



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

13 June 2021

WELCOME TO WORSHIP



Prayers

9:00am at Maleny

Services

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 5:5-17; Mark 4:26-34

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

Next Sunday 20 June 2021

Montville 8:15am: Worship Service

Maleny: 9:45am: Worship Service

Palmwoods: 10:00am Holy Communion

RCL Year B Readings

1 Samuel 17:(1a, 4-11, 19-23), 32-49; Psalm 9:9-20 or 1 (Samuel 17:57-18:5, 18:10-16, and Psalm 133)

2 Corinthians 6:1-13; Mark 4:35-41

The Revised Common Lectionary (RCL)

is an aid to reading the Bible which has 4 readings per week from the Old Testament, Psalms, Gospels and Epistles. It is a collaborative tradition which uses a 3-year cycle, A, B and C and follows the seasons of the church, namely the cycle of Christ's life and kingdom. We are presently following Year B and the gospel readings are from Mark. For the next few months we will also be tracking David's life in 1 and 2 Samuel. So I encourage you to read the whole of 1 and 2 Samuel June- August and Mark throughout Year B.

LECTIONARY THEMES

Conflict Situation

1 Samuel 17:32-39, Mark 3:20-35

In spite of victory through Jesus' Cross and Resurrection, the presence and power of God remains under constant challenge. The rebellious forces may surface as economic, religious or political powers as they did on the day of Christ's crucifixion and still do today, but they also work away insidiously deep within every human heart trying to undermine God's work there.

Daily we are called to make decisions about whose side we are on, and the worst thing we can do is to get the two sides mixed up – to call the anti-God forces good and the Holy Spirit evil. That's why we read in Mark 3:30 about an unforgiveable sin. To identify the working of God as the work of the Devil is to so confuse the issues that we cannot receive God's love and forgiveness when it is staring us in the face. But remember our struggle is not against enemies of flesh and blood, but against the rulers, authorities, and cosmic powers of this present darkness, the spiritual forces of evil (Ephesians 6:12).

The story of David up against Goliath is sometimes cited as a model for us to follow in this contest. Trust not in humanly devised weaponry like legalism, political influence, financial resources or our own intellectual ability but in the power of God to take on these opponents of God's love. "The weapons of our warfare are not merely human" (2 Corinthians 10:4) for this is a spiritual contest where the Spirit of God; the Spirit that was in Jesus; the Spirit of creative love, justice and peace, of goodness, purity, holiness and compassion is present and active. It is for us to allow ourselves to be moved by this force and so to live out the victory represented by the resurrection of Jesus over the powers of evil.

- Where do you see the presence and power of God under challenge today and how different is this from seeing the Church under challenge?
- Through whom did the economic, religious and political powers act in the arrest, trial and death of Jesus?
- Why is it important to remember that our struggle is not against enemies of flesh and blood but against spiritual powers?
- Where do you see the Spirit of God working in society today?

Rev Ron Potter

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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

TALK BY JOAN CHITTISTER. Tuesday, June 15 and Thursday June 17 - both at 1.30 pm.

This world renowned Benedictine Sister, author and speaker addressed a national conference last month and the video of this event will be shown at the Maleny Catholic church on two occasions. **Tuesday, June 15 and Thursday June 17 - both at 1.30 pm.** Cuppa to follow. Her message was based on the Gospels, the compassion of Jesus and the role we can play in reshaping the church of the future. Her message was one of empowerment, spiritual renewal and hope. " We must be mountain-climbing people. People will lead and leaders will follow". Inquiries to Judy Bertak 54786271

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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Robyn Evans We think of the family of Robyn Evans who passed on the 7th June, and hold Ray and the family in our prayers. The thanksgiving service has been set for Monday the 21st June at 12 pm, COVID-permitting.

A Prayer by St. Augustine

God of our life,
there are days when the burdens we carry
chafe our shoulders and weigh us down;
when the road seems jury and endless,
the skies grey and threatening;
when our lives have no music in them,
and our hearts are lonely,
and our souls have lost their courage.

Flood the path with light,
run our eyes to where the skies are full of promise;
tune our hearts to brave music;
give us the sense of comradeship
with heroes and saints of every age;
and so quicken our spirits
that we may be able to encourage the souls of
all who journey with us on the road of life,
to your honour and glory.

3 YEARS OF MUSIC

SATURDAY 26th June

Concert & Afternoon Tea
3PM

Due to COVID requirements,
Bookings Essential

peter shurley

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DATE CLAIMER: SUNDAY 15 August
15th August at 1:30-2:30pm Child Protection
Training - all leaders (Council and those who
participate in Fun Days, Sunday School/KidsBiz etc
are required to complete this training every 2 years.
Please make every effort to attend)