



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

6 June 2021

WELCOME TO WORSHIP



Prayers

9:00am at Maleny

Services

Montville 8:15am: Worship Service

Maleny: 9:45am: Holy Communion

Palmwoods: 10am Family Service

RCL Year B Readings

**1 Samuel 8:4-11, (12-15), 16-20, (11:14-15) ; Psalm 138
2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1 ; Mark 3:20-35**

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

Next Sunday 13 June 2021

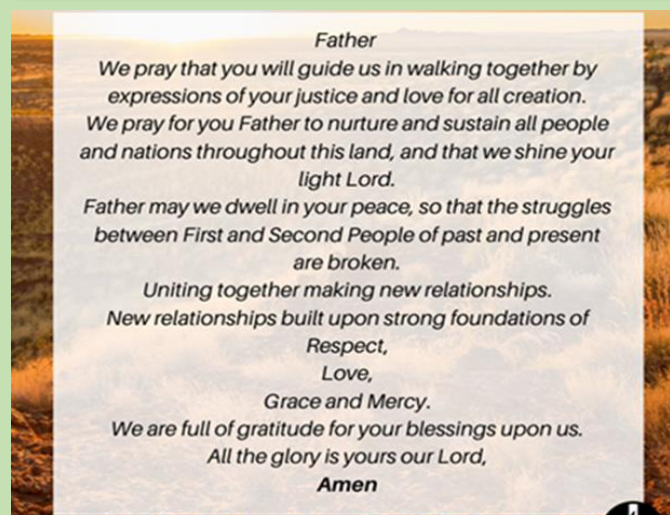
Montville 8:15am: Holy Communion

Maleny: 9:45am: Worship Service

Palmwoods: 15:00pm Garden Fellowship

RCL Year B Readings

**1 Samuel 15:34;16:13 and Psalm 20
2 Corinthians 5:6-10, (11-13), 14-17 ; Mark 4:26-34**



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LECTIONARY THEMES

God's Call

1 Samuel 3:1-10 (11-20), 2 Cor 4:5-12

To say that God calls a person is to make the point that the initiative comes from God – it is not simply our own desire or decision to pursue a particular course of action. And the idea of a call suggests an invitation to respond – there remains the possibility of saying no.

Throughout the history covered by the Bible and the Church many people have been called by God to fulfil various specific roles or tasks. The basic understanding is that God seeks to do something and calls on people for assistance. These people become God's instruments.

This then calls for humility, faithfulness to the task, dedication and commitment on their part. As Bonhoeffer said, "When Christ calls a man, he bids him come and die." Pride in one's learning, skill or ability; success in the eyes of the community count for little, it is what God in Christ accomplishes through us that matters. Yes, God uses our abilities, training, planning and preparation, but the initiative always lies with God. It is easy to fall into the usual way of thinking and to assume that the work of God depends upon us, when the primary agent is God. The fundamental call of Christ is to follow him in kingdom living – a life based on trust in God, God's law and God's salvation – the call to be his disciple. But Christ calls his disciples to fulfil other roles and tasks as well.

The church recognizes that there are specific ministries to which God calls people, but there are other ventures as well where a sense of call may be experienced: marriage, parenthood, job or occupation, location, church or community service. It makes a difference whether we approach these decisions with a sense of call or whether we see ourselves as the primary agents making these decisions.

- What strikes you most forcibly about the call of Samuel (1 Samuel 3:1-20)?
- God's call does not always come as clearly as it did to Samuel. How else can God's call come?
- What difference does it make if we approach a course of action as a call from God or not?
- What do you think is meant by Bonhoeffer's quote: when Christ calls anyone, that person is called to come and die?

Rev Ron Potter

Piula Publications

A Prayer for Connection

God, for many of us this past year was filled with isolation. Despite technological advances, we watched relationships change and drift apart-and we grieved the loss.

But God, we know YOU can redeem what's broken. You care about community, and You created us for connection. And, You also gave us You Holy Spirit who understands what we are facing and prays on our behalf. So when we feel alone, please remind us that You are near – and that you are not done wording.

Re-establish our relationships and show us how to make meaningful connections – even if it feels uncomfortable at first.

Ultimately, we want our loneliness to lead us closer to You and to the people that You've called us to love and support. So social anxiety, and our fear-and turn it into something beautiful and draws the world closer to you and to each other

In Jesus' name
Amen

LIENA'S ROAD TRIP

Liena will be off on a road trip to Canberra next week (1-8 June) to attend a Preachfest Conference in the Capital, alias Bubble. I will attempt to send updates via FB.

Should anyone need pastoral care in that time please contact **Bruce Johnson**, 0407180864.

MEDITATION QUIET DAY 12 June 2021

There will be a Quiet Day at the Maleny Anglican church, led by Kathryn Houston - a director of the World Council's guiding board and national co-ordinator of the School of Meditation - between 9.30 am - 2.00 pm on Saturday, 12 June. All interested are invited to attend. Bring lunch to share. If you are interested in going, please let me know by Tuesday 8 June so I can advise organisers of our numbers. Graham [0429 944 051] or email [grandar@bigpond.net.au].

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.



Maleny Ladies Friendship Group

Lets enjoy a fun activity led by Jan Trendle and Helen Bock. Then go on a Comino pilgrimage with Jan Bergman through Northern Spain.

Thursday 17th June at 9:30 am to 11:30am. Contact: Jan 0418 115 933

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.

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Winter has come.

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