



# 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

**7 March 2021**  
**WELCOME TO WORSHIP**

### Prayers

9:00am at Maleny

### Services

Montville 8:15 Worship Service

Maleny 9:45 Holy Communion

Palmwoods 10:00am Family Worship Service

### RCL Year B Readings

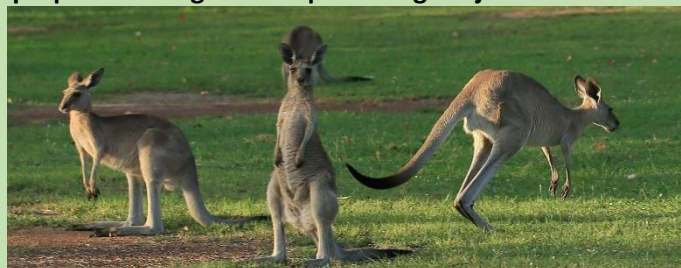
**2nd Sunday in Lent**

**3rd Sunday in Lent**

**Exodus 20:1-17; Psalm 19;**

**1 Corinthians 1:18-25;**

**John 2:13-22**



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

**March 7**

### The God Story

1 Corinthians 1:18-25,

Life without stories is a tree without leaves.  
Imagination clothes bare bones.  
Myths, legends, stories and folktales  
are life-signals in any community –  
think of family, school, team or nation.

God comes to us in the context of story, but what sort of a story is it? For some it's a mystery, a great insoluble mystery story only to be solved by superior wisdom and intellect. That was the way of the ancient Greeks. For others, it is a spectacular story of wonder and power to be seen in miracles that defy the laws of nature. That's the kind of story for many in ancient Israel.

But, Paul, in 1 Corinthians, insists that it is through a great love story that it is to be told, a love-story of sacrifice and self-giving reaching its climax in the crucifixion of the Christ.

How are we to present God's story today? Not as the solution to an intellectual conundrum, a puzzle to be solved; not as the performer who does incredible tricks that astound and surprise; and not as the Great Avenger out to destroy and to punish. If true to the Gospel, it is a story of humble self-giving, crucified love.

A story like that cannot just be told; it has to be dramatized. The story-teller has to act it out. And it cannot be told from a position of superiority or arrogance. Nor can it be told out of rivalry in a competitive approach with others as Paul told the Corinthians (1 Corinthians 1:10-17). After all, we are not just tellers of the story, we become the story for others around us.

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

### Lent (17<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Please share something you have learnt this Lent.**  
Thank you Liena

### Next Sunday 14 March 2021:

Montville 8:15: Holy Communion

Maleny: 9:45 am Worship Service

Palmwoods: 3:30pm Reflection in the garden

### RCL Year B Readings

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent**

**Numbers 21:4-9; Psalm 107:1-3, 17-33;**

**Ephesians 2:1-10; John 3:14-21**

### Joy

**“Be happy!  
Yes, leap for joy!  
For a great reward  
awaits you in heaven!”**

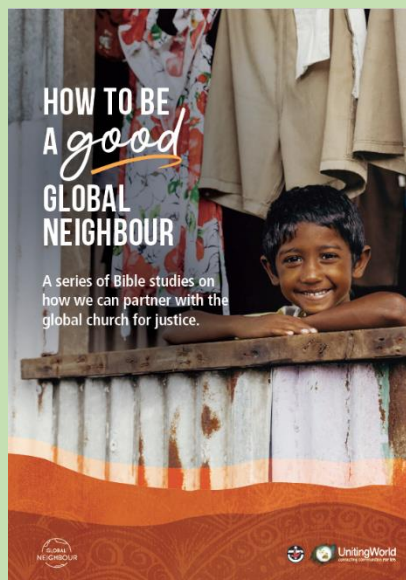
Luke 6:23

- How was God first presented to you, or, in other words, what was the part that God played in the stories told to you as a child?

- How do we turn God into a puzzle to be solved or a miracle to amaze us?
- Why, according to 1 Corinthians 1:18-25, did Paul centre his message on Christ crucified?
- If the message of Christ crucified lies at the centre of the Gospel, what then follows for us in our living of the Christian life and in telling others about it?

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

## 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)

Visit [UnitingWorld's Lent Event](#) to find out more.

### 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 soon.

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

**Saturday** – Presbytery meeting in Kingaroy

## 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

## 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.

## Coming Events

### The jug is on the boil!

### Cuppa Craft

### Every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday

The cups were drunk dry and fun was had. So we are definitely doing it again. Make sure you join us.

We will be meeting the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of every month. So see you in the 16<sup>th</sup> March



between 9:30-12 and pop in for a cuppa and a chat or bring a craft along and have a pot. See ya!!!

## News Montville

**Morning Service 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

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

## Ministry Contacts:

**Minister:** Rev Liena Hoffman 0490 421 874  
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Hours: Tuesday/Thursday 9 am to 12 noon  
Email: [admin@ourcommonlife.org.au](mailto:admin@ourcommonlife.org.au)

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## 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.

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://ucaqld.com.au/projects/projectplenty/register-your-interest/>

ADVANCE NOTICE for Maleny  
Very soon you will be encouraged to participate in a working bee for church maintenance. Look for the date TBA and the list of tasks to see where you can help.

Your ideas to Malcolm please  
0417785548

## Accommodation Urgently Sought

A family associated with the congregation (a father and two teenage daughters) is **URGENTLY** looking for accommodation at an affordable rent: minimum 2br, preferably 3 br home within commuting distance of Maleny as both girls attend Maleny State School and have other commitments in Maleny.  
Please contact Jonathan on 0499367714 or Liena 0490421874

## Prayer of Praise

O God, great in glory but hidden in mystery,  
we worship you;  
By ourselves we could never know you;  
Our human wisdom could never find you;  
No human argument can bring us to you,  
No human endeavor reveal you,  
In all the wealth of its knowledge  
The world remains ignorant of you.  
But you came to seek and to find us  
In the frail flesh of a human life on earth;  
You entrusted yourself to the wavering faith of  
your disciples.  
We praise you that you make yourself known  
to us.  
That with all our limitations we can know you;  
That you turn stumbling blocks in our lives  
Into stepping stones to the knowledge of your  
grace,  
And that the foolishness of the Cross and  
the wonder of the resurrection  
Becomes the saving truth that brings us life  
Blessed be your Name for ever.  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen**

## 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 additional musicians 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.



Artist Rev Ron Potter

**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.

## Maleny Ministry Task Group

Thank you for your response.

The following persons have been nominated.

Karl Tietze

Peter Callaghan

We thank you for these names.

However, we need more

We earnestly implore.

Thank you, Bruce J and Liena.