



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

03 October 2021

WELCOME TO WORSHIP



Prayers

9:00am at Maleny

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

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

Next Sunday 10 October 2021

Montville 8:15am: Holy Communion
 Maleny: 9:45am: Worship Service
 Palmwoods: 15:30 pm Garden Reflections

RCL Year B Readings

Job 23:1-9,16-17; Psalm 22:1-15
 Hebrews 4:12-16; Mark 10:17-31



BIG THANK YOU
 Our harvest Festival
 was a wonderful
 celebration. Thank you
 to each and all.

LECTIONARY THEMES

Laws for Life

Mark 10:2-16

There is justice and there is a justice system – two different things. Similarly there is the spirit of the law and there is the letter of the law – two different things. One can keep the letter of the law while not keeping the spirit of the law and sometimes one can be true to the spirit of the law without actually keeping the letter of the law. This is true of all law whether it be state law, religious law or moral law.

For the ancient Jewish people their Torah combined all three and was at the very heart of their national, religious and community life. Jesus, however, rebuked the religious leaders of his time for straining to keep the letter of the law while avoiding the spirit of the law. This comes up particularly in relation to laws about the Sabbath.

But there is another distinction to be made: some laws are basic, giving voice to God's fundamental intention while others are concessions to human weakness. The difference is brought out in Jesus' conversation with Pharisees over the issue of divorce. He pointed out that divorce laws were only made necessary because of human weakness – sinfulness. God's real intention is that the marriage relationship be an enduring one. Over the centuries the role of marriage in society has changed but the fundamental 'law' still stands.

Marriage is meant to be for life. That's the most important rule, but because of our flawed human nature we also need to allow for the possibility of divorce. However we must keep the proper proportion: aim always for the law which states God's fundamental intention even when the concessional laws have to come into play.

- *How helpful is it to make a distinction between fundamental laws and concessional laws in our understanding of God's will?*
- *What are God's fundamental laws by which all the others should be interpreted? How can they help in our thinking about marriage and divorce?*
- *What part does law play in the living of the Christian life?*
- *How relevant to the current discussion about same-sex marriage is Mark 10:1-12?*

Rev Ron Potter

Piula Publications

TODAY: A group from Wycliffe will be joining Maleny for their Holy Communion service and have invited the congregation to join them for lunch at Bob Grice's farm after the service to learn more about their work.



JOY - In August, in his sermon on joy, **Peter Uhlmann** challenged the Maleny congregation by asking two questions:

- ❖ **How do we each participate in the work of joy?**
- ❖ **How, as a church, can we bring joy to our community in the midst of a pandemic?**

Please consider these questions and send me your answers **[by 14/10]** for inclusion in the next New Vine which is to concentrate on JOY. Thanks, Graham. [grandar@bigpond.net.au]



CHRISTIAN MEDITATION GROUP: This Wednesday we will be celebrating our 11th birthday by gathering at Baroon Pocket Dam for meditation and a BBQ party. **Please note the time change** - we will gather at the church and proceed to the dam at **9.00 am**. Bring a folding chair, and a thermos of hot water, if you wish/can. Should the weather be unattractive, there is a Plan B which still has us leaving the church at (9.00 am.) Please let Marjorie/Douglas know of your attendance asap for catering purposes.

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]



Teach and Lead us Nearer to You John Hunter

Ever loving and eternal God,
source of light that never sets,
and of love that never fails,
Life of our life,
Father of our spirits;
draw near to us,
and by remembering your never failing mercy,
teach and lead us nearer to you.

By the good news of your Son our Saviour,
by his life and teaching;
by his passion and Cross;
by his heavenly exaltation and the influence of his Spirit:
teach and lead us nearer to you.

By the ministry of your church,
teach and lead us nearer to you.

By all our conflicts,
by all our aspirations,
by all our fears,
by all our joys and sorrows,
by life and death itself,
teach and lead us nearer to you.

THIS COMING WEEK:

Tuesday 7 Sep 9:30-12 noon Cuppa Craft at Maleny
Wednesday 9:00am Meditation Birthday Celebration at Maleny
Monday – Sunday 9 am – 3 pm Reflection Gallery at Montville

COMING UP– Details below

Sunday 10 October Chappy Donna Turner will be visiting Maleny
Sunday 24 October, Chappy Becky Francis will be visiting Maleny
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 and we have raised more than \$30, or recycled more than 300 containers!. Thanks to all who are already dropping their cans and bottles.

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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!!



Garage sale

Looking for helpers for garage sale!
Please contact Jing