



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

22 May 2022

WELCOME TO WORSHIP



Face to Face Worship Service

Sunday 22 May 2022

Montville: 8:15 am: Worship Service

Maleny: 9:45am: Worship Service

Palmwoods: 15:00pm **Dedication of Red Bench**
Garden Reflections

RCL Year C Readings

Acts 16:9-15; Psalm 67

Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5; John 14:23-29 or John 5:1-9

Next Sunday 29 May 2022

Maleny: 9:45am: Combined Worship Service

Special Guest from Alpha

Followed by AGM

RCL Year C Readings

Acts 16:16-34; Psalm 97

Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21; John 17:20-26

My peace

Peace I leave with you;

my peace I give you.

I do not give to you as the world gives.

Do not let your hearts be troubled
and do not be afraid.

John 14:27

*****LECTIONARY THEMES*****

We Live in a Spiritual Universe

John 14: 23-29

We think of ourselves as separate, distinct individuals, but on the level of spirit we merge and separate; we interpenetrate one another, we drift apart. Boundaries are not hard and fast. Even football teams know the importance of bonding. Love, admiration, gratitude, sense of identity all draw us together while suspicion, resentment, indifference, guilt and lack of trust drive us apart. We talk about having feelings of belonging, of fellowship and communion, yet we also know estrangement, alienation, rejection and loneliness.

So, we meet up with this same fluidity of spirit when we read, in John's Gospel, sayings like, "The Father and I are one", "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them, and we will make our home with them", "The Holy Spirit whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of everything that I have said to you", "Abide in me as I abide in you". Father, Son and Holy Spirit are not three distinct individualities or gods; they indwell one another. What is more, they may dwell in us.

There are occasions when we feel at one with the universe, when we sense something of the divine in each person, even in each part of creation. Enthralled by beauty, challenged by goodness, in awe at the dimensions and intricacy of creation, our spirits are set alight with the Spirit of God. Our spirits unite with the Spirit of Christ when we love him and live the way he tells us to. When we know that deep, abiding peace which only Christ can give it is by the intimate presence of the Holy Spirit within our own spirits.

So, when we see compassion, generosity, kindness, we see, not just the greatness of the human spirit, but we see the Spirit of God's love indwelling & prompting the human heart.

- Which of the following words refer to life on the level of spirit: kindness, kidneys; abscess, absence; dopamine, desire?
- Give examples of love, admiration, gratitude or sense of identity drawing people together.
- What difference does it make to realize that God – Creator, Christ and Companion – seeks to dwell within us and be not just a distant figure to be worshipped and obeyed?
- What part of John 14: 23-29 speaks most forcefully to you?

Rev Ron Potter

Piula Publications

COMING UP for next weeks– Details below

- Wednesday – Maleny Meditation at 8:30am
- Friday – Maleny KYB at 1:30pm

Sunday 22nd – **Dedication of Red Bench at Palmwoods**

Reflection in the Garden at 3pm

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. Special Guest speaker from Alpha

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: Wednesday at 10am

Palmwoods: still to finalise details.

For more details please contact Helen Uhlmann.

NEXT NEW VINE

As Lent and Easter 2022 have come and gone, it is time to prepare the retrospective edition of *The New Vine* as promised. This gives us an opportunity to all share our Lenten and Easter insights and experiences - this could be a song/hymn; a reading; the effect of a prayer from our collection of prayers booklet; a miraculous happening; some experience that has assisted our journey; a source of uplift to the spirit; a faith builder; a response to some part of our Lenten study - any thing that affected us in some way that is faith related, no matter how big or small. Words, photos, drawings/paintings - I leave it up to each of you. It can be emailed to me at any time grandar@bigpond.net.au [none have arrived as yet] but with a closing date of **WEDNESDAY 25 MAY**, I expect that to change soon. Nineteen of us contributed to the previous edition and it would be great if we could lift that to at least twenty this time. Thanks in advance, **Graham**.

Choruses from " The Rock "

by [T. S. Eliot](#)

The Eagle soars in the summit of Heaven,
The Hunter with his dogs pursues his circuit.
O perpetual revolution of configured stars,
O perpetual recurrence of determined seasons,
O world of spring and autumn, birth and dying!
The endless cycle of idea and action,
Endless invention, endless experiment,
Brings knowledge of motion, but not of stillness;
Knowledge of speech, but not of silence;
Knowledge of words, and ignorance of the Word.

All our knowledge brings us nearer to our ignorance,
All our ignorance brings us nearer to death,
But nearness to death no nearer to God .
Where is the Life we have lost in living?
Where is the wisdom we have lost in knowledge?
Where is the knowledge we have lost in information?
The cycles of Heaven in twenty centuries
Bring us farther from God and nearer to the Dust.
<https://www.poetrynook.com/poem/choruses>

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**

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**

maleny uniting church ladies friendship group

invites you to a 'pink cuppa' in aid
of the mcgrath foundation.

WHEN: THURSDAY 16TH JUNE 2022 AT 9.30AM.

WHERE: THE ORANGERY, CAIRNCROSS CORNER, MALENY.

COST: \$20 THIS INCLUDES A DONATION TO THE MCGRATH

foundation. payment will be at the door. guest speaker:
to be advised.

RSVP: PLEASE REPLY **BY WEDNESDAY 8TH JUNE**

TO –PATRICIA E-MAIL: PSTICKLEY@BIGPOND.COM
(LOWERCASE) OR PHONE – **54296196** OR TEXT OR
PHONE MOBILE – **0447765228**

OTHERWISE ADD YOUR NAME TO THE LIST AT THE BACK
OF THE CHURCH. PLEASE INDICATE IF YOU REQUIRE A
LIFT – THANKS. PLEASE BRING A FRIEND (FRIENDS) TO A
SHARE A DELICIOUS MORNING TEA. WE ASK THAT YOU
WEAR 'A TOUCH OF PINK' SUCH AS A SCARF IN LINE WITH
OUR THEME. WE LOOK FORWARD TO WELCOMING YOU TO
SUPPORT A VERY WORTHY CAUSE.
PATRICIA, ALISON AND MARNIE.

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