



**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

**3 July 2022**

**WELCOME TO WORSHIP**



**Face to Face Worship Service**

**Sunday 3 July 2022**

Montville 8:15am: Worship Service  
 Maleny: 9:45am: Holy Communion  
 Palmwoods: 10:00am Worship Service

**RCL Year C Readings**

2 Kings 5:1-14 and Psalm 30;  
 Isaiah 66:10-14 and Psalm 66:1-9  
 Galatians 6:(1-6), 7-16 Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

**Next Sunday 10 July 2022**

Montville 8:15am: Holy Communion  
 Maleny: 9:45am: Worship Service  
 Palmwoods: 15:00pm Reflections in the Garden

**RCL Year C Readings**

Amos 7:7-17 and Psalm 82  
 Deuteronomy 30:9-14 and Psalm 25:1-10  
 Colossians 1:1-14 Luke 10:25-37

**Galatians 1 vs 1-5**

*I'm God-commissioned.*

So I greet you with the great words, grace and peace! *We know the meaning of those words* because Jesus Christ rescued us from this evil world we're in by offering himself as a sacrifice for our sins. God's plan is that we all experience that rescue. Glory to God forever! Oh, yes!

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

**Reaping What We Sow**

**Galatians 6: 7-16**

Karma is a word that has passed into popular usage from the religions of India. However, when Paul wrote to the Galatians, "You reap whatever you so", he was not just thinking about the idea that whatever we do, good or bad, has its affect upon us either in this life or in some future life. He was specifically saying that if we live selfishly our lives are simply here-today-and-gone-tomorrow, of no more significance than that. But if we allow the Spirit of God to motivate us, we participate in life as God meant it to be, life in the kingdom of God, described also as eternal life.

The comparison is made between weeds and valuable plants. No matter how apparently successful a life may be, if dominated by selfish desire it is wasted. The only life that is of enduring value is the life empowered by God's desire for unity and peace; that is, as life that reflects God's love. It means then that the part of us that is driven by selfish desire is of no lasting worth, but that within us which is led by God's Spirit lasts for ever.

It is then a challenge for us, whenever we have the opportunity, to work for the good of all, especially for those who share this faith with us. And at the same time to open ourselves up, ever more fully, to the Spirit's activity within. But be aware, selfish desire shows up in the most unexpected places. Take, for example, groups, congregations or denominations within the church. When they gloat over their successes and take pride in winning converts to their group, they show that they are motivated, not by the Spirit of God, but by group selfishness.

The issue for Paul was raised specifically by the existence of a group within the early church who said all Christian men had to be circumcised. 'Rubbish!', he says. All that matters is being part of God's way of living ("The new creation," he called it.) opened up for us through Jesus Christ by the activity of the Holy Spirit.

- Have you any comment to make on this, "Selfish lives are wasted lives"?
- What verse in Galatians 6: 7-10 gives rise to the above, "If we live selfishly our lives are simply here-today-and-gone-tomorrow, of no more significance than that"?
- Where do you see selfish desire evident in the life of the church?
- Where else do you see group selfishness being displayed?

### COMING UP for next weeks– Details below

- Wednesday – Maleny Meditation at 8:30am
- Friday – Maleny KYB at 1:30pm
- Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> 11:15 Service at Erowal
- Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> July – Cuppa Craft at Maleny Church 9:30 – 12 noon

### 16<sup>th</sup> July 2022, Saturday 2-5pm

A special opportunity to enter into conversation with one another about our understanding of mission and how we think we should be sharing our faith. The conversation will be facilitated by Phil Smith, the MEO (Mission Engagement Officer of our Presbytery)

Here is some homework to do listen to a podcast. If you struggle to open the link please ask someone who can help!

[https://www.podomatic.com/podcasts/mpotter70/8/episodes/2022-06-17T04\\_00\\_00-07\\_00](https://www.podomatic.com/podcasts/mpotter70/8/episodes/2022-06-17T04_00_00-07_00)

### Redemption of My 8-Year-Old Self

Gina is joined by an everyday husband, dad, fund manager, and introvert who is also a neighbour on mission. Chris Gleason has been following the Lord since he was a child, but something happened when he was 8 years old that caused him to say that he would never share the Gospel with anyone ever again. That is until about 7 years ago when he blindly agreed to go to a 3DM training event that he says, "floored him." Chris' story is one of God breaking into his life in such a powerful way that he ended up experiencing the redemption of his 8-year-old self and was given a powerful ministry of "presence" in his suburban neighborhood where he is seeing spiritual fruit as he allows the Holy Spirit to lead him and his family on mission. Featured Resource: On-Ramp Huddles.

[www.3dmovements.com/huddles](http://www.3dmovements.com/huddles)  
[www.podomatic.com](https://www.podomatic.com)



### SAFE MINISTRY TRAINING: 10<sup>th</sup> July @ Glasshouse

There will be Safe Ministry Training at **Glasshouse Country UC - on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> July - 2pm - 5pm (Please arrive at 1.45pm)** Sue will require numbers of attendees who are not part of the Glasshouse congregation. Please email [sue@gmp.net.au](mailto:sue@gmp.net.au) or [admin@ourcommonlife.org.au](mailto:admin@ourcommonlife.org.au) to let them know if you will be attending to ensure adequate materials.

Training is a 2 year cycle so if people did training last year they are not required to do it again this year.

### Montville Uniting Church – NEW DISPLAY

*"My Happy Place"* A collection of all sorts and things with which stories have been artistically created by **Keyleigh Simpson**. Come and enjoy this collection of relief collages and assemblages.

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### 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**

Two articles for Our Common Life:

- Blue Card – see attached
- Sharing your Faith Forum – see below

### Sharing Your Faith Forum

The recent National Church Life Survey recorded that only 10% of our respondents "feel at ease talking about faith with others and look for opportunities to do so." Because it is through hearing and sharing our faith stories that we grow closer to one another and closer to God, we need to explore the reasons for our current reluctance to do so. With this in mind we have asked our Presbytery's Mission Engagement Officer, Phil Smith, to facilitate a forum for congregational members from our three ministry centres. This is not a "how to do it" session but rather an open conversation space. The two hour "Sharing Your Faith Forum" is scheduled to commence at 2:30pm on 16<sup>th</sup> July at the Maleny church. Everybody is welcome.

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

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## Reflection - See my hands

I am not good with the sight of blood; it's not that I feel queasy, or faint, or experience any other physical reaction, it's simply that the sight of blood causes my brain to create horrific images that I just don't need to imagine. Similarly, 'wounds', such as those suffered by Jesus on the cross, invoke those same shocking images.

However, for many in modern society, wounds are not just physical. People can be whole physically, but still very wounded. The World Health Organisation (WHO) defines health as "a state of complete physical, mental and social well-being and not merely the absence of disease or infirmity". Globally, the WHO also reports that one in seven 10-19 year-olds experiences a mental health issue, with depression, anxiety and behavioural disorders among the leading causes of illness and disability among young people.

Read more of the Reflection from **Jon Moriarty**, the Synod's **Executive Officer for Schools and Residential Colleges**.



## CONTAINERS FOR CHANGE

The "cash for cans" and bottles programme is rumming with a collection point in the grassed area at the rear of IGA.

Any recyclable cans and bottles generate 10c each for Church funds an easy revenue earner!!!

Please quote the church account number **C10478264** when you deposit these items at the collection point...  
..... Stan McCallum



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