



# 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

**6 February 2022**

**WELCOME TO WORSHIP**



### Face to Face Worship Service

**9:00 Prayers at home**

**Montville 8:15am: Worship Service**

**Maleny: 9:45am: Holy Communion**

**Palmwoods: 10:00am Worship Service**

**RCL Year C Readings**

**Isaiah 6:1-8, (9-13); Psalm 138**

**1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Luke 5:1-11**

Catch up on our E-Broadcasts on the BRUC Web-page:

[www.ourcommonlife.org.au](http://www.ourcommonlife.org.au)

### Next Sunday 13 February 2022

**Montville 8:15am: Holy Communion**

**Maleny: 9:45am: Worship Service**

**Palmwoods: 3:30pm Reflections in the Garden**

**RCL Year C Readings**

**Jeremiah 17:5-10; Psalm 1;**

**1 Corinthians 15:12-20; Luke 6:17-26**

The Gospel

For what I received,... I passed on to you,...

that Christ died for our sins,

that he was buried,

that he was raised,

that he appeared to me also

**1 Corinthians 15**

**A prayer for parents, grandparents, any parent....**

As I let you go,

You enter the world of sums and verbs,

The world of risk and joy,

The world of temptations and celebration

My tears well up and my heart tightens.

Be still oh my soul, oh my fears.

Your strength, and my strength comes from God,

Who made heaven, and earth, and

mountains,

And you.

He won't let you stumble,

Your Guardian God won't fall asleep.

Not on your life!

Our Guardian will never doze or sleep.

God is your Guardian,

Right at your side to protect you-

Shielding you from sunstroke,

Sheltering you from moonstroke.

God guards you from every evil

He guards your very life.

He guards when you leave on life's journey

And He will guard your return.

He guards you now, he guards you always.

Praise be to God.

Enjoy school. Enjoy life.

Have fun.

You are safe

Your Guardian God won't fall asleep.

*(text from Psalm 121 The Message)*

**Proverbs 22:6**

**"Train up children in the way**

**they should go,**

**even when they are old they will not**

**depart from it."**

## COVID-CARE AND SAFETY

As we are learning to live with COVID, some church activities are resuming whilst others are still in abeyance. There is no wrong decision. I recall our "C" **Christian Meditation Group**.

at the beginning of COVID, two years ago: There were 9 at one stage and they still all apply:

**Calm** – be calm.

**Cautious** – be cautious.

**Common sense** – use your common sense.

**Care** – take care of yourselves and others.

**Commit** – commit the COVID-19 pandemic to prayer.

**Candle** – Light the COVID-19 prayer-candle at 7pm (19:00) in your window every night as a symbol of hope.

**Connect** – remember to connect with one another.

**Communicate** – talk to someone.

**Cuppa Conversations** - follow our Cuppa Conversations on-line, or have one of your own

My personal buzz word at the moment is a 10<sup>th</sup> "C" – **Comfortable**. To attend or not to attend an activity – be it worship, a small group or committee meeting: Do what you feel comfortable with.

In this Our Common Life you will read of the resumption of some activities – be assured there is no judgment on those who do not attend, neither on those who do. 😊

## Resumption of face-to-face Worship Services 6<sup>th</sup> February at ALL worship centres.

We will be resuming face-to-face worship services at all our centres in February. However, we emphasise that:

- It be made clear to members that attendance is voluntary and there is no expectation on persons to attend. Everyone should feel comfortable in attending or staying away. The purpose in resuming is to offer persons an option.
- The duty roster is not being followed at the moment so that persons do not feel obligated to attend (hopefully we will be back to 'normal' by the end of February). If you are willing to help on a Sunday please contact Liena directly.
- The service will be recorded so there will be something available on-line.

**Montville UC:** Reflection Gallery's will display the late Rev Ron Potter's equally memorable paintings to the gallery, mostly of children.

The display will hang on the walls of the church until early March when other paintings of Ron's will hang in the Gallery over Easter, so we have much to look forward to.



## Ladies Friendship 17<sup>th</sup> February

The Ladies Friendship group will be resuming on Thursday the 17<sup>th</sup> February in the Maleny Church hall. Details coming....

## Meditation Group

Following a survey of members, it has been decided the group will remain in recess until further notice. It is expected that, depending on how Omicron tracks, this may well be mid-February. Watch this space.

## Domestic and Family Violence Awareness workshop

Queensland Churches Together is hosting a series of Zoom workshops on



Domestic and Family Violence Awareness will take place on three consecutive Wednesday evenings on 2, 9 and 16 March from 7pm. [Book now](#).

There will be a charge of \$45 per person for the workshop series. The charge allows Queensland Churches Together to continue providing and developing Domestic Family Violence resources and training to be used in churches and by pastoral carers and chaplains. For more information, visit the [events calendar](#).

## The Conversation Hub

We appreciate the story the Hinterland Times ran this week on our project The Conversation Hub. The article is available at: [https://issuu.com/hinterlandtimes/docs/ht\\_paper\\_feb\\_2022\\_emag/8](https://issuu.com/hinterlandtimes/docs/ht_paper_feb_2022_emag/8)

## New Vine next edition on Prayer.

### Message from the editor, Graham:

Hello everyone.

The holidays are over and it's that time again when we need to put our thinking caps on to come up with copy for the next edition of our journal which will be on the topic - **PRAYER**.

So, I am asking you all to send me your contributions about prayer - it can be a prayer that you wrote; a prayer that speaks to you from somewhere; a time when prayer was very meaningful to you; a time when prayer helped you greatly; a book on prayer that you have found helpful; answered prayer; a particular form of prayer; something personal or communal - whatever.

In fact, I would like to aim for an edition that is written almost totally by the congregation, so it can be about any aspect of prayer that speaks to you. I suggest letting your minds go and opening your hearts. Please share with the rest of us.

The aim is to have it distributed by the end of February so it would help tremendously if I could have your bits and pieces [\[grandar@bigpond.net.au\]](mailto:grandar@bigpond.net.au) by **Wednesday 23 February** at the latest.

I sense this could be one of those issues that comforts and holds us together during another difficult time, so please add your thoughts to help this to happen.

Peace and blessings, Graham.

## Save the date: 4 March 2022 World Day of Prayer

For many, many years the World Day of Prayer is celebrated on the 4 March. Also this year

Maleny 9:30 at Baptist Church

Montville 10:00 at Montville Uniting Church

## Sausages for Chaplaincy

Thanks to Ron and Bob and all supporters. We raised \$260.66 with yesterday's sausages for chaplaincy. 😊

## Presbytery

Liena will be

- in Gympie on Thursday for the bi-monthly Standing Committee and Pastoral care meetings, and
- in Gayndah on Saturday for Dave and Jeanette Ellis' induction into the Burnett Network of Churches.

Thank you for carrying us in your prayers.

## Back to School.....

**To educate our children is everyone's calling – our only purpose!**

As children return to school next week it is timely to look at some aspects of education.

What other purpose does the adult generation have than to care for the youth and help educate them? This confronting question was asked by Martin Luther 500 years ago in his *Open letter to the leaders of all cities in Germany (1524)*. Luther was passionate about education: he wrote letters, preached about education (*Sermon to keep children in school (1930)*) and he raised issues, that are still being raised today!

- It is the responsibility and duty of *all leaders* and *all citizens* not only of parents, but of the *whole community* to help educate children. It asks more than just a family to raise children properly - we all carry this calling, it is our only purpose, he wrote passionately.
- Luther was also passionate about *equality* in education. At that time school education was only available for boys and he campaigned that education should be available for girls as well.
- He also rejected parents' resistance to children going to school, so that they could enter the work-market early and earn money. He argued that if we are only interested in children making money we are crazy and we do not really love them.

- Luther said that it is nonsensical to argue that children should learn from their own mistakes. He argued children need to learn from the centuries of experience of earlier generations. It is through the knowledge of history, through languages and maths, through the collective wisdom of all generations that children need to learn.
- Significantly, Luther said it is selfish to have your child educated at great expense, whilst other children in the community are denied education! Everyone must stand together and ensure that more is spent on public education, and less on weapons and whatever-else!
- It is pathetic to want to impose, through discipline, yesterday's answers to today's questions. Children need to be encouraged to distinguish between good and bad, amidst changing circumstances.

Incredible that these issues were raised by Martin Luther 500 years ago. I thought I was reading the ABC-news. We don't seem to have learnt much the past 500 years....

*(translated and adapted from writings of Dirkie Smit).*

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