



# 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

**28 November 2021**

**WELCOME TO WORSHIP**

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

## Advent

(inspired by writings of Dirkie Smit)



**Today-Advent First Sunday &  
RED Bench unveiling at 11am**

**Prayers**

**9:00am at Maleny**

**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**

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

### Next Sunday 5 December 2021

**Montville 8:15am: Worship Service**  
**Maleny: 9:45am: Holy Communion**  
**Palmwoods: 10:00 am Family Service**  
**RCL Year B Readings**

**Baruch 5:1-9 or Malachi 3:1-4; Luke 1:68-79**  
**Philippians 1:3-11 ; Luke 3:1-6**

### First Sunday of Advent: Hope

**Jesus, light of the World,**

**We hope for change in our wom lives and in  
your world.**

**We watch and work and wait together in  
hope. Amen**

Advent is a time of joy.  
It is also a time of longing and expectation.  
This seemingly paradox of emotions  
is integral to our faith.

It is a time of joy.  
Of building excitement of growing anticipation as  
Christmas draws nearer and nearer.  
Personally, I love Christmas carols, wherever  
they may be played – in my home, in worship or  
in shopping malls.

And can you the angels singing carols?

Advent is simply exciting and joyful.  
The colour, the buzz, the expectation.  
The feeling of JOY in the air.

Advent may be commercialised yet it remains  
remarkable. A wonder!  
"JOY to the world, the Lord has come!"

And the joy and wonder is found in the simplicity  
of the birth narrative of the Saviour. It is tangible  
in the spirit of gifts – the gifts of hope, love,  
charity and peace. The gift of God's favour.

Yet, the life of faith is a life of longing, of  
dreaming, of endurance, of expectation. And of  
waiting. It is an expectation and waiting born of  
despair and darkness. It is a wait and watch for  
deliverance from suffering, a response to cries for  
help and liberation. It is a longing in absence for  
Immanuel, God with us.

Yes, Advent is a time of JOY,  
and also a time of longing.  
Advent, means come towards. It is the time when  
we commemorate and celebrate God coming  
towards us – every day!

Take hope and rejoice - the Lord is coming  
towards us.

Shalom Liena

### This Week...

**1<sup>st</sup> December 8:30-9:30am Meditation at Maleny**

**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)

### COVID INFORMATION PANEL

**8<sup>th</sup> December 6-8pm** Maleny Uniting Church will be hosting a COVID information evening through a panel of professionals. Come hear from the experts the latest about COVID-medical, legal and more. Welcome to invite friends along.

### DECEMBER COMING UP...

**12th 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 1:30pm**, Christmas Carols at Erowal.

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

✚ 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

### 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-](https://www.wesleymission.org.au/christian-life/daily-advent-reflections-2021/)

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### CAROLS:

**3 December** (Friday): Maleny Community Carols in Tesche Park

**05 December** (Sunday): Anglican Church carols

**10 December** (Friday): Schools break up

**12 December** (Sunday): Palmwoods Garden Carol 5:30pm

**13 December** (Monday) Christmas Carols at Erowal

**15 December** (Wednesday): Montville Community Carols on the Green

**19 December** (Sunday): Carols on the Lawn' Maleny Baptist Church

**21 December** (Tuesday): Witta Community Carols' Lutheran Church

**24 December** (Friday) 7:00pm: Christmas Carols @ Maleny

**lightUP@Christmas. Look up and see our JOY lights up and keep looking up and around as the Christmas lights keep growing leading up towards our Christmas Trail 18<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> December 6pm-9m!**

**Exciting Joyful!** 😊

### 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!!

