



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

14 November 2021

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

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

Christ the King

John 18: 33-37

We have to use language to talk about God, but no language is adequate. Today, following the lectionary, we emphasize Jesus as king. However, there are many ways in which Jesus is unlike a king.

If you think of a king as being surrounded with pomp and ceremony, forget it. If kingship means tyrant, then it most assuredly will not do. If a king rules a nation with armed forces at his disposal, if the image of a king involves wealth and economic power, then the image of Jesus as king is clearly contrary to what he actually was.

The early Church called Jesus Lord and Saviour, but they did this in blatant contrast with the way that Caesar, the Roman emperor, was called lord and saviour. As we read in John's account of Jesus' interrogation by Caesar's representative, Jesus said, "My kingdom is not from this world." His right to rule did not come from royal descent, military coup, the popular vote or any other way that governments come into power.

His kingdom is from God, the ultimate Truth or fundamental Reality. When Pilate questioned him about whether he was a king, Jesus pointed out that the word king was not his word, but Pilate's. He knew that the term was quite inadequate, yet its background was to be found in the Jewish expectation of a Messiah raised up by God to deliver his people from all that had gone wrong, a king who was to usher in a new era where God's will would be done on earth as it is in heaven.

To speak of Jesus as king is to acknowledge the authority, the authenticity that he had from God the Creator – the right to be listened to and obeyed. The power in this realm is not political but distinctively that of holy love.

- ❖ Explain the difference between a constitutional monarchy as we currently have it and an absolute monarchy?
- ❖ If there are ways in which Jesus was not like a king, in what ways was he like a king?
- ❖ If Jesus is a king, where is his realm?
- ❖ Give examples of ways in which Christ the king challenges governments and rulers?

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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

1 Samuel 1:4-20; 1 Samuel 2:1-10

Hebrews 10:11-14(15-18),19-25; Mark 13:1-8

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

Next Sunday 21 November 2021

Montville 8:15am: Worship Service

Maleny: 9:45am: Worship Service

Palmwoods: 10:00 am Holy Communion

RCL Year B Readings

2 Samuel 23:1-7; Psalm 132:1-12,(13-18)

Revelation 1:4b-8; John 18:33-37

TODAY
Please Come join us
for the Baptism of
young William
George Heading



THIS WEEK

Tuesday 9:30 -12 noon Cuppa Craft at Maleny

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

COMING UP for November– Details below

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

Friday 19th November – Sausage Sizzle

Wednesday 24 November Welcome Get-Together

Sunday 28 November - Advent First Sunday

28 November – 18 December – Christmas Lights get put up progressively

WORKING BEE AT MALENY CHURCH SATURDAY 20 November

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.



MEN'S GROUP BBQ

Same format, but **different location**. The next BBQ is on **Thursday 18th November**. It will be a bright and breezy occasion at Ewen Maddock Dam. Bring your own food and drink. Meet at the Church 11.30 a.m. for car sharing. Good swimming (sandy beach) and bush walks for the more energetic. All men are welcome, so feel free to invite your friends and neighbours.



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

✚ 25 November 10am Morning Tea and Carol singing with Range Care.

✚ 29 November 1:45-2:40 pm assist with Christmas Story at Montville School.

✚ 3 December Put Christmas display in church and grounds

✚ 25 December 7.30am Christmas Service.

✚ 26 December 8:15 Worship Service

Prayer from Uganda

Holy Spirit of God, grant us faith.
Holy Spirit of Christ, grant us hope.
Triune God, grant us love.
Grant renewal in our land.
Begin with me

Christmas Eve Service Singers needed

The Christmas Eve service is to be held at 7.00pm on Friday December 24th. The program will include well known songs by a small group or mini-choir. Prepare to be approached personally, but if you are available, can sing in tune and are interested, your help would be appreciated. See Paul or Liena.

As a community of faith, in cooperation with SpeakUP NOW we are installing RED BENCHES at each of our worship centres. Our RED BENCH at Maleny will be officially installed on **Sunday the 28th November 2021 at**

11:00am,
straight after the morning service. For more information see:



www.redrosefoundation.com.au/index.php/redbench/

WELCOME Get -Together Wednesday 24th November 6-8pm at Maleny

A welcome for the new, not so new and old. This will be an opportunity for new-comers to meet old timers and learn about our congregation, its persons and activities. Person sitting next to you in the pews. Light evening tea (sandwiches and beverages) will be provided.

Numbers are limited to 40. Please complete the format the back of the church.

Garage Sales raised \$3,300.00. Big Big Thank You!

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.

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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!!

