



Our Common Life

Blackall Range Uniting Churches



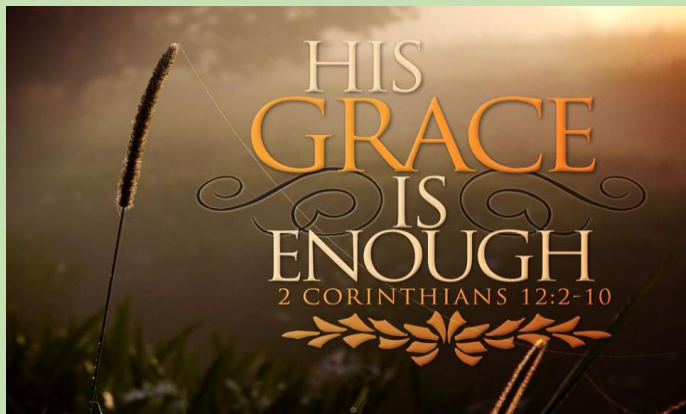
Maleny | Montville | Palmwoods

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

4 July 2021

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

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



Prayers

9:00am at Maleny

Services

Montville 8:15am: Worship Service

Maleny: 9:45am: Holy Communion

Palmwoods: 10:00am Worship Service

RCL Year B Readings

2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10; Psalm 48

2 Corinthians 12:2-10; Mark 6:1-13

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

Next Sunday 11 July 2021

Montville 8:15am: Holy Communion

Maleny: 9:45am: Worship Service

Palmwoods: 15:00pm Garden Reflections

RCL Year B Readings

2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19; Psalm 24

Ephesians 1:3-14; Mark 6:14-29

Our calling by God is

- *personal and in communion with others;
- *to rebellious people, people in need, people within our faith community and beyond;
- *in the Holy Spirit who enthuses, enables, empowers;
- *in Jesus Christ and under his command and authority to proclaim, to teach and to bring;
- *the Good News of repentance redemption and new life.

Strong When We are Weak

2 Corinthians 12:2-10; Mark 6:1-13

When thinking of God's transforming power, what do you think of? Unbelievers coming to put their faith in Jesus, criminals changing their ways, addicts being freed from addiction, fearful and suspicious communities reaching out in peace to their enemies, countryside ravaged by fire coming alive with new growth after rain? What about weakness becoming strength, failures being successful, the dead coming alive, the poor finding that they are rich?

Paul, troubled by a physical ailment, cried out in prayer for healing only to have the word come back, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness." An example of God's transformative power. Weakness becomes a strength in Paul's faith and ministry. We know that God can use our talents, learning and skills; our energy, our good health, our prominence in the community. But that does not mean that God only works through our strengths. God certainly used Paul's considerable intellectual, communicative and organizing skills, but for those who might feel they have nothing like the abilities that Paul had to offer Christ it is good to know that he still can use us, weak and elderly, sick and handicapped as we might be.

When we use our strengths in God's service it is easy for us to fall into the trap of thinking that it is by our own skill and knowledge that we are successful, and it is easy for other people to see it that way.

But when God works through our stumbling, inefficient, embarrassing efforts, it becomes more clearly evident that it is by God's power and not our own that transformation occurs. As Mark 6:1-13 shows, the efforts made on behalf of God's kingdom do not always meet a ready and eager response, but one thing is clear, while it calls for our involvement and witness, it is not by our strengths that God transforms either individual or community life; it is by the power of the Holy Spirit active in the heart and minds of people.

- Where have you seen evidence of God's transforming power at work?
- Have you had experiences like that of Paul recorded in 2 Corinthians 12:7-8?
- Do ecstatic experiences like those mentioned in 2 Corinthians 12:1-7 have a place in your Christian experience? What does God say to you through this passage?
- If conversion takes place by the power of God's Spirit at work in a person's life why does it need human agents?

Rev Ron Potter

Piula Publications

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

Update: current COVID19 Restrictions for us Sunshine Coast hinterland, an "impacted area" for Sunday until further notice:

- ✓ 1 person per 4 sq.m. for Maleny and 1 person per 2 sq.m for Montville & Palmwoods – this means:
- ✓ 75-80 persons at Maleny (whole area)
- ✓ 30 (church) + 33 (hall) Montville
- ✓ 40 (church) + 33 (hall) Palmwoods
- ✓ No singing (?) or dancing
- ✓ Refreshments only when seated
- ✓ Qld App is Mandatory per site - this one will be awkward at first because every member of the congregation will have to be registered, but we will sort it out as we go along
- ✓ Masks at all times outside of home and cars

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.

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.

A Communion Prayer

by Thomas Ken

(17th century Anglican bishop and author of hymns including, the morning (*Awake my soul and with the sun TIS 557*) and evening (*Glory to thee my God, this night*) hymns. Also the wellknown doxology (*Praise God from whom all blessings flow TIS 768*).

Glory be to you O Jesus, my Lord, and my God,
for thus feeding my Soul,
with your most blessed body and blood,
O let your heavenly food transfuse new life,
and new vigour into my soul,
and into the souls of all that commune with me,
that our faith may daily increase,
that we may all grow more humble,
and contrite for our sins,
that we may all love you, and serve you,
and delight in you, and praise you,
more servantly, more unceasingly,
then ever we have done heretofore!
Amen, Amen.

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