



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

10 October 2021

WELCOME TO WORSHIP



Prayers

9:00am at Maleny

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

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Next Sunday 17 October 2021

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

RCL Year B Readings

Job 38:1-7,(34-41); Psalm 104:1-9,24,35c
Hebrews 5:1-10; Mark 10:35-45

A Daily Prayer

"May I live this day
 Compassionate of heart,
 Clear in word,
 Gracious in awareness,
 Courageous in thought,
 Generous in love"
 John O'Donohue

The Deceitfulness of Riches Mark 10:17-31

There is not much use my railing against the deceitfulness of riches. It has all been said before. We have heard it often. Theoretically we all know how deceptive wealth can be. But whether we do much about it is another question.

However, Mark 10 prompts me to ask myself, "Where do I find my true self? Where is my life anchored?" I hear God whispering to me that the genuine, fundamental and basic ground of my being is in him. I was made to abide in God as God abides in me just as all the disciples of Jesus are invited to abide in him as Christ abides in them.

If I depart from this basic ME, I feel insecure. I reach out for other supports. It could be my possessions or my abilities. Alienated from the ground of my being, I look for substitute gods. Isn't that the situation highlighted in the story of the rich young ruler and the subsequent teaching about how difficult it is to enter the kingdom of God? Living in the kingdom of God is impossibly difficult for the person who is not being true to his or her fundamental nature, that is, who they are in God. Duped by the sinfulness that corrupts God's good creation, we can all fall prey to the deceitfulness of riches.

It's not money and possessions alone that are deceitful. Academic achievement, competency in any field of human endeavour, social standing, self-pride or self-sufficiency can all become substitutes for the One in whom we live and move and have our being. Our hearts are restless until they find their rest in God. Nothing else will do.

When we are not living true to God we are not living true to our real selves. When we rely on our wealth for security, we are not living the life that we were meant to live. What look like sacrifices we make in doing this turn out to be not sacrifices at all (Mark 10:28-31). We receive abundantly more than we give up in this life with even more to come later when we live true to the person that we are in God.

How do you feel about the idea that our real selves are who we are in God?

- ❖ If we all have a real self then do we also have false selves? Where do they try to find their security and peace?
- ❖ Why is it so hard for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God (Mark 10:23)? In your experience, how true is 1 Timothy 6:10, "The love of money is a root of all kinds of evil"?
- ❖ **Rev Ron Potter** **Piula Publications**

New Vine – Next Edition

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. [

Also, 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 is 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**.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Graham [grandar@bigpond.net.au]

LADIES FRIENDSHIP GROUP.

Thursday 21 October. Ladies would you come to Maleny Church at 9:30am prepared to share a TREASURE = memory, letter, article etc. not your husband!

Also date claimer for our **Christmas breakup. Thursday 18 November at Val Clarkson's home** for a musical morning.
Contact: Dorothy



COMING UP for October– Details below

Sunday 10 October Chappy Donna Turner will be visiting Maleny

Friday 22 October – Sausae Sizzle at Woolworths, Maleny

Sunday 24 October, Chappy Becky Francis will be visiting Maleny

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

Friday 4th – Saturday 5th November GARAGE SALE

We will be holding a garage sale on **4-5 November**. It is around the corner. So those who still need to do a spring clean please go through your things and put them aside. Mored information to follow. Book the date and start sorting!

OFFERING and TITHING

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

Monville Uniting Church - NEW DISPLAY

The new display which will be in place through to the end of November is by yours truly, Barbara Willcocks. As a member of the art group, Blackall Range Visual

, I enjoy the help and encouragement they give to a relatively new artist, having started painting in 2008. My paintings in the gallery reflect what I have seen during my travels both overseas and in Australia. In that way they stand as a reminder of the world-wide scope of God's love. A sense of joy in the presence of God's creation. See <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100063771271448> or look up my page at www.blackallrangevisualartists.com

BRIGHT AND BREEZY

"Let's try something different." That was a thought of our Connect Group in an attempt to shed, to some degree at least, the heaviness the prolonged COVID presence placed on us. We came up with "**Bright and Breezy**". During November, we are inviting people to partake in some form of different activity that brightens their lives. Our plan is for activities run by congregation members, for other congregation members – preferably in homes – but away from the worship centre anyway. It might be walking through a garden, having a singalong, an old style slide night, sharing a visit made to another country, living with a hobby [e.g. photography, fishing, star gazing]. You name it, and it could be open to a group gathering – just for an hour or so, and hopefully with a cuppa involved. "Let's try something different." Graham D & Peter U



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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