that money! The break-up of a marriage does not start with that intention. It starts with, "I want to be loved," "I want to express myself," "I want to be free," "I want to be in control."

Temptations to sin do come. There is no escaping that. And they come in the most unexpected and innocent-looking ways. There are winds that blow us off course if we let them: it is for us to be aware of this and to resolutely counteract them by allowing the winds of God's Spirit to prevail, seeking forgiveness when we fail.

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

Lent (17th Feb – 4 April)

Lent is a tradition of contemplation, of reflecting on the *via dolorosa* - the Way of Passion/Suffering. In terms of the Sermon on the Mount it is a time of giving, prayer, and fasting. It is a time of sacrifice, self-denial and spiritual growth. It is a particular opportunity to get to know God more, especially through the revelation of Jesus on His Way of Suffering to Golgotha. May Lent 2021 truly be a time of self-denial and growth for each one of us.

Shalom Liena

Next Sunday 28 February 2021:

Montville 8:15: Worship Service

Maleny: 9:45 am Worship Service

Palmwoods: 3:30pm Reflections in the Garden

RCL Year B Readings

2nd Sunday in Lent

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16; Psalm 2:23-31;
Romans 4:13-25; Mark 8:31-38 or 9:2-9.

Praise

**"I will sing of the
steadfast love of the Lord,
forever
Psalm 89:1**

- What are some ways in which the words *tempt* and *temptation* are used in everyday speech?
- Why do you think artists represented the Tempter as ugly and menacing?
- Give examples of temptations that appear attractive and desirable.
- How can we allow the winds of God's Spirit to guide us in the face of those forces that try to blow us off course?
- **Rev Ron Potter** *Piula Publications*

The Week Ahead

Tuesday – Church Office open Ph. 5429 6995

Wednesday – Maleny 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 under Cuppa Conversations

Friday – Know Your Bible (KYB) 5494 2486 1.30pm

Coming Events

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!!!!

Events this week:

Montville

Montville Ministry Task Group

A meeting of the Montville Ministry Task Group is to be held on **Monday, 22 February, at 4.00 pm** in the church hall

Lenten Study

Members of the Montville Uniting Church are invited to join with members of St Marys Anglican Church for a Lenten Study commencing on Ash Wednesday, **17 February**, (next Wednesday) at 10:30 am, in St Marys Church. The series of studies is entitled, *Awakening My Faith, Head-Heart-Hands, Practicing Faith Today* written by Bishop Jeremy Greaves, bishop for the northern region of the Diocese of Brisbane. Cost \$11

World Day of Prayer Service at Montville

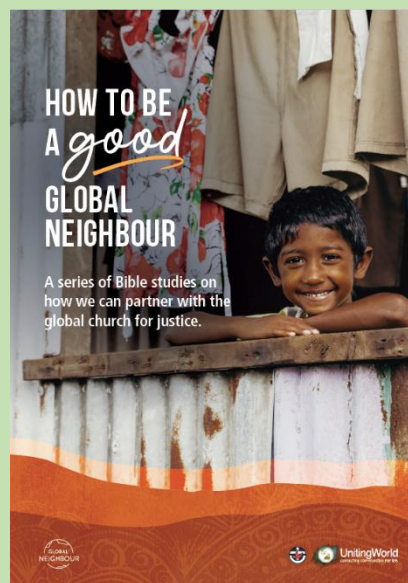
The World Day of Prayer service is to be held in **St Marys Anglican Church, Montville, at 10 am on Friday 5 March**. The country upon which prayers focus is **Vanuatu**.

The speaker is Rev.Kaye Pitman.

Under covid precautions it will be necessary to indicate beforehand the names of those attending. Please phone Carole Phillips on 54457839 or email carolephillips@bigpond.com or let Ruth Potter know.

The Uniting Church folk are to provide sandwiches for the morning tea to follow the service.

LENT Bible Study



The **Uniting World's Lent 2021 Bible Study Booklets** have arrived. Please collect a copy after the service on **Sunday** or contact the church office (Peter or Liena) to get a copy (a

donation of \$5 if you are able)

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](https://www.unitingworld.org.au/levent) to find out more, download or order your copies online.

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

Synod News

Online worship services

Here is a list of Queensland Uniting Church congregations who are [live streaming](#).

Use of the Church Halls during 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: Please contact Kay

Catholic Church in Maleny.

TAIZE Service at Catholic Church
on Tuesday the 2nd March,
at 7.00pm - 8.00pm.

Contact: Fran Tickle
on 0419 738 064,

or email francestickle@bigpond.com

“And the angels came and helped Him”

Mark 1 vs 13.”

A Blessing of Angels

By John O'Donohue
(from *Benedictus*)

May the Angels in their beauty bless you.
May they turn towards you streams of blessing.

May the Angel of Awakening stir your heart
To come alive to the eternal within you,
To all the invitations that quietly surround you.

May the Angel of healing turn your wounds
Into sources of refreshment.

May the Angel of Imagination enable you
To stand on the true thresholds;
At ease with your ambivalence
And drawn in new directions
Through the glow of your contradictions.

May the Angel of Compassion open your eyes
To the unseen suffering around you.

May the Angel of Wildness disturb the places
Where your life is domesticated and safe,
Take you to the territories of true otherness
Where all that is awkward in you
Can fall into its own rhythm.

May the Angel of Justice disturb you
To take the side of the poor and the wronged.

May the Angel of Encouragement confirm you
In worth and self-respect,
That you may live with the dignity
That presides in your soul.

May all the Angels be your sheltering
And joyful guardians.

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