



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

28th February 2021
WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Prayers

9:00am at Maleny

Services

Montville 8:15 Worship Service

Maleny 9:45 Worship Service

Palmwoods 3:30pm Reflection in the Garden

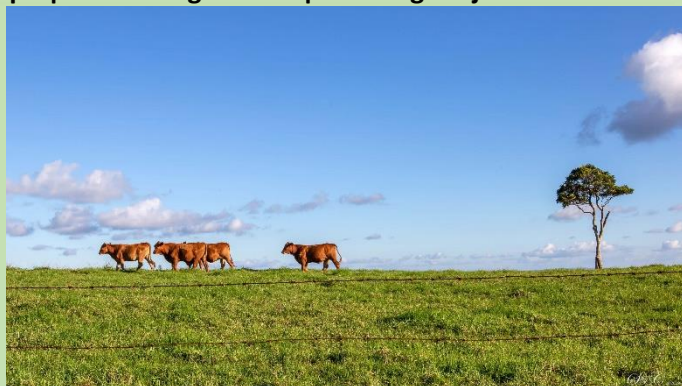
RCL Year B Readings

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.



LECTIONARY THEMES

February 28

Hope Based on Faith

Romans 4:13-25; Mark 8:31-38.

Along with the rest of the world, we in Australia are, at this time, placing our faith in Pfizer/BioNTech and Oxford/AstraZeneca to beat the covid pandemic. This faith enables us to look forward to a time beyond the threats and restrictions that we have had to live under for the last twelve months.

Faith gives us confidence to look forward to what is to come. It was faith that enabled Abraham to continue to look forward to the realization of God's promise when everything seemed set against it – the promise that he should be the father of a great nation.

Faith in God who spoke to the world in Jesus and raised him from the dead is the basis on which we look forward to what is to come. Through faith in Christ, we look forward to lives lived in joyful union with God in this life and beyond. As impossible as it seems, we look forward to humanity being freed from the shackles of evil and living by the light of God's love or, in other words, living in the kingdom of God.

By faith in God, we dare now to live the life of God's future realm – a realm of peace, justice, integrity and goodness. By faith in God, we live now as people who are forgiven and reconciled to God, called and committed.

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 7 March 2021:

Montville 8:15: Worship Service

Maleny: 9:45 am Holy Communion

Palmwoods: 10:00am Family Worship Service

RCL Year B Readings

3rd Sunday in Lent

Exodus 20:1-17; Psalm 19;

1 Corinthians 1:18-25; John 2:13-22

Father's Love

"See how very much
our Father loves us,
For He call us His children,
And that is what we are!"

1 John 3:1

- Can you think of occasions when your hope grew out of faith? EG: your hope for a safe arrival at the end of a journey was based on your faith in the driver.
- What does Romans 4:23-24 have to say about the relationship between grace and faith?

- What hopes do you have on the basis of your faith in Christ?
- Mark 8:31-38 indicates that living this life of faith and hope is not easy. What in this passage strikes you most forcefully?

• **Rev Ron Potter** **Piula Publications**

The Week Ahead

Tuesday – Church Office open Ph. 5429 6995

Tuesday 9-30-12 noon. Cuppa Craft in the Maleny church hall.

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

Wednesday –Cuppa Conversation Season 2 will be back soon.

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

Events this week:

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.

Coming Events

Catholic Church in Maleny.

There will be a TAIZE Service at Catholic Church on **Tuesday the 2nd March, 7.00p.m -8.00p.m.**

Please contact Frances Tickle: 0419 738 064, or email francestickle@bigpond.com

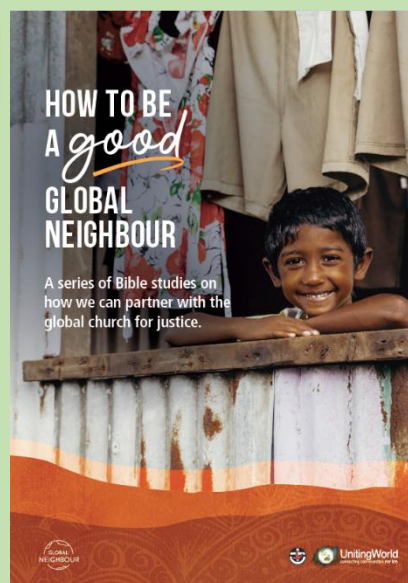
The jug is on the boil! Tuesday 2 March has come!

The cups are set out. All you need to do is pop in between **9:30-12 on Tuesday at Maleny UC for Cuppa**



Craft. And if you want to bring a craft along, or simply pop in for a chat and see what others are up to please do!. See ya!!!

LENT Bible Study



A series of Bible studies on how we can partner with the global church for justice.

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)

Visit [UnitingWorld's Lent Event](https://www.unitingworld.org.au/levent) to find out more.

Synod News

Online worship services

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

OFFERING

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.

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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Director of Mission Strategy Scott Guyatt explores

Transforming communities. If this theme speaks to you, we would love to have you as part of the conversation.

Registration of Interest for this conversation on the website - <https://ucaql.com.au/projects/projectplenty/register-your-interest/>

AN INVITATION FROM THE SCHOOL CHAPLAINS FROM WOOMBYE AND PALMWOODS

The Nambour Ministers "Fraternal" have invited us to a church service where the local churches will pray and take up a special offering for the school chaplains in Nambour and surrounding areas. A couple of the local chappies will also share.

Combined Church Service

Sunday 28th February at 5pm

At New Life Church Nambour

McKenzie Rd Woombye (entrance of NCC)

As one of our local supporters, Jamie and I would like to invite you to attend. We are very aware that God has placed us in our schools as a bridge between the church and community. Hence, what a great opportunity to pray and agree together for God to move in our schools!

Blessings Jamie & Bec

Jamie Weidinger | Chaplain
Woombye State School

Rebecca West | Chaplain
Palmwoods State School

Plenty mission priority: Transforming communities

Our Church is blessed to be present in so many communities across Queensland. Everyone is different. *Transforming communities* calls us to be active partners in things that matter in our local communities, shaping new community hubs and empowering the Church to connect within the community and the world we live.

Mark 8 vs 27-38. His Love is deeper still

**Lord, I rejoice that nothing can
come between me and your love,
Even when I feel alone
or in difficulty,
When in sickness or am troubled.
Even if attacked or afraid,
"no abyss of mine is so deep
That Your love is not deeper
still."**

Self-denial: "Forget self, take up your cross, and follow me". Jesus' call to self-denial is not, as sometimes, interpreted a call to be a doormat, to be the least or to hate oneself. Jesus was nobody's doormat – indeed He boldly spoke out against injustice and the powerful, He compassionately reached out to the marginalised and weak.

It is a call to choose, constantly and consistently, the way of love; of siding with the marginalised and miserable, it is a way of empathy. It means to follow in the footsteps of the one who said "Love your enemies. Forgive one another."

This may not always be an easy road. Some will call you: a traitor, others a fool, others mad. Some even "crucify him/her".

Choice But it does ask of us a choice. And that choice is only fully understood in the face of the Father's love. For, whoever chooses me and the gospel will save their lives and see the glory of the Father.

Shalom Liena

Child safety and wellbeing is embedded in organisational leadership, governance and culture

The Uniting Church wholeheartedly and publicly commits to being a child safe organisation. This commitment influences our decision-making and guides our practice. Our leaders and our volunteers commit to safe church principles by completing and signing a Statement of Personal Commitment: "I will put the safety and well-being of children and vulnerable people first, and I will encourage others to do the same." We document the standards of behaviour we expect from leaders, staff and volunteers as shared guardians responsible for the safety of children and vulnerable adults in contact with the Church. All volunteers are required to sign a Statement of Personal Commitment each year.

The Statement of Commitment is attached electronically or can be collected from the Church office and should be completed for the next Blackall Range Church Council meeting.

News Montville

Morning Service 1st Sunday of the month: The early morning service will revert to 8:15 and **Faith Conversations** will be held at times to be arranged.

Sharing facilities. The Montville UC church and hall will be shared with the **Range Church**. We welcome pastors Peter and Michelle Mahr and the Range Church faith community.

We are looking for persons to join the team organising the following:

PALM SUNDAY 28 MARCH: FAMILY WORSHIP SERVICE

This will be an intergenerational service so looking for families and musician to participate in the service.

Please contact Liena

TENEBRAE THURSDAY 1 APRIL. We are looking for singers to sing a few songs and help lead the singing.

Please contact Val Clarkson.

Maleny Ministry Task Group

The Church Council met on February 15 and tried to discern the way forward for this year. In the wake of the disruptions of last year and the uncertainties we face ahead this is not easy.

During 2019 we tried to introduce a new structure for the Blackall Range Churches. We have one Church Council to provide overall leadership to all three communities. There was also supposed to be a Ministry Task Group in each location. In Palmwoods and Montville this has worked well since their smaller numbers mean that as they sit around after worship, the whole congregation can discuss local issues and suggest ways forward. This hasn't worked so well in Maleny, since depending on when meetings are called, different people attend and offer insights, but there is no consistent direction. Also in the past 12 months even those meetings could not happen.

Therefore the Church Council has asked Maleny to choose a small group of leaders who can discuss local issues and discern ways forward. We suggest a group of 6 people, some who have been around a while and some who are newer to the family. They will meet regularly with Liena and guide the way ahead.

We would like you to think and pray about this and nominate suitable folk by the 5th of March. Then on March 21 we will hold a meeting here after worship to choose a team of six people to help lead us forward. There are forms available for nomination and I would encourage you to take one and think about those people you feel would be helpful in leading us forward. The forms can be given to Bruce Johnson or Liena or left in the office before March 5th. We will announce the nominations on Sunday 7th and again on the 14th March before we are asked to choose on March 21.

Thank you, Bruce J.

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.