



# 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

**16 May 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 1:15-17, 21-26; Psalm 1,**

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

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 23 May 2021

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

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

**Palmwoods: 15:30pm Garden Fellowship**

### RCL Year B Readings

**Acts 2:1-21 or Ezekiel 37:1-14**

**Psalm 104:24-34, 35b**

**-Romans 8:22-27 or Acts 2:1-21**

**John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15**

### Ascension Day- a few more thoughts...

Ascension Day is not a focus on Christ's departure, His absence. No it is about the mystery of his imminence. As Thomas O'Loughlin wrote: "The (Ascension) feast is not the final song to mark the sad close of a party, but the joyous finality of a building job completed." Ascension is when we celebrate the completion of Christ's incarnate earthly mission and his present reign as King of kings, Lord of lords. Shalom Liena

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

## Christian Unity

**John 17:6-19**

In a world of individualism, it might be hard to grasp hold of the concept of mutual indwelling. In a close, warm, intimate relationship, the people concerned do not remain entirely independent entities. Spiritually they merge. Maybe not without interruption for they remain two separate individuals, but something of the one dwells in the other. Thomas Aquinas used the term 'mutual indwelling' to describe this in his study of friendship.

In John 17 we see this in relation to God the Father and Jesus the Son – a mutual indwelling. But that is not all. We hear Jesus talking about a mutual indwelling of Jesus and his disciples, as in John 15 when we hear Jesus calling his disciples to abide in him as he abides in them. So Jesus prayed for his disciples that they might be one as he and the Father are one. The unity of the Church is always dependent upon the mutual indwelling of Christ in the Church and the Church in Christ.

The path to Christian unity does not lie through organization or planning, negotiation or conformity, similarity or shared heritage. Unity is the spiritual reality present when Christians dwell in Christ and Christ dwells in them. It is when we recognize Christ in the other believer. Our unity is firmly set in Christ. It is only as we interact at more than a superficial level that we recognize that unity. The big thing that the Ecumenical Movement did was to bring Christians together from different denominations, there to discover the unity we share in Christ.

- Mutual indwelling belongs to the world of inter- personal relationships. How have you experienced this?
- Do you agree with this The unity of the Church is always dependent upon the mutual indwelling of Christ in the Church and the Church in Christ.
- What signs help us recognize Christ in the Church and the Church in Christ?
- How has the Ecumenical Movement shaped the life of the Church today?

*Rev Ron Potter*

*Piula Publications*

## 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.

## 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. 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.

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

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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.

In remembrance of those who have died due to an act of domestic or family violence

# 2021 CANDLELIGHT CEREMONY

THURSDAY 20 MAY @ 5PM

TESCH PARK – MALENY

followed by a peaceful walk to the Maleny Neighbourhood Centre (MNC) for a BBQ & entertainment by local musicians & choir

All welcome

Note: If heavy rain then ceremony will take place at the MNC



RSVP by Monday 17<sup>th</sup> May

[coordinatorw@malenync.org.au](mailto:coordinatorw@malenync.org.au)

**MONTVILLE MINISTRY TASK GROUP Sunday, 23rd May**

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

**Doug Watson Thanksgiving Service Monday 17<sup>th</sup> May at 11am at Maleny church.**

God of compassion we pray for all people who suffer at the hands of others. This week we especially think of those who are affected by Domestic Violence. Where there is hurt and abuse bring your healing, where there is anxiety bring your peace, where there is isolation bring your love. Help us all to have the courage to speak out and act against the abuse of your beloved people.

Amen.

## 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 10am till 3pm.

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