



Our Common Life Blackall Range Uniting Churches



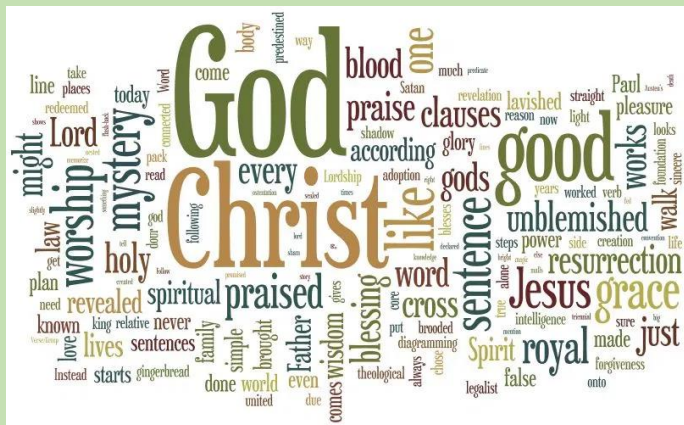
Maleny | Montville | Palmwoods

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

11 July 2021

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

*****LECTIONARY THEMES*****



True or False

Ephesians 1:3-14

Scammers abound. Anyone with a telephone or computer will be aware of that. And it is not always easy to distinguish fake messages from real ones. Deceptive calls can sound convincing or fake messages can look genuine. But it is important that we make the distinction. This need to distinguish the fake from the genuine is not new.

It was an important issue in the world of the Apostle Paul. In those days people would send messages purporting to be from some respected authority but, in reality, they were fake. That is why orders or announcements were sealed with the seal of the person authorizing them. The seal proved the genuineness of the document. So, in matters of Christian faith Paul saw the need to distinguish between the genuine and the false, and he gives us a clue for today as we seek to distinguish the real Gospel from fake editions.

What distinguishes the true from the false is not credal statements, the form of words used or the group belonged to, but the presence of God's Spirit. A person may claim to be a Christian, but if the Spirit of Christ is not evident in that person's life the genuineness of that claim can be questioned. People can say that they are saved, but do they live the joy, the peace, the love, that Christ saves us to? People can say, "I'm not racist" and believe that to be true, but the spirit of racism which opposes God's Spirit of grace, acceptance and respect, lingers on.

The genuineness of our Christian discipleship can be seen in the Spirit of Christ evident in what we do and say. Forms, rituals and customs of Christianity can be used as masks to hide behind. What we look for is the real thing. The Christlike Spirit, the forgiving heart, respect and compassion, joy and trust, worship and prayer as personal response to the presence and word of God – this is the seal that shows the genuineness of faith. This is the evidence that shows that we really are part of God's redeemed and renewed community.

Prayers

9:00am at Maleny

Services

Montville 8:15am: Holy Communion

Maleny: 9:45am: Worship Service

Palmwoods: 15:00pm Garden Reflections
(17-19 Hill Street)

RCL Year B Readings

2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19; Psalm 24
Ephesians 1:3-14; Mark 6:14-29

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

Next Sunday 18 July 2021

Montville 8:15am: Worship Service

Maleny: 9:45am: Worship Service

Palmwoods: 10:00am Holy Communion

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2 Samuel 7:1-14a; Psalm 89:20-37
Ephesians 2:11-22; Mark 6:30-34,53-56

The legacy and blessing of the written word.

While we mourn the passing Ron Potter, we can continue to be blessed by the wisdom and insight of his writings and reflections of the RCL. With Ruth's permission we will thus continue to publish these reflections. As the RCL works on a three-year cycle we are able to use archival material.

We give thanks for this legacy. Shalom Liena

- Do you have any stories to tell about scams that were tried on you or on people that you know?
- What's the difference between a genuine Christian and one who is Christian in name only?
- If it is the presence and power of the Holy Spirit that guarantees that a person really belongs to God's kingdom, how is that Spirit evident?
- It is important to remember that the Holy Spirit is the Spirit of God the Creator and of God who was incarnate in Jesus. Why?

Rev Ron Potter

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LADIES FRIENDSHIP

Ladies Friendship **Thurs 15TH July 9.30 am** All welcome to hear Kirsty Brady, the Maleny State School Guidance Officer who will update us about support networks provided for children. Her story is an inspiration as is that of all the team.



Thank you to the knitters who have created a fine collection of beanies for the girls at Amritsar Hostel in India. It would be appreciated if all contributions are in hand by Thursday, 15TH July, ready for packaging and posting.

Thank you, Faye Gledhill for obtaining a replacement First Aid Kit which is now housed in the kitchen. St John's First Aid booklets are now available for \$3.

Financial Support

1. Re-cycling

You can provide financial support to our church by returning your bottles and cans for re-cycling. Simply take your bottles and cans to the Containers for Change depot behind IGA and give our church's scheme number. **C10478264** If you only have a few eligible containers place them in the green box at any of our churches and we will return them for you. This is a simple way to care for the environment and support your congregation's mission at the same time.



2. IGA Community Benefit Chest

If you shop at the IGA you can support our Church by signing up for their Community Benefit Chest and listing the Maleny Uniting Church as the beneficiary. This means that every time you shop there and give them your CBC number a few cents is added to our account.

Neither of these schemes will solve our financial situation, but they will help. It also keeps our financial situation in mind.

Thanks for your faithfulness to God's mission.
Bruce Johnson

Some invitations:

You are also invited to participate in the following groups and opportunities:

Fundraising Group

If you wish to support Liema in fund raising please contact Liema.

Christmas Lights Celebration 2021

If you wish to join the Christmas Lights Celebration. Please contact **Peter Callaghan**, or come to a meeting on **Tuesday the 13th at 10am at Maleny UC.**

Pastoral Care Course

If you wish to learn more about caring for others there is an excellent course that Blue Care will come and run in Maleny. If you are interested please **contact Liema or Jing.**

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

Tuckshop @ Maleny State (Primary) School.

Guna (the Tuckshop Convener) is desperate for extra help in the tuckshop.

It's a really fun morning for about **3 hours from 8:30-11:30 on a Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.** If you have any time spare and would like to **volunteer once a fortnight or monthly or WHATEVER suits you**, could you please contact **Desley** in the office (**07 54998333**) and she will put you in touch with Guna.

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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.

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