



# 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

2 May 2021

WELCOME TO WORSHIP



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

## Prayers

9:00am at Maleny

## Services

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

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 9 May 2021

Montville 8:15am: Holy Communion

Maleny: 9:45am: Worship Service

Palmwoods: 15:30pm Garden Fellowship

## RCL Year B Readings

Acts 10:44-48; Psalm 98,

1 John 5:1-6; John 15:9-17

## A Prayer in Gratitude for Our Mothers

Good and Gentle God, we pray in gratitude for our mothers and for all the women of theory who have joined with you in the wonder of bringing forth new life. You who became human through a woman, grant to all mothers the courage they need to face the uncertain future that life with children always brings.

Give them the strength to live and to be loved in return, not perfectly, but humanly. Give them the faithful support of husband, family and friends as they care for the physical and spiritual growth of their children.

Give them joy and delight in their children to sustain them through the trials of motherhood. Most of all, give them the wisdom to turn to you for help when they need it most ..... Author unknown

## Love Means Respect

1 John 4:7-21

To love someone is to respect that person as someone that God loves. It is being true to the Spirit of God within. It is so whether the other person is an enemy or a friend, whether that person is an employer or an employee. It means treating the other person as a person and not merely as a worker, customer, client, patient or student. It also means treating the boss, the salesperson, the hospital staff, the teacher etc. with respect. That does not mean doing always what the other person wants. It does mean doing what one believes is right. It means consistently treating the other as a human being and not as an object or thing. Too often, people are treated as if expendable. Jesus was. This led to his crucifixion. Too often, in our culture, we treat other people as if they were nothing more than economic units.

Love means much more than respect, but at the very least it includes respect. To love God is to respect or reverence God; to love one's neighbour as oneself includes having respect, even reverence, for the other person. The current trending discussions about domestic violence and men's treatment of women need to hear this. 1 John 4:7-21 tells us that God is love and we express our love for God by our love for people. "Those who say, 'I love God,' and hate their brothers and sisters are liars." To hate includes despising, rejecting and treating them as less than truly human.

- What is the difference between liking another person and loving that person with the *agape* love that Jesus had toward all?
- How does respect for the other show itself in the workplace?
- Comment on, "Love means much more than respect, but at the very least it includes respect."
- What verses in 1 John 4:7-21 might be seen as calling us to respect others?

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

### 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.

### 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.

### INVITATION from Maleny Friendship Group

WHAT: Practical First Aid by Faye Gledhill

WHEN: **Thursday 20 May 9.30 to 11.30am**

WHERE: Maleny Uniting hall

WHO: All interested persons

COST: **No charge** but donation for MT appreciated  
Registration required (clipboard at MUC) Maximum participants = 40

## Ministry Contacts:

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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

## Volunteers CARE

Lend a hand ... become a pastoral care volunteer.

Do you want to become equipped with the skills to provide pastoral care and support to people in your church and local community?

The Volunteers CARE Essentials Course is a basic introduction to Christian pastoral care where you will learn the foundational skills needed to get started on your pastoral care journey.

Venue	Caloundra Uniting Church 56C Queen St, Caloundra 4551
Date	Saturday 8th & 15th May
Time	9am - 4pm
Contact	Rev Tanya Richards 0430403783

[ucaqld.com.au/volunteerscare](https://ucaqld.com.au/volunteerscare)

[Register now](#)

**Time: 8<sup>th</sup> or 15<sup>th</sup> May, 9am-4pm**

**Contact: Tanya Richards 0430403783**

### 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.

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