



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

01 August 2021

WELCOME TO WORSHIP



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

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

Next Sunday 8 August 2021

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

RCL Year B Readings

2 Samuel 18:5-9,15,31-33; Psalm 130
Ephesians 4:25-5:2; John 6:35,41-51

God of all time, all places, all people,
 Guide us, grace us, strengthen and unite us as we continue
 to work towards justice and reconciliation and walk
 together in covenant.

Help us to listen deeply and to cherish one another for the
 enrichment of all.

Open our eyes, hearts, minds and imaginations to the
 possibilities of a life truly shared as First and Second
 Peoples in Christ.

Challenge our blindness, our misconceptions, our ignorance,
 our assumptions so that we might better grow together in
 relationship with you and with each other.

Amen Rev Keren Seto Uniting News

LECTIONARY THEMES

One God and Father of All

Ephesians 4:1-16

I am concerned that the spatial metaphors we use when talking about God give people the wrong idea. For example, we pray for God's Spirit to come into our lives, our homes, our churches, our communities as though God is not already there. Of course, God is beyond our understanding, greater than we can ever imagine. God is transcendent. But that is not the whole story.

We are not talking about physical distance. In Ephesians 4:6 we read that God the Father of all is above all and through all and in all. It's not enough to say that God is above all; God is through all creation and in all creation. That includes us human beings. God is different from creation but not separate from it. You do not have to travel a great distance to be in contact with God for, "In him we live and move and have our being." (Acts 17:28) "Closer is He than breathing, and nearer than hands and feet" (Tennyson).

When we pray for the Spirit of God to descend upon us we should be aware that what we are asking for is not the infusion of that which is absent. We are asking that we may be more aware of God's presence. We are opening ourselves up to the Spirit's empowerment. We are saying that we will give way to the Spirit's attempt to move us, shape us and direct us. Made in the image of God, we are all God-breathed, Spirit endowed, (to use figures from the creation stories in Genesis).

This is so for all people everywhere. Something of God is in everyone. God's Spirit is present in each and every person that we meet. Often crushed, silenced, ignored, but not removed. And the Spirit is the Spirit of Christ. The unity that the Spirit works toward in the Church is the same unity that the Spirit works toward in all humanity and in all creation.

- What are some of the spatial metaphors we use when talking about God?
- In the light of the last sentence above, how would you describe the unity which God wants for his Church?
- Through faith we say that God is through all and in all, but what evidence do you see for this?
- Why is it important that we see God through and in other people?

Rev Ron Potter

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THANK YOU

Our family would like to thank all those who sent messages of love and encouragement during this time as we remember the life of Ron Potter.

We appreciate our church community and the support that you provide.

Sincerely
Ruth



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.

UPDATED FIRST AID BOOKLETS

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

SAFE MINISTRY WITH CHILDREN TRAINING

15 August at 1:30-2:30 pm at Maleny church.



Child Protection Training - all the church members, please make an effort to join this training.

THIS WEEK

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

COMING UP AUGUST 2021 – Details below

Sunday 15 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

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

DATE CLAIMER – SUNDAY 29 AUGUST

Frontier Services BBQ Fundraiser after Combined Family Worship at Maleny



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 12 August.

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

Marnie and Patricia

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, buddy 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!!

