



# 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

**26 September 2021**

**WELCOME TO WORSHIP**

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



### Prayers

**9:00am at Maleny**

**Maleny: 9:45am: Combined Harvest Festival**  
**Palmwoods: 15:30pm Garden Reflections**

#### RCL Year B Readings

**Esther 7:1-6,9-10;9:20-22; Psalm 124**  
**James 5:13-20; Mark 9:38-50**

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

### Next Sunday 26 September 2021

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

#### RCL Year B Readings

**Job 1:1, 2:1-10; Psalm 26**  
**Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12; Mark 10:2-16**

#### Thanksgiving Prayer for Children

Lord, thank you for the flowers  
 and thank you for the trees  
 Thank you for my special friends  
 and all the fun they bring  
 Thank you for the food I eat  
 and thank you for my drink  
 But most of all I thank you for the way you love

[https://www.lords-prayer-words.com/times/harvest\\_prayers.html](https://www.lords-prayer-words.com/times/harvest_prayers.html)

### Co - Workers

**Mark 9:38-50**

When reading about Jesus' healing miracles it must be remembered that he lived in a pre-scientific world. Illness was caused by evil spirits, not by bacteria or viruses. Deformity was likewise caused by demons. They had no knowledge of DNA or genetics. That is the world his community lived in. So, healing did not consist in finding the right doctor so much as finding the right exorcist, and there were plenty to choose from.

As an exorcist, Jesus drove out demons. That is, he demonstrated that the power of God was greater than the forces that spoil God's good creation.

Now, one day John told Jesus that somebody, not one of their group, was using Jesus' name in driving out demons from people who were sick. John thought that Jesus should do something to stop this. Maybe take out a court injunction! But Jesus told him that it was OK. This maverick was on their side in combatting evil. This man obviously recognized that the power of God was working through Jesus, and he sought to bring that healing power to people in need.

So, we have the memorable line, "Whoever is not against us is for us." And today we have many people and organizations that are seeking to make this world a better place, agents of God even although they may not know it.

The Church cannot claim a monopoly on compassion, nor is the Holy Spirit confined to working through the Church, and we can give thanks for that. However, the Church has an important part to play. As the bearer of the Gospel, it tells the world that God is the source of goodness, healing, and the bringing in of a fairer, more just world. It reminds everyone that it is not by our own human power that we put things right: it is in partnership with God that this is done. Get rid of pride and patronage, it is God who works both through the Church and outside it to give answer to the prayer, "May your will be done on earth as it is in heaven."

- What are some of the organizations, outside of the Church, that are trying to make this world a better place?
- What forces do you see at work in our society today that are working against God's intention for our community?
- To what extent can the medical and health professions be seen as agents of God's healing?
- Why is it important that we see God as the source of goodness, healing and the bringing in of a fairer world and not see it simply as a human initiative?

**Rev Ron Potter**

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## TODAY – Spring Harvest Festival

Today is a celebration!

We celebrate and give thanks for the blessings and gifts we receive from God. It is a day of giving. Giving thanks. Giving parts of our harvest, be it flowers, fruit, plants, veges, craft, photos, paintings, aprons, beanies, handtowels, blankets, money, and much much more!

So come join in the celebration and share. Also in the refreshments and fellowship afterwards.

**ALL FUNDS RAISED WILL GIFTED TO OUR LOCAL CHAPLAINCY.**

**PS Please mark clearly if products only for display.**

### Harvest Prayer

Father, as we celebrate  
this season of thanksgiving  
We give thanks for the blessings of food,  
provision and nourishment.  
Please grow in us a harvest for the world.

*Come sow a seed of hope* within our souls Lord,  
that we might yield goodness, patience and  
kindness in abundance.

*Sow a seed of peace* in our lives Lord, that we  
might bear the fruits of forgiveness, compassion  
and righteousness.

*Come sow a seed of love* in our hearts Lord, that  
others would reap the blessings of family,  
friendship and community.

May each seed of hope, peace and love  
grow within us into a harvest  
that can be feasted on by all. Amen.

(Prayer by Julie Palmer © 2018 www.prayerscapes.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

### New Vine – Next Edition

It is time to start thinking about the next edition of our quarterly journal and I am seeking help in its preparation.



The focus topic this time will be JOY and will lead us into Christmas.

So, could I please ask you to let me know if you have any ideas about what you'd like it to contain?

Also, would everyone please think about different contributions you might make - a poem, a story, an indication of what gives you joy and actions you may have taken that have resulted in joy for someone else. Really, I'd like anything you think appropriate.

The cut off date for material is **14 October** so that gives you about three weeks to put something together.

I look forward to hearing from you

Graham [[grandar@bigpond.net.au](mailto:grandar@bigpond.net.au)]

### FAREWELL TO RICHARD HACKETT-JONES Fri 1 Oct 10-11

On **Friday, 1 October** there is to be a gathering to remember Richard who died in Melbourne some weeks ago. COVID prevented the send off Richard had imagined so, to honour his life and his passing, there will be a BYO picnic at **Mary Cairncross picnic area**, for those who wish, **between 10 and 11 am**. Bring a plate and something to drink and we'll swap stories and other memories over morning tea.

### THIS COMING WEEK:

Wednesday 8:30-9:30 am Meditation at Maleny  
Monday – Sunday 9 am – 3 pm Reflection Gallery at Montville

### COMING UP– Details below

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> October:** A group for Wycliffe will be joining Maleny HC and have invited the congregation to join them for lunch at Bob Grice's farm after the service to learn more about their work. Please contact office for more information.

**Sunday 31 October,** Combined Family Service at Maleny, followed by chats over BBQ.

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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!!

