



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

8 May 2022

WELCOME TO WORSHIP



Face to Face Worship Service

Next Sunday 8 May 2022

Montville: 8:15 am: Holy Communion

Maleny: 9:45am: Worship Service

Palmwoods: 15:00pm Reflection in the Garden

RCL Year C Readings

Acts 9:36-43; Psalm 23

Revelation 7:9-17; John 10:22-30

Next Sunday 15 May 2022

Montville: 8:15 am: Worship Service

Maleny: 9:45am: Worship Service

Palmwoods: 10:00am Holy Communion

RCL Year C Readings

Acts 11:1-18; Psalm 148

Revelation 21:1-6 ; John 13:31-35

Revelation 9 vs 14-17

And he said, "These are they who have come out of the great tribulation; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. ¹⁵ Therefore,

"they are before the throne of God and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence.

¹⁶ 'Never again will they hunger; never again will they thirst.

The sun will not beat down on them,' nor any scorching heat.

¹⁷ For the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd;

'he will lead them to springs of living water.'

'And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.'

LECTIONARY THEMES

O That the Blind May See!

Revelation 7:9-17; John 10:22-30

It's no wonder that people of the first century found Jesus hard to pigeonhole. It's still the same today. He doesn't fit our expectations. People come with their self-centred hopes and dreams: they seek a God who works for the best interests of their nation, their family, their religion, themselves. It comes as a shock to realize that God works for the best interests of all people. It turned out that the expected Messiah was not the great national hero that the Jews anticipated.

His kingdom is not one that relies on popular approval, political standing, military or economic might, but one that is constituted by genuine love. As Revelation 7:17 says, the lamb is king. What a turnaround! If you're on the right wave length, you'll hear his call, you'll know his presence, you will be breathed through with the same Spirit of love that breathed through him. But if not, he remains a conundrum: a significant figure in history maybe, founding authority for the Christian religion, one of the great moral and religious teachers of all time, a miracle worker, but is that all? He claimed to be one with God.

To know him is to know the Father, he said. However, for our knowledge of him we are dependent upon what was written in a foreign language, at a distant time, and in a culture different from our own. We need the assistance of scholars and historians to position him within his religious and cultural setting. We see that even in his own time, Jesus was a puzzle to his fellow citizens of Galilee and Judea, one that people could get excited about for all the wrong reasons, an irritating trouble-maker, or one who could be written off as of no great significance. But to realize that he is not just a figure of history, that, as the risen Christ, he is the voice of God speaking hope, salvation and renewal to all people is to have a gospel that is desperately needed today.

- What do people today think of Jesus?
- Jesus relied on actions rather than words to announce him as the Messiah and Son of God. What part then do words play in our witness to him?
- What was Jesus trying to get across when he said that a shepherd's own sheep respond to their owner's voice, but other sheep don't? (John 10:25-28) How is this being played out today?
- Why is the Gospel desperately needed by people today?

Rev Ron Potter

Piula Publications

COMING UP for next weeks– Details below

- Tuesday– Cuppa Craft at Maleny 9:30 **17th May**
- Wednesday – Maleny Meditation at 8:30am
- Friday – Maleny KYB at 1:30pm
- Sunday – Dedication of Red Bench at Montville

- Palmwoods Reflection in the Garden will be at 3pm during winter (May – August)

2022 May 2022 is a busy month for us a congregation and communities. Please note these dates carefully:

8 May Sunday 8:15 & 9:00 am, Mothers' Day and Dedication of the Red Bench at Montville Uniting Church

10 May Tuesday 5pm– Candle Light Walk and Vigil in solidarity with persons affected by Domestic and Family Violence in Maleny

13-17 May 36th Synod of UCA Queensland at Alexander Heads

21 May Saturday Federal Election Day

22 May Sunday 3pm Dedication of the Red Bench at Palmwoods Community Garden

26 May Ascension Day

27-28 May Maleny Show

29 May Sunday 9:45am Combined Service and AGM at Maleny

5 June Sunday Pentecost. Guest Speaker Pastor Ryan Vallee at Maleny at 9:45

5-10 June Week of Prayer

Week of Prayer

5-10 June 2022

Praying the Psalms for dear life

Please make a note in your diaries. We will be praying together our Week of Prayer series based on the Psalms from Sunday the 5th June.

Material will be available on hard copy, in audio on-line and there will also be face-to-face prayer meetings.

Maleny 5pm each day Sunday the 5th to Friday the 10th.

Montville & Palmwoods still to finalise details.

For more details please contact Helen Uhlmann.

Liena's Diary11th-17th May 2022

Please note that I will be away much of the coming week;

11-12th Meetings in Brisbane

13th 9:30 am Closure service for Chaplain Natalie Roy at Caloundra Uniting Church

13th 2pm – Tuesday 17th 2pm 36th Synod at Alexander Headlands

Kindly remember to continue to give your weekly/monthly offerings. They can be Direct Debited to Blackall Range Uniting Church.
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Blackall Range Uniting Church acknowledges the first peoples who are the traditional owners of the land upon which we live and worship.

DRIVERS NEEDED.

Several of our members are finding it difficult to come to Church so we need drivers to transport them. Please prayerfully consider if you have a suitable car and can help in this way and give me your name so I can match you to an appropriate person. **Dorothy**

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**Red Bench
Dedication
at Montville
Sunday 8th May
2022**

8:15 Holy
Communion
9:00am Dedication

Montville Uniting Church – NEW DISPLAY

As from 23 April the Gallery features some very interesting works of art by Julie Mengel. Julie says that these works are the embodiment of her explorations over the past few years, as we have all experienced isolation in one form or another. At her home in the hills of Bli Bli, she has been able to slow down and take time to enjoy the feel of the landscape, her creek and the local beaches.

The Visitors Book in the Church foyer continues to give some indication of the worldwide reach of the gallery. The aim of providing a place for quiet reflection seems to be being realized.

Thank you for your support. Please continue to pray for the Gallery and its outreach.

Grace and peace to you.

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