



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

25 July 2021

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

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



Prayers

9:00am at Maleny

Services

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

RCL Year B Readings

2 Samuel 11:1-5; Psalm 14
Ephesians 3:14-21; John 6:1-21

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

Next Sunday 1 August 2021

Montville 8:15am: Worship Service
Maleny: 9:45am: Holy Communion
Palmwoods: 10:00am Worship Service

RCL Year B Readings

2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a; Psalm 51:1-12
Ephesians 4:1-16; John 6:24-35

Love, Light and Renewa (Thomas à Kempis)

O beloved, Love eternal, my good,
happiness which knows no bounds,
I desire to grasp you with most worthy reverence.
I desire to reserve nothing for myself.

O Everlasting Light,
surpassing all created lights:
flash your lightning from above
and penetrate all the corners of my heart.

Cleanse, beautify and revive my spirit
with all its powers:
that I may cling to you with highest joy.

Living a Full Life

Ephesians 3:14-21

What does it mean to live a full life? Does it mean a busy life? Or a long life? Whether busy or long, there is a desirable fullness on offer that is not to be missed. It's a life filled with love – love that is grounded in God's love, love as seen in the life of Jesus, love that honours and respects and gives itself in commitment and compassion.

That's what Paul prayed for when he wrote, "Live full lives, full in the fullness of God." (Eugene Petersen's translation of Ephesians 3:19) This was coupled with the prayer, "May you be strong to grasp what is the breadth and length and height and depth of Christ's love, and to know it, although it is beyond knowledge." To know it is to live it. It is not something theoretical; it is not head knowledge. It is experienced. It is lived out in practice. The distinctive understanding of God that comes through Jesus is that God is love.

Gods are usually associated with power. Terms like Almighty and Sovereign thus put the emphasis on power. But power without love is disastrous. The good news of the Gospel is that God is full of love for his creation and his creatures, especially for humanity, and not just for humanity in the abstract, but for people in all their individuality, for you and for me. Saturated with God's love, we then live that love in our relationships.

This operates on the personal level, but also on the public or political level where it becomes a concern for justice and peace, for the good of the whole community and for communities everywhere, When a life is filled with love, there is no room for bitterness or hatred. A life full of love is not overwhelmed by fear or anxiety. Defensiveness gives way to positive action. Suspicion gives way to prayer for the other. Competition gives way to cooperation. Rejection gives way to respect.

- According to Ephesians 3:14-21, what did Paul pray for his readers?
- What does a love-filled life look like?
- How does love show itself on a public or political level?
- Ephesians 3:18 prays that all Christians will live lives full of love. Why don't they?

Rev Ron Potter

Piula Publications

THIS WEEK

Wednesday 8:30 – 9:30 am Meditation at Maleny

COMING UP AUGUST 2021 – Details below

Sunday 15th August at 1:30-2:30pm Child Protection Training

Thursday 19th August 2021 at 9:30am PINK CUPPA @ The Orangery, Cairncross

Sunday 29th August Combined Family Worship at Maleny & Frontier Services BBQ Fundraiser

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)

UPDATED FIRST AID BOOKLETS

The booklets requested from Faye Gledhill are available @ Maleny UC for \$3.00

Liena on leave

Liena is on leave from 29 July – 11 August. Bruce Johnson will be the contact person for any pastoral or other urgent matters.

DATE CLAIMER Sunday 29th August

Frontier Services BBQ Fundraiser after Combined Family Worship at Maleny.

More Details contact to Nancy Baker

MALENY UNITING CHURCH FRIENDSHIP GROUP

Invites you to our “PINK CUPPA” in AID of the McGrath Foundation on Thursday 19th August 2021 at 9:30 am The Orangery, Cairncross Corner. \$20 this includes



a Donation to the McGrath Foundation

Speaker: Cathy Apelt, Breast Care Support Nurse.

Please reply by 12th August.

- Patricia email pstlicklev@bigpond.com or •
- **Marnie phone 54999394** or • add your name to the list at the back of the church - thanks

Please bring a friend (friends) to share a delicious morning tea accompanied by the soothing tones of the Harp. We ask you to wear a touch of pink, such as a scarf, in line with our theme. We look forward to welcoming you to support a very worthy cause. **Marnie and Patricia**

REFLECTION GALLERY @MONTVILLE UNITING CHURCH

A new exhibition is up from Saturday. The artist, Philippa Rhodes, is a former nurse who nursed in a number of remote and foreign places. Philippa worships at the Anglican Church, Nambour. Philippa primarily works in water-colours. Make sure you take a trip to Montville to be encouraged and inspired by these artworks.

The Gallery is open each day 10am- 3pm

Carers

We are looking for more carers within BRUC.

Essentially caring is connecting.

It entails communication. Making contact.

Getting to know someone and dropping in via a telephone call, note or cuppa.

If anyone wishes to join the group of carers

please contact Liena.

Volunteers Care Course

And for those who are interested in more in depth understanding of caring, like:

*how to make conversation with others,

*how to listen actively and empathetically,

*how to take care of yourself, and

*the theological foundations of caring there is an excellent course specially developed and run by

Blue Care carers . Blue Care will come and run it in Maleny

if we get a dozen or more. It is likely to be run over a

course of 3 Saturday mornings

If you are interested please **contact Liena or Jing**

OFFERING

Kindly remember to continue to give your weekly/monthly offerings. They can be Direct Debited to:

Blackall Range Uniting Church,

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.

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Fund Raising Ideas

Containers for cash

The containers for cash fund raiser has kicked off. Thanks to all who are already dropping their cans and bottles. To help you here is what can be cashed and what cannot

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Plate200 and/or Cuppa100

These are fun fundraising activities! Invite 10 persons to dinner and have them contribute \$20 to the dinner this will raise \$200. And make sure to invite a couple you do not know well or want to introduce to others!. And if like me, you cannot cook, but can bring ice-cream and strawberries for desert, b uddy up with someone who can cook! Or invite 10 persons for a cuppa and scone and ask them to contribute \$10 for the bottomless cuppa and scones and raise \$100!!

