



# 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

**31 October 2021**

**WELCOME TO WORSHIP**



**Prayers**

**9:00am at Maleny**

**COMBINED INTERACTIVE: Family Worship Service**

**JOY: Habakkuk 3 vs 17-19**

**RCL Year B Readings**

**Ruth 1:1-18; Psalm 146  
Hebrews 9:11-14; Mark 12:28-34**

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

**Next Sunday 7 November 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 of Praside  
O God eternal,**

**As we think of your glory, give us the gift of reverence;  
As we learn of your compassion, give us the gift of praise,  
As we remember your goodness, give us the gift of  
gratitude.**

**As we rejoice in your gracious love in this act of worship  
May our knowledge be deepened,  
Our love be rekindled, and our lives transformed,  
So that we may glorify you and enjoy you forever.  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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

### **Divine-Human Partnership**

**Ruth 1:1-18 Mark 12:28-34**

We come across some literary gems while reading the Bible. Ruth 1:16-17 is one: Ruth's speech to Naomi. This alerts us to the fact that the Bible is written by people who gave deep thought not only to their subject matter, but to how this could best be expressed using the literary skills available to them. Poems, proverbs, historical narrative, drama, myths and legends, stories, letters, laws and apocalyptic are some of the literary styles we find there. The writers used their literary skills to give expression to what they had to say, skills that they learnt from their cultural background.

This highlights the fact that while we speak of the Bible being God-inspired, it is also the product of human experience and ability. To create the Bible, God involved human beings working in collaboration with him. This often seems to be the way God works: partnering with people, using the skills and learning that they have.

For example, in summarising God's Law, Jesus gave guidelines for living, but he left it to us to work out in any particular situation how those commandments were to be observed. He did not give laws covering every imaginable situation we may find ourselves in. The life of faith is, in that sense, a collaborative enterprise. Clearly the way God wants us to live is with love to both God and neighbour, but it is for us to work out how this is to be done in any given situation.

This is not easy. It calls for discernment, and Christians often come to different conclusions about what God wants them to do. Human culture and popular opinion vie with the Great Commandments in trying to shape our behaviour. However, it is not a purely intellectual decision that we are called to make; we have the same Spirit that inspired Jesus to guide us into lives of love to God and to other people. How we respond to the Spirit is up to us.

- ❖ What are some other biblical passages that are memorable because of the beauty in their form of expression?
- ❖ Why is it important to take note of the kind of writing when we read the Bible?
- ❖ What are some issues over which Christians have been divided about what is of God and what is of human origin?
- ❖ Suggest some ways in which our love for God and for neighbour can find expression?

❖ **Rev Ron Potter Piula Publications**

### THIS WEEK .....

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 November– Details below

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> 2-6pm & Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> 7am -2pm - Garage Sale

12 -14 (Friday – Sunday) November – Live in Presbytery, Hervey Bay.

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> – Baptism William Heading

Thursday 18 November Ladies Friendship Group at Val's place.

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November – Sausage Sizzle

Sunday 28 November - Advent First Sunday

28 November – 18 December – Lights get put up progressively

**Montville 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, Barbara 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 Barbara 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](http://www.blackallrangevisualartists.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.

**THE NEW VINE:** Copies are available for collection in all churches today.

### Below are some date of things that are happening at Montville leading up to Christmas :

- ✚ 25 November Morning Tea and Carol singing with Range Care.
- ✚ 3 December Put Christmas display in church and grounds
- ✚ At a date to be organised assist with Christmas RE at Montville School.
- ✚ 25 December 7.30am Christmas Service.

### WORKING BEE AT MALENY CHURCH

In getting ready for Christmas and all the celebrations that go with that special time of year, we are having a working bee to help clean up the grounds around our Maleny church on **Saturday 20 November**, time 7am to 12pm. Please bring along any tools etc that you think would be useful. And come as long as your able.



### MALENY GARAGE SALE ON FRIDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> 2-6pm and SATURDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> 7am-2pm NOVEMBER



With two 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. Please contact Liena for any more details. Lookout for special circular about garage sale.

### BRIGHT and BREEZY

Today is the last day for everyone to sign up for the November activities. Responses have been strong so far, but there is still room in every activity group. So, please see the lists on the table in the hall and add your names against what you would like to do. You may attend as many or as few as you wish. Names will then be given to the 'hosts' who will sort out if, when, and how, it will all happen. Interesting times ahead.

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**May I have the courage today  
To live the life that I would love,  
To postpone my dream no longer,  
But to do at last what I came here for  
And waste my heart on fear no more.**

(John O'Donohue)

## 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