



# 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

**25 April 2021**

**WELCOME TO WORSHIP**



**Prayers**

**9:00am at Maleny**

**Services**

**Montville 8:15am: Worship Service**

**Maleny: 9:45am: Worship Service**

**RCL Year B Readings**

**Acts 4:5-12; Psalm 23,**

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

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

**Next Sunday 2 May 2021**

**Montville 8:15am: Worship Service**

**Maleny: 9:45am: Holy Communion**

**Palmwoods: 10am Family Service**

**RCL Year B Readings**

**Acts 8:26-40; Psalm 22:25-31,**

**1 John 4:7-21; John 15:1-8**

### **ANZAC DAY PRAYER (Ex ANZAC DAY COMMEMORATION)**

Eternal Lord God we pray for the peace of the world. Especially we commend to your mercy the homeless and refugees; those who have been dispossessed and have lost their employment; those whose families have been disrupted and who mourn the loss of loved ones. We pray for the situations of conflict in various parts of the world. Grant that the sane and selfless councils may prevail in these places, and wherever there is warfare. For Jesus Christ's sake. Amen



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

### **Of Bravery and Sacrifice**

**John 10:11-18**

Today, Anzac Day, we acknowledge the bravery of those who faced the enemy in defence of those they cared for. We acknowledge the sacrifice made by those who lost their lives in the armed services of Australia. Using not the image of the Aussie Digger but rather the image of a Palestinian shepherd, we, today, also acknowledge the courage of a man who laid down his life for those that he cared for. As Anzac Day has very personal associations for those who remember family members, friends and mates who died in the hostilities, the bravery and sacrifice of Jesus links his brothers and sisters even today in an intimate and personal way with himself. As he said, "I know my own and my own know me."

Not at the behest of governments, but in obedience to the One who is God and Parent of us all, Jesus faced the enemy, the wild animal, the power that is opposed to all that is good, true and beautiful in the world. He faced it, not with sword and chariot, but with his great self-giving love, and he calls us to defeat the Evil One, not by physical force, but by the sheer weight of genuine, caring love – love to God and to neighbour. To this end we have been equipped with the Holy Spirit, the power that empowered him, the indwelling of the risen Christ himself.

While we affirm, "We will remember them," let's also do as he said, "Do this in memory of me." Let us be challenged by our own memories to live today the way of brave, sacrificial love.

- In what way is the bravery and sacrifice commemorated on Anzac Day like Christ's own bravery and sacrifice commemorated in the Lord's Supper?
- What do you think Jesus meant when he said, "I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice, So there will be one flock, one shepherd"?
- To what extent are bravery and sacrifice distinguishing marks of your Christian life?

**Rev Ron Potter**

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## 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. pa  
Conversation Season 2 will be back soon.

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

## MEN'S GROUP – ST. GEORGE EXPEDITION

We wish the boys going on the trip to St. George **Mon 26th April to Fri 30th April**, safety and joy! Have a great trip! See ya!

## Notice of AGM – May 30<sup>th</sup> 2021

The Blackall Range Uniting Church Congregation will hold its AGM on May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021, soon after the combined Worship Service at Maleny Uniting Church.

The AGM will include presentation of the Audited Financial Statements for 2020, the 2021 budget and the election of representatives to the BRUC Council and a lay representative to Presbytery. Please find attached the Nomination Form. All welcome to attend but only members and those in Association are eligible to vote.

**Written Reports** relating to activities in 2020 for the AGM are welcome. Reports should be submitted to [admin@ourcommonlife.org.au](mailto:admin@ourcommonlife.org.au) by Friday May 22nd.

## COVID Update – COVID Advisor

Lock-down and mandatory restrictions have been lifted for Greater Brisbane and Queensland. BUT, Government warns that the current situation will be the 'new normal' for many months to come. The new normal includes good **hygiene** practices; 1.5 metre **distancing** indoors including Centres of Worship; rituals still need to be modified eg. Communion, Baptisms; **capacity** limits of 1 person per 2 square metres are still in place; capacity limits still in place for Weddings and Funerals (held indoors); and; carrying a **mask** is 'strongly' recommended. There is **good news** too. Outdoor restrictions have been lifted and food may now be served from a servery.

It is worth noting that we can't visit Aged Care Homes without a flu vaccination (there are some exceptions to this rule depending on the facility or your situation)  
May our Lord continue to bless this district in this time.

## 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.

## 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.

## Chappy Vintage Tea Wed 28<sup>th</sup> April at 10:30



Share a moment & a cuppa with our High School Chaplain Micah on **Wednesday April 28<sup>th</sup> 10:30am**, Cost \$35 per person.  
Raffles & lucky door prizes on the day.

Book a table for 10+ to receive a free raffle ticket for each person.

For all enquiries please email: [genconnexq@gmail.com](mailto:genconnexq@gmail.com) or \*

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HIGH TEA



Cancer Council Australia's most popular fundraising event is back, hosted by the Maleny Catholic Ladies Group

Venue: Pat Daley Centre

Maleny Catholic Church

45 Cedar Street, Maleny

on

Friday, 7th May 2021

Time: 10.00 am

This year, due to Covid-19, numbers are limited so **BOOK EARLY** and don't miss out.

As usual there are delicious treats, multi-draw raffles and a lucky door prize

Tickets cost \$25 and include glass of bubbly and 5 raffle tickets

Contact Pam on: 5494 2487

Covid safe regulations will apply

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