



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

22 August 2021

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

****LECTIONARY THEMES****



Prayers

9:00am at Maleny

Services

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**

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

Next Sunday 29 August 2021

**Combined Interactive Family Worship Service at
Maleny 9:45am**

RCL Year B Readings

**Song of Songs 2:8-13; Psalm 45:1-2,6-9
James 1:17-27; Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23**



Life

John 6:56-69

You are alive and I am alive, but what is life? Life is notoriously difficult to define. It is relatively easy to explain life biologically, but when you have described it in contrast to that which is not-life or by its physical components, you are still left with a mystery. What does it really mean to be alive? Is it enough to be breathing and to have electrical impulses in the brain?

Is that all that life is? Life, especially human life, is more than physical. In John's Gospel we read, "It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless." This understanding that human beings are made up of both body and spirit is expressed in Genesis in the words, "The Lord God formed man from the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and the man became a living being." (Genesis 2:7) Life then is viewed as an input from the Source of Life.

So life can be described from two points of view: the physical and the spiritual. Then to be really alive spiritually is to be connected with the One whose life is eternal. The Christian Gospel offers Jesus as the one through whom this connection is made. As Jesus said, "The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life" (John 6:63). Spirit and life go together. The Holy Spirit gives life, life at its best, life as God wants it to be for us, life that is more than physical, life that is eternal, life in the kingdom of God.

When followers of Jesus started to turn away from him, Jesus asked his close companions whether they also wanted to leave him, but Peter, as spokesman for the rest, said, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life." He recognized that Jesus spoke for the Lord of Life. His way is the way of eternal life. Eternal life is then not just endless life; it is life lived in a trusting, obedient relationship with God.

That is why we can speak of eternal life being something that we can enter into while still living a physical life, but which goes beyond our physical existence.

- How do you describe life from a physical point of view?
- We often say that being alive is not enough, we want quality of life. What do you look for in quality life?
- What did Jesus mean by saying, "The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life" (John 6:63)?
- What is the difference between eternal life and endless life?

Rev Ron Potter

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Thanks Malcolm Baker, for such a wonderful contribution. We truly appreciate how you use your own time to fix Maleny and Palmwoods churches. Also to those who silently mow the lawns, clean the driveways and walkways, maintain the gardens, clean the churches. We give you a special thank you to you all for all the work that you do unselfishly for our congregations and our community.

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

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

COMING UP AUGUST 2021 – Details below

Sunday 22nd August Blue Care

23rd -27th August Liena will be on a training Transitional Ministry Course in Brisbane

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

DATES TO DIARISE

Sunday 24th September, Harvest Festival at Maleny at 9:45am

Sunday 31 October, Combined Family Service at Maleny, followed by chats over BBQ. Donations for Bush Chaplaincy.

DATE CLAIMER – SUNDAY 29 AUGUST

Frontier Services BBQ Fundraiser after Combined Family Worship at Maleny
Contact: Malcom Baker.



LADIES ECUMENICAL MORNING TEA.

Saturday 28th August 9.30 am

at 2 Walkers Drive, Anglican Church Maleny.

Hosted by Church on the Rise ladies with the speaker author Rhonda Jobe, their Pastor's wife.

The event will be Covid safe with strictly limited numbers, so bookings are essential.

Please wear your mask and name badge.

A sign on form will be located at Maleny UC. Or book

directly with Ruth Blackburn 5435 2789 or

rblackburn99@yahoo.com

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

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Daily prayer of Mother Teresa of Calcutta:

Dear Jesus, help me to spread Thy fragrance everywhere I go. Flood my soul with Thy spirit and love. Penetrate and possess my whole being so utterly that all my life may only be a radiance of Thine.

Shine through me and be so in me that every soul I come in contact with may feel Thy presence in my soul. Let them look up and see no longer me but only Jesus. Stay with me and then I shall begin to shine as you shine, so to shine as to be a light to others.

Amen.

Fund Raising Ideas

Please share photos of any fundraising events you have had or any ideas for raising funds you may have.

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!!

