



Our Common Life

Blackall Range Uniting Churches

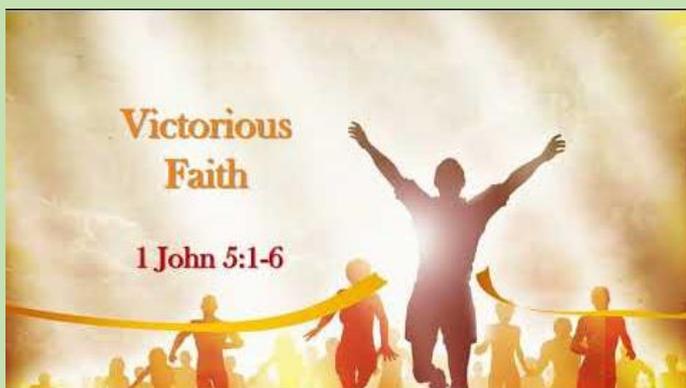


Maleny | Montville | Palmwoods

Uniting in Christ | Acting with love | Living with hope | Witnessing in faith | Working for justice

9 May 2021

WELCOME TO WORSHIP



Prayers

9:00am at Maleny

Services

Montville 8:15am: Holy Communion

Maleny: 9:45am: Worship Service

Palmwoods: 15:30pm Garden Reflections

RCL Year B Readings

Acts 10:44-48; Psalm 98,

1 John 5:1-6; John 15:9-17; 21:1-17

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

Next Sunday 16 May 2021

Montville 8:15am: Worship Service

Maleny: 9:45am: Worship Service

Palmwoods: 10:00am Holy Communion

RCL Year B Readings

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26; Psalm 1,

1 John 5:9-13; John 17:6-19

To the Moms Who Are

To the Moms who are struggling, to those filled with incandescent joy.

To the Moms who are remembering children who have died, and pregnancies that miscarried. To the Moms who decided other parents were the best choice for their babies, to the Moms who adopted those kids and loved them fierce. To those experiencing frustration or desperation in infertility.

To those who knew they never wanted kids, and the ways they have contributed to our shared world. To those who mothered colleagues, mentees,

neighbourhood kids, and anyone who needed it. To those remembering Moms no longer with us. To those moving forward from Moms who did not show love, or hurt those they should have cared for. Today is a day to honour the unyielding love and care for others we call 'Motherhood,' wherever we have found it and in whatever ways we have found to cultivate it within ourselves.

- Hannah Kardon, Pastor at Elston Avenue United Methodist Church

LECTIONARY THEMES

MOTHER'S DAY

John 15:12-17

Three of the great commemorative days in the Australian calendar have to do with sacrifice: Good Friday, Anzac Day and Mother's Day. On these occasions we pause to acknowledge the sacrificial love seen in the death of Jesus, in the price paid by those who have died or been maimed in the armed services of our country and the self-giving of mothers for the welfare of their families.

Commercial enterprises have seized on Mothers' Day as an opportunity to make money, but that is no reason to discard the true significance of Mothers' Day. Beginning in St Andrew's Methodist Church in Grafton, West Virginia in the United States in 1907, it was transplanted to Sydney seventeen years later by Janet Hayden specifically to draw attention to the plight of lonely, elderly women that she visited in hospital.

Motherhood has undergone many changes since then, but the day has become firmly set in the Australian calendar as a day to celebrate a mother's love for her children and her family and to say thanks. With that, we draw attention to the sacrifices that love necessarily entails whether it be parental, patriotic or divine. As Jesus said in John 15:13, the greatest kind of love is the love that gives of oneself utterly and completely for the sake of the other.

What sacrifices do mothers typically make for their children and families?

- How has motherhood changed over the past fifty years?
- The Bible speaks frequently of God as Father. Is it appropriate to also speak of God as Mother?

• How do we live the commandment of John 15:12 in our family life? **Rev Ron Potter**
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Ascension Day

Ascension Day: Thursday 13th May

This the day upon which we pause to remember, reflect and rejoice that Christ is seated at the right hand of God, reigning!
There will be an E-Service based on Revelation 4, the vision of the throne in heaven:

"I looked, and there before me was a door standing open in heaven."

Notice of AGM – May 30th 2021

The Blackall Range Uniting Church Congregation will hold its AGM on May 30th, 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. 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 by Friday May 22nd.

Remember the nominations for council. Please find attached the Nomination Form.

COVID Update

This week, some limitations have been lifted for food service outlets so you may notice changes when you visit the local coffee shop or restaurant. These businesses can now provide serve-yourself buffet style meals to patrons. Worship Centres remain 'restricted businesses' in terms of the COVID laws. As such, we required to continue to serve coffee and teas from the servery and, where food is involved, we would still have to serve people with all the usual protections.

COVID survives longer in the winter months. Places of Worship are reminded to keep the building well ventilated .. this means opening windows and doors. So, on those colder mornings, please rug up!!

.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.

MONTVILLE MINISTRY TASK GROUP

A Meeting of the Montville Ministry Task Group will be held following the service on Sunday, 23rd May.

INVITATION from Maleny Friendship Group

WHAT: Practical First Aid by Faye Gledhill

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

WHERE: Maleny Uniting church hall

WHO: All interested persons

COST: **No charge** but donation for morning tea appreciated.

Registration required (please contact Nancy Baker 0409586601) Maximum participants = 40. Places still available.

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.

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

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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.

REFLECTION GALLERY

The artist whose paintings are currently on display in the Montville Uniting Church is Wendy Jarrott-Smith of the Maleny Baptist Congregation. Her bright, abstract acrylics, together with the words she has written to accompany them are arousing much interest. The Gallery is open each day 10 till 3.

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