



# 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

**12 September 2021**

**WELCOME TO WORSHIP**

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

### No Magic Wand



#### Prayers

9:00am at Maleny

**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

#### Mark 8:27-38

Wouldn't it be great if someone could wave a magic wand to rid the world of all its troubles, to make the world a place of mutual respect and compassion, where people always lived the way God wanted them to live.

You know and I know that it doesn't work that way. There is no magic wand. Yet there have always been people who thought that something like that should happen. Take the ancient Jewish idea of a Messiah for example. Many people in Israel expected a God-anointed leader to put their world to right; no cost to themselves, just glory and happiness with all enemies defeated. God with a magic wand.

But while Jesus accepted the designation of Messiah because indeed he was offering the world a new start, a world that trusted God and God's love-motivated way for people to live, he knew that such change does not come about without cost. He told his disciples that, as Messiah, he must undergo great suffering and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests and the scribes, and be killed. That was the price that would have to be paid.

Rising to the new life, for both himself and his followers, meant paying that sort of price. It wasn't going to happen effortlessly or without cost. It applied to those who embraced the new life that he was initiating as it applied to himself: "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me." There is no magic wand.

There is a cost to discipleship. Ego, self-centredness, cannot remain as king: it has to learn to take its place alongside love for God and for other people. There is hope for the world, but not in magic. The new way of being human means freedom to be what God wants us to be. It means release from captivity to the power of sin. It means joy and peace. It means sharing in the eternal life of God. But it also means paying the price whereby the reign of self gives way to the reign of God.

- Give examples of people wanting a better world but not being prepared to accept the cost that it demands of them.
- If a person wants to succeed in business what price, apart from capital costs, does one have to pay?
- What costs are involved in being a follower of Jesus?
- What is it that makes the cost of discipleship worthwhile?

Catch up on our E-Broadcasts on the BRUC Web-page:

[www.ourcommonlife.org.au](http://www.ourcommonlife.org.au)

### Next Sunday 19 September 2021

**Montville 8:15am: Worship Service**

**Maleny: 9:45am: Worship Service**

**Palmwoods: 10am Holy Communion**

#### RCL Year B Readings

Proverbs 31:10-31; Psalm 1

James 3:13-4:3,7-8a; Mark 9:30-37

**Creator of all** (Kate McIlhagga)

Creator of all the galaxies,

Ruler of the uttermost reaches of space,

You are nearer to us than hands and feet,

Closer to us than our next breath.

We sense your Presence

In the tightly curled rosebud

And in the open arms of a golden beach.

We hear you in the sound of wind and waves

and in the soft chatter of happy children.

Your Presence is woven into the life of the world

and into our lives

and we are glad to sing your praise.

**Rev Ron Potter**

**Piula Publications**

**'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)



Just letting you know that the Eco folk  
band, 'Landscape' are playing at **Palmwoods Community  
Garden this Sunday from 3.30-5.30pm.**

Tickets are \$15 (children free). BYO chairs or picnic rug  
(some chairs available). *(Toilets not on site but nearby)*  
Some refreshments available to purchase or BYO. Please  
book ahead through The Little Book Nook or contact me  
direct. Book Nook or **phone 0412539020.**

**THIS COMING WEEK:**

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 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.

**Christmas Lights Festival Planning Meeting September  
13th, 9am at Maleny Uniting Church - all welcome.**

The community has responded  
positively to our Christmas  
Lights Trail proposal with 13  
organisations looking to join us  
for the event and other  
organisations still considering.



The first meeting of the Planning group formed most of  
the plan and, this meeting, we will be finalising the plan  
and run sheet in the lead up to the event.

All welcome to join the fun.

**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. On the 10 October 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

UCA National  
Child Safe Week  
5 - 11 September 2021

A safe Church is who we are called to be.



**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

**Sunday the 26<sup>th</sup>**

**September** will be our  
annual Spring Harvest Festival  
So book the date. Finish those  
products – beanies, blankets,  
toys, preserves. Gather those  
plants, veges and gifts.

It will be a day of celebration  
and praise!



**LADIES FRIENDSHIP MEETING**

**Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> 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)

**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  
working in the established gardens around the church  
building. However, more fingers are needed. It has been  
proposed that a Gardening Group be established and pairs  
of hands are allotted a specific lot to keep tidy. Please  
contact Jing if you are interested! Not only will our gardens  
look better, but your stress is sure to be a relieved.

**Voluntary Assisted Dying**

Redcliffe Uniting Church recently hosted a Community  
Forum to discuss the legislation about to be put to the  
Queensland State Government. On the panel was  
Professor Lindy Willmott who helped write the legislation,  
Rev Dr Adam MacIntosh who led the consultation across the  
Uniting Church in Queensland on the Issue, Dr Sue Colen a  
palliative care specialist, and Kerri-Anne Dooley a palliative  
care nurse educator. A fascinating discussion held very  
professionally and respectfully. You can view the video [here](#)

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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!!

