



# 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

**20 June 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

**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**

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 27 June 2021

**Montville 8:15am: Worship Service**  
**Maleny: 9:45am: Worship Service**  
**Palmwoods: 15:00pm Garden Reflections**

#### RCL Year B Readings

**2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27; Psalm 130**  
**2 Corinthians 8:7-15; Mark 5:21-43**

#### Seasons

**Eccles 3: 1-11**

The 21<sup>st</sup> June is winter solstice, when we pause, and reflect upon the longest night and shortest day. And with the change of seasons and the lengthening of the days, may we too emerge from our winter/COVID cocoons and grow into the warm rays of sunshine. And as people of faith may we grow in and bear the fruits of the Holy Spirit. Come of Holy God, come O Holy Spirit.

Shalom Liena

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

## New Creation

**2 Corinthians 5:6-10 (11-13) 14-17**

“And God saw that it was good”: that is the repeated refrain in the wonderful passage with which the Bible commences its story. What God makes is good. The creation of which we are a part, as immense and complex as it is, is good. But all is not well. There is a disease attacking what God creates. A destructive power is working in human lives to counter the goodness of God’s creative love. However, that’s not the end of the story.

The Christian Gospel announces that there is a new creation, one where humanity’s disease has been healed, where God’s creative love has full and interrupted sway. Is it just wishful thinking? A pious hope? No. It has been demonstrated in Jesus. And more than that, it has been opened up, through his death and resurrection, as a possibility for people everywhere to taste the life of this new creation.

God, through Jesus, not only invited people to consciously and deliberately choose to live this new life, he made it possible by raising him from death. “If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new.” Through faith, we are linked to Christ so that our lives interpenetrate with his, he dwells in us and we dwell in him. Baptism and Holy Communion affirm this and enable this.

In Christ, we can appreciate the goodness of creation, enjoying the blessings of life in the here and now, but we aspire to be, not just part of the human race, but to be part of a transformed humanity, God’s new creation. It requires not just a one-off conversion, but a repeated re-commitment to living the life of God’s new creation by the power of the Holy Spirit.

- What destructive powers do you see working in opposition to the goodness of God’s creative love?
- As Adam represents the beginning of the human race, Jesus represents the beginning of a different way of being human. What’s the difference?
- What does 2 Corinthians 5:14-15 mean to you?
- Is it your experience that Baptism and Communion affirm and enable the mutual in-dwelling of you in Christ and Christ in you?

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## MEN'S GROUP BBQ

In response to a popular request, the next BBQ is on **Thursday 24th June**, from **midday** at Baroon Pocket Dam. B.Y.O. food and drink. All men are welcome, so feel free to invite your friends and neighbours.



## ECUMENICAL MORNING TEA

**9.30 am on Saturday 26th June**

You are invited to the Catholic Church to hear Rev Deb Bird (from the Anglican Church) and enjoy meeting with Christian women from across the Range.

Please indicate your intention to attend on the sheet at Maleny UC or phone Ruth Blackburn 5435 2789

**DATE CLAIMER: SUNDAY 15 August**  
**15<sup>th</sup> 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)

## 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.

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

## Uniting News

Domestic and Family Violence (DFV) is one of the greatest challenges we face in Australia, with one woman a week killed by a former husband or partner.

This Assembly resource is a starting point to help members of our congregations and our communities begin a time of *talanoa* (conversation) with their people to raise awareness, understand what DFV is and begin to educate themselves in how they can respond to and support survivors.

UCA President Dr Deidre Palmer and Assembly National Consultant Rev Charissa Suli introduce the resource in this video message.

Link : <https://uniting.church/dfv/>

## LETTER FROM UNITING WORLD

Hello Blackall Range members

I hope this finds you all well and keeping warm in these glorious winter days.

Thank you so very much for your support of our wonderful church partners. It really does make a huge difference, particularly now.

I wanted to personally invite you to a really exciting 'behind the scenes' Zoom conversation with our partners in Sri Lanka this Monday night (21 June, 7pm AEST). You may have read the stories or seen our [videos](#) about their program Deaf Link. We will specifically be talking about how COVID has impacted people with disabilities. We will also meet a teacher at the school and, possibly, a student. It will be a great opportunity to hear and see first-hand what we're doing together, and to ask any questions you may have about the work.

There is a Facebook event [here](#) with more info.

**The Zoom details are:**

**Monday 21 June, 7pm AEST (until 8.15pm)**

Zoom meeting link:

<https://uca-nat.zoom.us/j/4171369860>

It would be great to have you as part of the conversation if you can make it.

Kindly,  
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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.

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