



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

15 August 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 Kings 2:10-12;3:3-14; Psalm 111
Ephesians 5:15-20; John 6:51-58

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

Next Sunday 22 August 2021

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

RCL Year B Readings

1 Kings 8:91,6,10-11),22-30,41-43; Psalm 84
Ephesians 6:10-20; John 6:56-69

BIG THANK YOU

A BIG personal thank you for the response to my appeal for care notes and energy bars for hospital personnel in Stellenbosch. More than AUD 700 was received which will certainly buy a number of energy bars!! Also a number of beautiful encouraging notes. These have all been scanned and the monies paid over to Dutch Reformed Church Stellenbosch-North (my previous congregation) and will be channelled to the hospitals in Stellenbosch.

LECTIONARY THEMES

Body and Spirit

John 6:51-58

We are both body and spirit, not one without the other, however we can differentiate between these two distinct aspects of who we are. They are very different, yet intimately related.

For example, you can see the body but you cannot see the spirit, yet you can see the effect that the spirit has on the body. We call it body language. Gesture, posture, facial expressions reveal happiness, sadness, etc.

Spirit does not have form or shape of itself, but to think and talk about spirits we have to give them an imagined shape. Think of devil or ghost. And when it comes to God who is spirit – formless – God needs a visible shape. No wonder people around the world from ancient times have identified mountains, streams, fire, animals, carved images, etc. with their deity.

The message that we proclaim through the Christian Church is that God is best represented by a living human being, Jesus. We call him the Son of God. This is what in theology is called the doctrine of incarnation. God who is spirit, therefore formless, took form in the person of Jesus. The Word or divine self-expression became flesh.

When our spirits become linked in with his Spirit, he dwells in us and we dwell in him, and in the Communion Service we give expression to this mutual indwelling, physically eating and drinking that which represents the spiritual presence of Christ Jesus. Reference to eating his flesh and drinking his blood, as in John 6:51-58, may then stand for the faith-based spiritual relationship we have with Christ. The sacrament of bread and wine echoes the sacrament of Jesus himself – God the invisible is present and active in visible, tangible form. As Jesus shared in the spiritual life of his Father, we too share in this spiritual life, a life that is eternal.

- What do you understand about the Christian doctrine of Incarnation?
- In a sacrament, the spiritual and the physical are closely linked. How are they linked? How appropriate is it to speak of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus being a sacrament?
- How significant do you think Holy Communion is in the life of the Church?
- Does the Spirit of Christ always act through the eating of bread and drinking of wine at Communion or is it possible sometimes to eat and drink without the Spirit's presence?

Rev Ron Potter

Piula Publications

TODAY: Safe Ministry with Children Training start at 2:00 pm at Maleny Church.

COVID POEMS Poems are coming in but there is still room, and time, for you to finish a poem or two and submit them to **Graham** please [grandar@bigpond.net.au] by next Sunday.

UPDATED FIRST AID BOOKLETS

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

THIS WEEK

Tuesday 9:30 – 12 noon. Cuppa Craft. Come and join us over a cuppa and a yarn!

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

COMING UP AUGUST 2021 – Details below

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

Sunday 22th August **Blue Care**

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

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**

DATE CLAIMER – SUNDAY 29 AUGUST

Frontier Services BBQ Fundraiser after Combined Family Worship at Maleny



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.

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

Some Presby news:

Your prayers for a number of Presby matters Liena is involved in please:

Bi-monthly Standing Committee (SC) and Pastoral Relations Committee (PRC) at Gympie on 12 August. I serve on the Joint Nominating Committees for Sunshine North Coastal (combination of Noosa-Tewantin and Coolum) which is meeting on Saturday the 14th and the ongoing meetings (electronic and face-to-face) for the new Presbytery Minister.

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Blue Care Sunday resources



Blue Care Sunday 2021, officially 22 August, is fast approaching. Rev Dr Adam McIntosh has prepared some resources for congregations to use in their Blue Care Sunday service if they wish: a service liturgy, accompanying PowerPoint slides and a video of Rev Noel Preston. For those who weren't aware, Rev Noel's father, Rev Arthur, was Minister at West End when the Blue Nurses (now Blue Care) started. Click [here](#) to access the resources.

For further queries, contact Andrea Hogg via [email](#) or phone 0436 522 636.

Uniting in diversity



Why is there theological diversity in the church? Wouldn't it be simpler if we all agreed to hold the same beliefs—about everything? Well yes, it would be simpler. But that doesn't mean it would be better.

The primary reason for theological diversity in the church is that the Bible itself, as the foundation for Christian beliefs, contains theological diversity. Different perspectives exist within Scripture on a range of issues, and part of the fun is working out how to hold that diversity together—with a degree of unity. You could even say that's what Christians are doing when we “do theology”: we're learning to hold together disparate voices in a way that makes sense of life.

[Read more](#) of this reflection by Dr Paul Jones, Principal of Trinity College Queensland. Uniting News

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!

them to contribute \$10 for the bottomless cuppa and scones and raise \$100!!

