



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

5 September 2021

WELCOME TO WORSHIP



Prayers
9:00am at Maleny

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

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Next Sunday 12 September 2021

Montville 8:15am: Holy Communion
Maleny: 9:45am: Worship Service
Palmwoods: 15:30-5:30pm Concert

RCL Year B Readings

Proverbs 1:20-33; Psalm 19
James 3:1-12; Mark 8:27-38



Today we share the joy of having David and Jeanette Ellis Flying Pilot & Padre at Cloncurry UCA and McKay Patrol with us

****LECTIONARY THEMES****

Faith

James 2:1-10, 14-17, Mark 7:24-37

Faith – an idea or an action? A pagan woman asks Jesus for healing for her daughter: that's faith. Giving as much time and attention to members of the congregation who are poor as to the wealthy members: that is faith. Clearly, faith, in this sense, is not just belief in a doctrine; nor is it another term for a religion like Buddhism or Christianity.

It is trust, but not just as an idea; it is trust as it is lived out in action. Faith is more than belief. For example, faith in God is much more than, "I believe in God." It is living each day with confidence in God and in God's love. Faith means forgiving others as God forgives us. Faith means action on behalf of the homeless, the refugee, the oppressed and the poor. It means respecting others as we expect to be respected.

That often means swimming against the tide of public opinion, giving voice to viewpoints that go against prevailing selfish attitudes. It means living generously and respectfully. It means letting go of anxieties and entrusting loved ones to God's love and care. Faith in Jesus as Saviour goes beyond the use of a title; it becomes freedom from guilt, inner peace and a sense of acceptance. It is living in the assurance that one is accepted and loved.

Jesus as Lord means living his way and not insisting on our self-centred ways. Faith is a way of life. "Faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead." Faith is not just a feeling any more than it is just an idea; it is living, it involves what we do and who we are. As the spiritual finds expression through the physical so faith finds its expression through action. You can't have one without the other. Faith is as much political as it is religious – political in the sense that it has to do with the way we live and act within community.

- A key doctrine of the Reformation is that we are saved by faith and not by doing good or religious works. Then where do good works come in?
- If faith is a way of life, then is living a good life all that God asks of us?
- What is the difference between having faith in God and having faith in prayer?
- James contrasts a living faith with a dead faith (James 2:17). How would you describe the difference?

Rev Ron Potter

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

Sunday 12th 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**

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THIS COMING WEEK:

Tuesday 7 Sep 9:30-12 noon Cuppa Craft at Maleny
Wednesday 8 Sep 8:30-9:30 am Meditation at Maleny
Monday – Sunday 9 am – 3 pm Reflection Gallery at Montville

COMING UP September 2021 – Details below

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.

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.**

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

LADIES FRIENDSHIP MEETING

Thursday ,16th September at 9:30 – 11:30 am at Maleny church. All invited to a light hearted, informal morning focussing on "Stories".

We'll be sharing or listening to "This is my life" (or some of it!) stories. All welcome. Hope to see you there.

Enquiries: Barbara (5494 2238) or Muriel (5499 9974)



THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU

For your generosity – more than \$1,100 was raised last Sunday for Frontier Services. Thanks also to the Band of Brothers for the BBQ and the persons presenting the refreshments.

TODAY we ask you to dig deep again into your pockets - specifically for fuel for our visitors' David & Jeanette's plane – it costs \$1,500 to fill a tank!

NEW CHAPLAIN AT MALENY HIGH SCHOOL.

After more than two years service, Micah Jones finished duty at Maleny High School a few weeks ago and a new chaplain has been appointed.

Donna Turner has served in chaplaincy roles previously in the Glasshouse area and is involved in various ways in her local communities. She has her own children attending Maleny High School. At some stage, Donna will speak to the Maleny Uniting Church about her work. Chaplaincy continues to be supported by many churches and for this, the Local Committee is very grateful.

Paul Tarbuck (Chair, Local chaplaincy Committee for Maleny High School).



Gardening Group (Maleny)- Passion for gardening

It is SPRING and naturally our fingers start scratching in the soil. We appreciate and commend fingers that have been wworkign in the estqblsished gardens aroduneh church building. However, more figners are needed. It has been proepsoed that a gardenignGroupbe established and pair sof hands are allotted a seciic lot to keep tidy under am overall plan. Please contact Jing if you are interested! Not only willour garden slook better, but your grdengiskills can improve and it is sure to relief stress.

Prayer for Animals and Their Masters

Hear our humble prayer, O God,
for our friends, the animals,
especially for those who are suffering;
for animals that are overworked,
underfed, and cruelly treated;
for all the wistful creatures in captivity,
that beat their wings against bars;
for any that are hunted or lost or deserted,
or frightened or hungry;
for all that must be put to death.

We entreat for them all
Thy mercy and pity,
and for those who deal with them,
we ask a heart of compassion
and gentle hands and kindly words.
Make us, ourselves,
to be true friends to animals
and so to share
the blessings of the Merciful.
Attributed to Albert Schweitzer

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