



**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

**10 July 2022**

**WELCOME TO WORSHIP**



**Face to Face Worship Service**

**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

**Next Sunday 17 July 2022**

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

**RCL Year C Readings**

Amos 8:1-12 and Psalm 52  
 Genesis 18:1-10a and Psalm 15  
 Colossians 1:15-28; Luke 10:38-42

**Knowledge of God?**

Colossians 1 v 9

We continually ask God to fill you  
 with the knowledge of his  
 will through all the wisdom and  
 understanding that the Spirit gives.

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

**Transferred**

**Colossians 1:1-14**

Note that Colossians 1:13 says, "God has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son" (NRSV). It does not say, "God will rescue us from the power of darkness and transfer us into the kingdom of his beloved Son." And it certainly does not say, "We hope that God will rescue us from the power of darkness and transfer us into the kingdom of his beloved Son." The transfer has already taken place.

Through Christ we have been relocated. Baptism signifies that. Anyone who knows what it is like to be transferred to another town or country will know that it takes some getting used to. It is a dislocation. One has to find new schools, doctor, dentist, shops, where to get the car serviced, and things like that. But there is no use hankering for the old place; the sooner they adjust to living in the new location the happier they will be.

We already are citizens of the kingdom, part of God's realm. The Spirit of God is within us. The Spirit of Christ has taken up residence there and is nudging us to follow in his way. We feel the arms of the Father embracing us as in the story he embraced the prodigal son, so we are inspired by that same spirit of love. We are led to worship God in spirit and in truth. Yet we still pray, "May your kingdom come" – come both to us individually and to us collectively as humanity.

There is always further to living in this new location. This is why in the same passage we have a prayer that we "May be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding", leading lives worthy of the Lord, as we bear fruit in every good work and as we grow in our relationship with God (Colossians 1:9). We have been transferred from the prison of our own selfish desire; then let's live in the life of God's kingdom.

- What has been your experience of being transferred either to a new place or to a new position?
- Transfers always take some adjusting to, how much more would it be when the transfer is from prison to freedom?
- Do you see yourself living in Christ's kingdom? What does that mean to you?
- What would it mean if people took seriously the idea that baptism signifies the transfer from being captive to the power of darkness to being transferred into Christ's kingdom?

### 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 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!

### FRIENDSHIP GROUP

All ladies are warmly welcome to a fun morning on **Thursday 21st July, 9.30 - 11.30am**, at Maleny Church Hall.

Following morning tea and some thoughts led by Dorothy, some easy exercises (optional), puzzles and a sing-a-long with Helen B. are on the agenda.

Any enquiries: Barbara (5494 2238)

### TASK GROUP INTERIM REPROT BACK WED 13<sup>TH</sup>

The task group will be meeting to give an interim report back to members of the church council. Please keep all in your prayers as we seek God's will in evolving our ministry.

### Christmas Lights Event - 2022

Wow! The Christmas Lights Festival is on again this year in the week beginning **December 18<sup>th</sup> 2022**.

If you are interested in assisting with organising the event, we are having a quick 'stand-up' meeting after Church on **Sunday July 17<sup>th</sup>** to get a few things moving.

Our theme this year is PEACE. And our purpose is to share Christ's Peace with Partner Organisations, Maleny/Blackall Range Families and pass-a-by traffic – reaching out to the whole community.

**All welcome.**

### Montville Uniting Church – NEW DISPLAY

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

Barbara Willcocks and Ruth Potter

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O gracious and holy Father,  
give us  
wisdom to perceive you,  
diligence to seek you,  
patience to wait for you,  
eyes to behold you,  
a heart to meditate upon you,  
and a life to proclaim you;  
through the power of the  
Spirit of Jesus Christ our  
Lord.

— St. Benedict

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

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