



# 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

**29 August 2021**

**WELCOME TO WORSHIP**



### Prayers

**9:00am at Maleny**

Services

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

Catch up on our E-Broadcasts on the BRUC Web-page:  
[www.ourcommonlife.org.au](http://www.ourcommonlife.org.au)

**Next Sunday 5 September 2021**

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

**RCL Year B Readings**

Proverbs 22:1-2,8-9,22-23; Psalm 125  
James 2:1-10,(11-13),14-17; Mark 7:24-37



**TODAY SUN 29<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST**

**FAMILY SERVICE:  
RUN THE RACE**

### **\*\*LECTIONARY THEMES\*\***

#### **Who Calls the Shots**

**James 1:17-27, Mark 7:1-8, 14-15,21-23**

Is it of God or is it just human tradition? That's a question all Christians have to ask, but it is not an easy one to answer. We humans are social creatures who create our own traditions. We develop customs, habitual ways of thinking, rituals and accepted practices. These may sometimes originate with God but then come to have a life of their own so that observing them in their outward form is given preference over keeping the spirit of what they were meant to express.

Ritual washings to avoid contamination by evil spirits can take the place of an inner or spiritual cleansing whereby attitudes are changed and hearts renewed. This is the situation Jesus was confronting in his words to the Pharisees and scribes who criticized his disciples for eating without observing the traditional hand-washing before meals. The issue was not one of hygiene but one of religious tradition.

Human traditions are very powerful forces. They influence how we dress, what we eat, the language we use, how we organise ourselves in society, how we do business and much more. They provide the cultural environment in which we live. But we always need to remember that they are *human* traditions and, as such, are to be brought under the judgment of Christ.

Traditions in every society should be examined to see whether they are consistent with Christ's way of love to God and neighbour. We are called to live by the Spirit that was incarnate in Jesus. It is in the way that we live that we show our relationship with Christ. It is not in what we say, it is in what we do, how we live.

Much damage has been done by church leaders who have said the right things but let Christ down in the way that they behaved. Many Christians have given assent to the words of Scripture but have not lived them in daily life. There is a challenge here for all of us: let's go beyond merely keeping the outward traditions of our faith to living in faithful obedience to Christ in the spirit.

- What are some of the traditions that we follow every day without thinking about it?
- What issues have we in the Church had to struggle with of late which posed the question, "Is it of God or is it just human tradition?"
- Are there traditions in the church that, in the light of Christ, should be questioned? (Remember Protestantism arose out of doing just this)
- What is most important about living an authentic Christian life?

**Rev Ron Potter**

**Piula Publications**

## TODAY Frontier Services BBQ Fundraiser after Combined Family Worship at Maleny



the Olympic themed Combined Family Worship at Maleny, everyone is invited to enjoy a lunch of BBQ sausages, and a Cuppa, with some yummy extras to follow. (Suggested price is \$5). Band of Brothers men are hosting the lunch.

As this is a fundraiser for Frontier Services further donations will be accepted on the day or by bank transfer.

Bank: Westpac

Account name: Frontier Services

BSB: 032-014 Following

Account: 116430

Reference: A010511

Contact Malcom Baker

**COMING UP September 2021 – Details below**  
Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> 4pm Pastoral Care meeting at Maleny  
Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> September Father's day.  
Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> 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.

### 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 Jingfeelings

### 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.

During SEPTEMBER we are celebrating our creation

'Landscape' in Concert At 'Soil & Soul' - Palmwoods Community Garden

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> September, 3.30 – 5.30pm

17-19 Hill St, Palmwoods.

TICKETS: \$15 (children free)

As part of the Palmwoods Spring Harvest Festival this popular Eco folk band will be playing in the gentle setting of the garden.

BYO food & drink if needed. Some refreshments available to buy. Bring chairs or a picnic rug (some chairs provided).

No toilet on site but nearby. To book tickets drop by The Little Book Nook or **phone 0412539020.**



As part of that celebration there is a special musical festival at **Palmwoods on Sunday the 12<sup>th</sup>** and our combined Harvest Festival at Maleny on Sunday the 26<sup>th</sup>.

### NEW VINE - AN ANTHOLOGY

Make sure to get your copy and thank you to all the contributors for sharing your thoughts and feelings.

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## 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!!

