



# 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

**21 November 2021**

**WELCOME TO WORSHIP**

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

### A Challenging Choice

Luke 21:25-36

From of old, people have read signs in the sky or in the behaviour of birds to forecast weather conditions. Meteorologists use computer modelling to read these signs. It is, however, all a matter of reading the signs. Jesus told his disciples to read the signs indicating that the kingdom of God was coming.

For some the signs may be fearsome, for others they are something to look forward to, but the important thing is to live in anticipation of that era when God's will is done on earth as it is in heaven, "Not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life." It's not as though God is not reigning now. The signs are there for those who can see them.

What we call Jesus' miracles are in the New Testament called signs – signs of God's reign present right in the here and now. And there are signs all around us of God reigning. Sometimes they are in strange and wonderful events, but usually they are in the ordinary and every day. They are there in nature, in people, in personal experiences, in healing and in history as it unfolds.

The New Testament promise is that, eventually, God's reign of love will prevail. God's enemy will be defeated. No more greed and cruelty, no more suspicion and hatred, no more war and injustice. Heaven on earth. OK, it sounds like an impossible dream, but is it any more ridiculous than clinging to the old dream that we can put the world right without accepting God's way of outpouring love.

Our old self-centred ways, sin-defiled, will never rescue us from the plight we are in, neither individually nor universally. The choice is before us: will we live the kingdom life that has to do with right relationships with both God and neighbour or will we continue to live the confused life of our self-dominated existence? Hope or despair? Life or death? Saved or condemned? That's the choice.

- What signs do you believe forecast coming weather conditions?
- Where do you see signs of God's will being done in the world today?
- What does the image of Christ coming in a cloud with power and great glory say to you (Luke 21:27)?
- For God to reign requires the dethronement of our selfish pride and ego. How does the Gospel help us do this?



### 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**  
 2 Samuel 23:1-7; Psalm 132:1-12, (13-18)  
 Revelation 1:4b-8; John 18:33-37

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

### Next Sunday 28 November 2021

Montville 8:15am: Worship Service  
 Maleny: 9:45am: Worship Service  
 Palmwoods: 15:30 pm Garden Reflections  
**RCL Year B Readings**  
 Jeremiah 33:14-16 - Psalm 25:1-10  
 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13 - Luke 21:25-36

**The LORD your God is with you;  
 his power gives you victory.  
 The LORD will take delight in you,  
 and in his love he will give you new life.<sup>1</sup>  
 He will sing and be joyful over you.**

Zephaniah 3 vs 17

**Rev Ron Potter Piula Publications**

## THIS WEEK .....

**Wednesday 24 November 6pm-8pm** Welcome Get-To Know One another at Maleny.

**25 November 10am** Morning Tea and Carol singing with Range Care at Montville.

**25 November 4pm** Pastoral care meeting Maleny

### COMING UP for November– Details below

**Wednesday 24 November** Welcome Get2- Know One Another

**Sunday 28 November** - Advent First Sunday & RED Bench unveiling

**28<sup>th</sup> November – 18 December** – Christmas Lights get put up progressively

**3<sup>rd</sup> December 7pm** Maleny Community Carols at TESCHE Park. BYO picnic and come sing some carols with the Salvation Army Band(organised by Maleny churches)

**8<sup>th</sup> December 6-8pm** Maleny Uniting Church. COVID information. Come hear from the experts the latest about COVID-medical, legal and more.

**12<sup>th</sup> December 5:30-6:30pm** Palmwoods Community Garden Carols. BYO picnic (food and chairs) and come sing carols with well-known musicians.

**13 December 10am** Elder Abuse Forum. Introduction of The Conversation Hub at RSL Hall.

**13 December pm,** Christmas Carols at Erowal.

### 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 8:15am Worship Service

### Christmas Eve Service Singers needed

The Christmas Eve service is to be held at 7.00pm on Friday December 24<sup>th</sup>. 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, you are welcome. See **Paul or Liena**.

### 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.**

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 28<sup>th</sup> November 2021 at 11:00am**, straight after the morning service. For more information see:

[www.redrosefoundation.com.au/index.php/redbench/](http://www.redrosefoundation.com.au/index.php/redbench/)



### WELCOME Get -2 Know One Another

**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> 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 form at the back of the church or contact Liena

### Social circle opportunity at Maleny Library

Like to find out about the variety of interesting and fun activities available in your community? Looking to expand your social circle, take part in a craft, art, sport, game, or simply looking for conversation and a cuppa?

**Social Circle at Maleny Library, Thursday 25 Nov, 9.30am**

**Contact Amanda on 5435 3104 – bookings essential**

### ADVENT Resources:

This year we are following our theme of JOY. We have already published the New Vine on JOY. Our lightUP@Christmas is about JOY. And we will be focusing on Joy during our worship services leading up to Christmas. We also have a number of carol singing events across the Blackall Range and of-course our Christmas Eve service of narration and song.

If you would like something more, here are a number of resources to follow during Advent: Christmas Bowl:

<https://christmasbowl.actforpeace.org.au/resources#row--34>

Wesley Mission:

<https://www.wesleymission.org.au/christian-life/daily-advent-reflections-2021/>

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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!!

