



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

27 February 2022

WELCOME TO WORSHIP



Face to Face Worship Service

9:00 Prayers at Maleny

Montville 8:15am: Worship

Maleny: 9:45am: Worship Service

Palmwoods: 3:30pm Reflection in the Garden

RCL Year C Readings

Transfiguration Sunday

Exodus 34:29-35; Psalm 99;

2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2; Luke 9:28-43

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

Next Sunday 6 March 2022

Montville 8:15am: Worship Service

Maleny: 9:45am: Eucharist

Palmwoods:

RCL Year C Readings

Wednesday 2 March 2022

Ash Wednesday

8:30-9:30 Meditation

9:30-12 noon Prayers and Reflection

Blackall Range Uniting Church acknowledges the first peoples who are the traditional owners of the land upon which we live and worship.

Shrove Tuesday By Bosco Peters

(<https://liturgy.co.nz/shrove-tuesday>)

The Tuesday before Ash Wednesday

I've written about this previously – but it's worth re-telling for newer visitors to this site. "Shrove" is the past tense of the verb "shrive" – "to obtain absolution for oneself by confessing and doing penance".

In French this is *Mardi Gras* – "fat Tuesday" – the feasting before Lenten fasting. A time of "carnival" [The derivation of the word "carnival" is uncertain. Possibly it originates in the Latin *carne vale*, meaning "to farewell meat" or even "to say goodbye to the flesh". Others posit that its origin lies in the Italian *carne levare*, meaning "to remove meat". The Oxford English Dictionary has that "Carnival" is derived from Latin *carnem levare* (removal of the meat) or *carnem laxare* (leaving the meat).]

In Northern Springtime, I presume that, in order to have chicks etc. one must leave the eggs with the hen to hatch. One stops eating the eggs during this time – Lent. And can start eating them at Easter time – the origin of Easter eggs. In the quaint manner of liturgical developments, not eating eggs during Lent means one gets rid of all the eggs before Lent! Hence, the development of *Pancake Tuesday* – of using up all our eggs by eating pancakes on *Shrove Tuesday*.

This is the last day of the "Alleluias" until Easter. This day may even involve the burying of the Alleluia.

Let us pray (in silence) [that we may live as forgiven people]

*God of infinite mercy,
grant that we who know your compassion
may rejoice in your forgiveness
and gladly forgive others
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Saviour
who is alive with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God now and for ever.*

Amen

National Church Life Survey –

We, as a congregation agreed, a while ago, to participate in the National Church Life Survey. The completion of the Survey has been postponed several times due to COVID BUT NOW is the time.

Please ensure you complete a survey.

The NCL Surveys will be available this Sunday. Please take one each; complete it through the week; and return the completed survey next Sunday (27th for Palmwoods and Montville and 6th June for Maleny).

This year, over 3,000 church communities will take part in the survey across the Nation. Results will be tabulated and available later this year.

Your prayerful consideration of the questions will be much appreciated.

Any questions to be directed to Peter Callaghan (04 58263322)

Resumption of rosters and morning tea

We will be resuming our rosters and morning teas after service in March (if not already done so 😊).

Thank you, BIG THANK YOU, for all volunteers – your participation in the preparation, during and after a worship service.

The attendance of a worship service remains voluntary and there is no expectation on persons to attend. Everyone should feel comfortable in attending or staying away. So if you are not yet comfortable in attending, and are on the roster, please make necessary arrangements for a replacement.

And remember we remain on-line and all services can be found at www.ourcommonlife.org.au under E [Services](#)

Montville UC: Lent Exhibition: Stations of the Cross

Montville UC's Reflection Gallery's will display the late Rev Ron Potter's equally memorable paintings illustrating the stations of the cross from early March to Easter.



Make sure to visit the gallery as part of your Lent Reflections.

This week ...

Tuesday 1st March: 9:30-12noon

Cuppa Craft @ Maleny Hall

Tuesday 1st March: 5-7pm

Pancake Tuesday @ Maleny Hall

Wednesday 2nd March: 8:30-9:30am

Meditation @ Maleny

Wednesday 2nd March: 9:30am–12 noon.

Ash Wednesday Prayers & Reflections @ Maleny

Wednesday 4th March World Day of Prayer

Maleny 9:30 at Baptist Church

Montville 10:00 ay Montville Uniting Church

Lent 2022

This coming week we commence our Lenten Journey. This year we will having an intentional focus on prayer and we, the leadership pray that we will, collectively as a congregation and also as individuals, be transformed through and in our prayer life. Everyone is invited to join the leadership in **intentional and intense** prayer during Lent and we highlight some of the initiatives below.

The New Vine: The latest *New Vine* features prayer and various aspects of it. We encourage you to pray through the words and pages of the *New Vine*.

A Collection of Prayers. A collection of prayers will be available for use during Lent. This collection will have a prayer for each day, and you will be invited to jot down your own prayer every Sunday.

Ash Wednesday 2 March 9:30-12 noon. There will be an opportunity for prayer and reflection, on Ash Wednesday, 2 March after meditation (9:30am) until 12 noon.

Daily 5am-6am and 5pm-6pm @ Amphitheatre. You are also invited to join me in prayer each day between 5-6am and 5-6pm at the amphitheatre/along the amphitheatre side verandah of the church hall during Lent.

Lenten material: 7 Sayings of the Cross: The Silent God? Our Lenten study is a reflection on the 7 sayings of the Cross. The material will be short reflections in writing and video presentations. We are grateful for the material that has been prepared by various persons across the congregations. We will have printed copies available.

Pancake Tuesday 5-7pm Tuesday 1 March 2022

We will start, like many traditions our Lenten Journey with a celebration. Following the traditions of several churches, particularly those in Europe, we will be flipping and sharing pancakes on Tuesday the 1 March (This is a double date as it will also be the Bright and Breezy, South African Pancake date that keeps being postponed). See ya

4 March 2022 World Day of Prayer

For many, many years the World Day of Prayer is celebrated on the 4 March. This year the host countries are Wales, Northern Ireland and England, so make sure to join in.

Maleny 9:30 at Baptist Church

Montville 10:00 ay Montville Uniting Church

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](#).

Montville Open Gardens. One of the gardens, *The Shambles*, celebrates the love and energy of Michael and Kyleigh, members Montville Uniting Church.

Easter at 3 Open Gardens at Montville
Sat 16th and Sunday 17th April 9am to 4 pm
travel to Montville in the Sunshine Coast hinterland

"The Shambles"
85 Western Avenue
Montville

"Lower Woontooba"
238 Western Avenue
Montville

"Wongawilli"
19 Manley Drive
Montville



Visitors will enjoy three fascinating large country gardens, each with a different character in their beautiful borrowed landscapes

Plants STALLS, refreshments "Rising Scene café" AT "The Shambles"
Funds raised for Cittaman Hospice www.cittamanhospice.com.au
Visit beautiful Montville village and the scenic Blackall Range attractions
Entry \$10 to each garden (cash only) children free

Uniting World Lent Giving – place a marked envelope in the offering bags

Uniting World this week announced 2 exciting, new events for Lent this year.

***Event 1 is the Lent Event from March 2nd to April 14th**

The theme of the Lent Event is *live simply so others can simply live*. This year, Uniting World are raising funds during this time for projects like clean water, education and climate advocacy. You can sign up to the event or get a team together of give to activities that promote simple living. Some suggested activities to support the Lent Event include – 10,00 steps a day; detoxing from screens; or; making further efforts to reduce waste for the Lent period. Sign up at www.lentevent.com.au

The second event is the 7 Days of Solidarity Event between March 27 and April 3rd (or whenever best suits you). This event **celebrates our Global neighbours**. When you sign up to this event, you'll receive a story each day that you celebrate in your prayers. More info at www.sevendaysofsolidarity.com.au

UCA/Presbytery Lenten Material: The UCA, Queensland's Lenten material this year has been prepared by congregations in our Presbytery (Bells & Caloundra). The link to the material (pdf) and more is information is below. Should any of you require a printed copy, please contact the church office.

The resources are now available and can be accessed [here](#) and via the UCAQ Discipleship Resources

Facebook group which will also be a space to share your thoughts, questions and knowledge.

Birthday Survey

Most, if not all of you know that I love to celebrate a birthday!

I am confident others may, like I, have been in congregations where the names of the persons who were celebrating a birthday that week, appeared together with a contact number in the weekly bulletin (in our case it would be *Our Common Life*). This gives an opportunity for other members of the congregation to phone and wish the birthday boy or girl well, and of course to pray for them.

Seeing as we are doing a survey – here is another question:

Would you like your birthday listed in our weekly *Our Common Life*?

YES or NO?

If YES please furnish the office with your birthday - DAY (we are not interested in YEARS!) 😊



Thank you: Liena

Liena will be on leave 24-28th February. If you have any pastoral concerns during this time, please contact:

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Kindly remember to continue to give your weekly/monthly offerings. They can be Direct Debited to Blackall Range Uniting Church.

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