



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

18 April 2021

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Prayers

9:00am at Maleny

Services

Montville 8:15am: Worship Service

Maleny: 9:45am: Worship Service

Palmwoods: 10.00am Holy Communion

RCL Year B Readings

Acts 3:12-19; Psalm 4,

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

Catch up on our E

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

Next Sunday 25 April 2021

Montville 8:15am: Worship Service

Maleny: 9:45am: Worship Service

Palmwoods: 15:30pm Garden Reflections

RCL Year B Readings

Acts 4:5-12; Psalm 23,

1 John 3:16-24; John 10:11-18

Luke 24 vs 47-48

"You are witnesses of these things, ... and in his name the message about repentance and the forgiveness of sins must be preached to all nations."

How can we be witnesses of these things? By sharing, by telling the Easter message, by doing, by showing what Jesus did: Jesus healed the sick, restored the broken and downcast, gave hope to the despairing. Jesus blessed the children, called them, invited them close - close enough to embrace and lay hands on them. Jesus called out the evil spirits, banished them, reprimanded them through teaching, prayer, exorcism. Jesus invited all to the table, sinners, corrupters, Pharisees, women, the powerful, the weak - all were welcome!. You are witnesses of these things! Shalom Liena

Please Pray for our Council meeting on Monday, 19

April.

I am the light
of the world!



LECTIONARY THEMES

SENT

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

"As the Father has sent me, so I send you." With those words we hear Christ's commissioning of the Church to fulfill its mission in the world. But who is the one who sent him? Not a Pilate-like political ruler. Not a Caiaphas-like religious leader. But a God who, in love, gives of himself to create and to re-create the world which has been damaged. God who serves and cares and loves. Since the messenger is part of the message, the Church too is meant to be the Church that loves when loving means giving of oneself for the healing of the nations.

Any study of history or society tells us that organizations and communities seek to defend themselves, to uphold their honour and to hold onto the power that they have gained. The Church has been no different. Yet it has never lost its calling to serve the world with love. In our day, society itself has risen up to challenge the church in its ways of self-preservation and protection.

The Church is equipped with God's own Spirit to remind it of who it is that has sent the Son, who, in turn, has sent the Church into the world. As we hear of our commissioning, we are reminded that we are meant to be a servant people of a Servant God, to give of ourselves for the salvation of the world. That is the challenge facing us today. What does it mean for the Church to live by faith today?

- What is your understanding of the Church being sent by Christ just as Christ was sent by the Father?
- What would the Church look like if it gave itself wholeheartedly to the healing of the nations?
- How has society risen up to challenge the Church in its ways of self-preservation and protection?
- How does our understanding of God shape the life of the Church?

Rev Ron Potter

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The Week Ahead at a Glance

Monday – 9-11am Church Council meeting at Maleny
Tuesday & Thursday – Church Office open 9am-12pm
Ph. 5429 6995
Tuesday 9:30-12 noon Cuppa Craft in Maleny Church Hall
Wednesday – Maleny Meditation at 8:30 am is now running subject to the public safety regulations. pa
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

Our new Bible Study starts Friday 23rd April at 1:30pm, We will be looking at the book of Daniel, so it should be an interesting challenge. Ladies come and share the Joy of learning more about our amazing God.

Cuppa Craft

Tuesday 20th of April

We will be meeting the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of every month. So see you on the **20th 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.

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.

Prayer for the Church by Martin Luther King Jr.

Lord, we thank you for your church, founded upon your Word, that challenges us to do more than sing and pray, but go out and work as though the very answer to our prayers depended on us and not upon you. Help us to realize that humanity was created to shine like the stars and live on through all eternity. Keep us, we pray, in perfect peace. Help us to walk together, pray together, sing together, and live together until that day when all God's children - Black, White, Red, Brown and Yellow - will rejoice in one common band of humanity in the reign of our Lord and of our God, we pray. Amen.

The Range Church, Montville are hosting a powerful speaker Pastor Alan Wills.

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When: **April 18, 4 pm.**
Where: The Range Church, Montville.
152, Main St Montville.
Time: **4 PM.**

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