



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

17 October 2021

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

*****LECTIONARY THEMES*****

The Servant God

Mark 10:35-45

A servant King! That's astounding enough. But what about a servant God? The word God does not usually conjure up ideas of servanthood, but rather images of power and control – someone who is being served by others. Isn't God almighty? Isn't He in control?

We use expressions like 'playing God' to refer to people trying to take a superior and powerful position. But if we accept that Jesus presented himself as the servant King, it follows that the One whom he represents also has the attitude of a servant, rather than the attitude of a despot or tyrant.

As the Suffering Servant who gave himself for humanity, Jesus gives an insight, not only into his role as Messiah, but into the basic nature of God. God's relationship with creation, including with you and with me, is one of service. So, the call to serve God comes to us against the background of God's service to us, just like the command to love God comes against the background of God's love for us.

God's service for us is an expression of God's generous love. Words like glory and majesty, almighty and victorious, are appropriate for us to use of God, but not in the common, worldly way of speaking. As Jesus revolutionized the idea of king, so he changes our understanding of God. God is not a tyrant. The power of God is the power of infinite love, love that creates and restores.

When James and John, or for that matter, when you or I hanker for glory and fame for ourselves we need to hear the words, "Whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant." That's where the greatness of God lies, in the divine servanthood. That does not mean that we are to treat God as our servant as so many people try to do. God, do this for me. God, do that for me. What it does mean is that we follow the prompting of God's Spirit to live lives of humble, love-motivated respect, concern and service for others.

- ❖ How comfortable do you feel about the idea of God being a servant?
- ❖ If God is a servant, who or what does God serve and how?
- ❖ How do people try to use God as their servant?
- ❖ What is the difference between having a Christ-like servant attitude and being a weak and servile person who allows themselves to be trampled upon by others?



Prayers

9:00am at Maleny

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

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

Next Sunday 24 October 2021

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

RCL Year B Readings

Job 42:1-6,10-17; Psalm 34:1-8,(19-22)
Hebrews 7:23-28; Mark 10:46-52

Prayer

John 14:27

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

❖ **Rev Ron Potter** **Piula Publications**

ADIES 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



THIS WEEK

Monday 9:00-11:30am Council meeting at Liena's place.

Tuesday 9:30 – 12 noon. Cuppa Craft. Come and join us over a cuppa and a yarn!

Wednesday 8:30 – 9:30 am Meditation at Maleny

COMING UP for October– Details below

Friday 22 October – Sausage Sizzle at Woolworths, Maleny. **Volunteers needed please.**

Sunday 24 October, Chappy Becky Francis will be visiting Maleny

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

Monville Uniting Church - NEW DISPLAY. The new display which will be in place through to the end of November is by Barbara Willcocks. As a member of the art group, Blackall Range Visual, Barabara enjoys the help and encouragement they give to a relatively new artist like her who started painting in 2008. The paintings in the gallery reflect what Barabara has seen during her 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 www.blackallrangevisualartists.com

BRIGHT AND BREEZY – SIGN UP FOR SOME FUN

“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



Chappy Charity Horse Riding Day

The Maleny High School Chaplaincy Committee is running a horse trail riding and bushwalking day on Saturday 30th October, from 9.00am to 5.00pm at 6 Bretons Rd, Crohamhurst. Even if you are not participating as a horse rider, your help would be appreciated as a parking attendant, on main gate duty, barbecue, snacks stall and pack up. Two hour time slots are suggested. Contact Chris Bourne on 0428176557.

MALENY GARAGE SALE ON FRIDAY 5TH 2-6pm AND SATURDAY AND 6TH 7am-2pm NOVEMBER

With three weeks to the Garage Sale, we ask you to start collecting your pre-loved items and plan for getting them to the church. Small items can be left at the office on Tuesday and Thursday morning. If you have larger items and need to have them picked up, **please contact Liena 0490421874**. Thanks to the large team who have offered to help. **MEETING OF VOLUNTEERS** to be held on **Tuesday the 19th OCT at 9:30am at Maleny UC**. If you've missed putting your name on the list, the garage sale sheet is still at rear of church. Please contact Liena for any more details.



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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.

This month as we reflect on making peace in our life together, we honour those who work to know peace, to find ways forward in conflict, and who seek connection and understanding

Uniting News

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