



# 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

**11 April 2021**

### WELCOME TO WORSHIP

#### Prayers

9:00am at Maleny

#### Services

Montville 8:15am: Holy Communion

Maleny: 9:45am: Family Worship Service

Palmwoods: 15:30pm Garden Reflections

#### RCL Year B Readings

Acts 4:32-35; Psalm 133,

1 John 1:1-2:2; John 20:19-31



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

#### *The Woman and Jesus at the Well*

*(John 4:1-42)*

The opening session set the foundation of our time. As Jesus journeys from Jerusalem in Judea to Galilee, the gospel comes to Samaria. The gift of God, Holy Spirit living water, is offered and empowers the witness of an unnamed Samaritan woman. She becomes a model disciple. The story of the woman at the well prefigures the promise of Acts 1:8 "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth". It also prefigures the way of the cross – a thirsty and tired Jesus, abandoned alone at noon, becomes the means of new life, new beginnings, and new hope.

The first session also explored the significance of discipleship as a journey (on the way) and the power of person-to-person encounter – the power of a simple question. Such encounters may begin as simple, unremarkable circumstances; everyday moments that grow to become ones in which the secular spaces of our day are transformed into sacred moments of deep discovery.

In our subsequent session, as the sharing between Jesus and the woman go deeper, we explored key theme of Living Water. We reflect upon "the gift of God" and ourselves and our church as receivers of the gracious gift. Our unfolding of the theme of *Living Water* invited us to examine the broader biblical landscape: from the prophets to the Psalmist, to the Gospels, epistles and Revelation. A thirsty people are invited the drink of the *Source*. The Spirit Gift of God is that which brings God's people, the Church, to life. It is a gift that sustains us, and it is an over-abundant gift, that overflows into the life of the world.

As Jesus took the woman even deeper, the Spirit gift leads into deeper Truth – truth about both ourselves and God. This narrative of encounter is an experience in spirit and in truth. This is worship – encounters in spirit

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 18 April 2021

Montville 8:15am: Worship Service

Maleny: 9:45am: Worship Service

Palmwoods: 10:00pm Holy Communion

#### RCL Year B Readings

Acts 3:12-19; Psalm 4,

1 John 3:1-7; Luke 24:36b-48

#### Ladies Friendship

The Date for the April Ladies Friendship outing is the regular **third Thursday which is 15th** NOT the 22nd as was incorrectly listed.

Please talk among your contacts to make sure everyone knows.

You are reminded that we are all invited to the Maleny Baptist Church at their "Sitting Room". Please arrive **by 9.30 am**.

Kylie Gallagher will host the morning and will share her story.

#### Pastoral care

Next pastoral Care meeting will be **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> April at 4pm**. Please let us know how your people are and who needs extra care.



PASTORAL CARE

and in truth. Such encounters lead us to faith-full response.

All this leads to the consideration of "meanwhile" (vv. 27-38), the time in which the Church must live. "The time is coming and is now here..." (v.23), between *the not yet* and *the already*. The church is privileged to join the Spirit in the fruitful harvest *even now*, although it will not be fully complete until that hope-full day of "never again" (Rev 7:16-17). Meanwhile, the tender shoots of a new vine branch, a new church, seemingly springs up in Samaria (of all places). Wherever people come and drink the Gift of God, new life emerges.

As the UCAF, the Uniting Church, and indeed all people, drink of the Living Water, a thirsty people are satisfied and nourished for Life. We are called to be drinkers of the Gift of God. And we will discover such a gift on the road with Jesus; perhaps in the most unlikely of places and through the most surprising of encounters. The exciting journey of encounters in spirit and in truth continues. Thanks be to God.

### Uniting Church in Australis Assembly

#### The Week Ahead at a Glance

**Tuesday & Thursday** – Church Office open 9am-12pm  
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) 1.30pm 5494 2486

#### MEN'S GROUP – ST. GEORGE EXPEDITION

A trip to St. George is planned for **Mon 26th April to Fri 30th April**, so that we can witness the cotton harvesting and take in places of interest along the way. It will be shared cars and your choice from a range of motel accommodation. John Benn is the organiser and more details will soon be circulated. Please note the dates and let John know if you are interested.

A genuine "**THANK YOU**" to all those wonderful people who responded so quickly to my recent call for meals to add to our Frozen Food bank... Often members of our Church family are in need of some comforting, or help.. A prepared meal and accompanying smile is always gratefully welcomed.. If you feel able to assist in this way, please see me at Church or ring on **5499 9394** Thanking you **Marnie McCallum**

Pastoral Care team

#### OFFERING

**Kindly remember to continue to give your weekly/monthly offerings.** They can be Direct Debited through the ANZ Bank, BSB 014-507 A/c 3762 29735.

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## Cuppa Craft

**Tuesday 20th of April**

We will be meeting the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of every month. So see you on the **20<sup>th</sup> April** between **9:30-12 and** pop in for a cuppa and a chat or bring a craft along and have a pot. See ya!!!

## Jigsaw Puzzles

Maleny Church Library now has a selection of jigsaw puzzles. Look for them in the vestry. Enjoy them at you own pace & do not forget to check the large selection of books.

### Maleny Ministry Task Group

Remember there will be a brief meeting after the morning service on the 11th April to elect the members for the Ministry Task Group to serve the Maleny Congregation.

The nominations are:

Peter Callaghan

Karl Tietze

Paul Tarbuck

Jan Trendle

Stuart Craig

Bruce and Liena

### Wounded Healer

John 20: 20 & 27

Christ, the risen Christ is recognised by the wounds on his hands, feet and side. These scars validate his love. His sacrifice. Christ is the Wounded Healer (Henri Nouwen)

Likewise, we the followers of Christ: Christians ought to be known by our wounds. The validation of the risen Christ's presence in the world is through the witness of the wounds on his followers.