



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

7th August 2022

WELCOME TO WORSHIP



Face to Face Worship Service

Sunday 7 August 2022

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

RCL Year C Readings

Isaiah 1:1,10-20, Psalm 50:1-8, 22-23;
 Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16, Luke 12:32-40

Next Sunday 14 August 2022

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

RCL Year C Readings

Isaiah 5:1-7, Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19
 Jeremiah 23:23-29, Psalm 82
 Hebrews 11:29-12:2 Luke 12:49-56

Hebrews 11 vs 12-16

¹³ All these people were still living by faith when they died. They did not receive the things promised; they only saw them and welcomed them from a distance, admitting that they were foreigners and strangers on earth.

Faith is the ability to see differently:

- to see ourselves as God sees us;**
- to see our neighbours as God sees them;**
- To see strangers as God see them;**
- To see our enemies as God see them;**
- To see our circumstances as God sees them.**

****LECTIONARY THEMES****

Faith Is What We Live By

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

All people live by faith in what they cannot prove. They live with an assurance of things hoped for and the conviction of things not seen. Even the most rationalistic and scientific of us have assumptions that they take for granted. They may not even be consciously aware of them, but they live and work on the basis that they are true. For example, the whole concern with human rights is based on the assumption that there are inalienable rights that all people possess.

This faith is never just theoretical or something held in the head. It is expressed in action. It shows itself in the way a person lives or what a person does. It is noticeable that with all the examples of faith listed in Hebrews 11 it is by what they did that their faith is made evident. Their faith in God was demonstrated by how they lived or what they did. Judaism, Christianity and Islam all look back to Abraham (or Ibrahim) as the great example in this. His faith is demonstrated in the biblical tradition in many ways but above all by leaving his homeland and venturing off into the unknown at God's prompting.

Our faith in God too is made real by the way we live. It is by faith that we understand God as Creator; it is by faith that we go beyond mere belief and live as responsible members of God's creation. It is by faith that we go beyond believing in God as the integrating, renewing, creative power present and active in all existence to actually living under God's integrating, renewing and creative influence.

It is by faith that we go beyond the mere *belief* that Jesus is the Saviour of the world to living daily by faith in Jesus as the Saviour of the world. It is by faith that we do more than understand that God has given the gift of his Spirit to the church, it is as we worship, work and witness under the inspiration by God's Spirit that we demonstrate our faith.

- Family life is built on certain assumptions: what are they?
- How should we live as responsible members of God's creation?
- Give examples of faith in action.
- What is the difference between believing that Jesus is Saviour and living by faith in Jesus as Saviour?

Rev Ron Potter

Piula Publications

COMING UP for next weeks– Details below

- Wednesday – Maleny Meditation at 8:30am
- Friday – Maleny KYB at 1:30pm
- Monday 15th Aug Church council meeting
- Tuesday 16th Aug – Cuppa Craft at Maleny Church 9:30 – 12 noon

Please Note: Change of Venue

Malcolm and Nancy Baker are hosting a casual get together at **Maleny UC Church Hall at noon on Sunday 14th August**. We hope to spend time with friends swapping stories about the past 80 years of Malcolm's life. (If you are unable to attend and would care to contribute please email your memories to malcolmb737@gmail.com).

Food provided will be soup and bread rolls. Please bring your thermoses and chairs, and a plate or container of anything else you might like to share. Please RSVP by 7th August

NEXT NEW VINE - CONTRIBUTIONS PLEASE

It is time to start preparing for our next NV edition. Given recent developments within our congregation and the work of the Task Group etc, not to mention the gospel imperative, this edition will concentrate on **CHANGE**. I'm asking for contributions on this topic please - change of life circumstances, how we adapt to change, what change means, conversion - prose, poetry, photos - whatever you think would be useful, would be appreciated. Never contributed before? Well let's change that, and have a go! Spring a surprise in the Spring edition. Contributions by **Sunday 21 August** would help enormously.

Many thanks in advance, Graham



GARAGE SALE

Bring one, Bring all .. Our annual Garage Sale is happening August 26th and 27th this year.

Set up in the morning of

Friday 26th and clean up late afternoon on Saturday.

We are also looking for people to help set up, sell and clean up. Please add you name to the roster at Church. So start collecting items that you want to donate! All funds raised will be distributed to Maleny community organisations.

LADIES' FRIENDSHIP

Weather permitting, a Croquet Morning is to be held on Thursday 18th August 9.30 – 11.30 am at the Maleny Showgrounds Croquet Club. All ladies are welcome and Croquet Coaches will be in attendance. Morning Tea will be provided. The cost is \$5 to play but come even if you prefer to watch. Players must wear closed-in shoes and everyone is advised to wear a hat. Please put your name on the list in the Church if you would like to come.



If the weather does not permit us to play Croquet, we'll meet in the Church Hall for card games. **Enquiries to Jan (5494 2990)**.

FAMILY PICNIC

A family picnic for **Sunday September 18th at Bob Grice's place from 12noon**.

All welcome and bring a plate to share.



Dear Friends and Member Churches

From September 1 to October 4, Christians around the world celebrate **Season of Creation**.

Queensland Churches Environment Network (QCEN), a commission of Queensland Churches Together, invite submissions of creative works celebrating Creation. Creative works could include, photos, videos, poems, prayers, short stories, drawings, paintings, art, music, - anything creative.

All photographs and creative works will be displayed on the QCEN Facebook page. A selection will be exhibited at St John's Cathedral, Brisbane throughout September.

For more information, including how to submit art works and photos. Here is a link to a flyer <https://qct.org.au/images/qcen/SOC-flyer.pdf>

On 1st September there will be a special service to celebrate Season of Creation at Albert St Uniting Church at 7.30pm.

This will be an Ecumenical service - ALL are welcome to attend.

Montville Uniting Church – NEW DISPLAY

“My Happy Place” A collection of all sorts and things with which stories have been artistically created by **KYLEIGH SIMPSON**. Come and enjoy this collection of relief collages and assemblages.

Barbara Willcocks and Ruth Potter

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Sausage Sizzle 5 August

Thanks Ron and Allison. We hit a record \$326.25 Today!

Kay on Leave 7-24 August

Please note that Kay will be on leave from 7 – 24 August. For any pastoral concerns please contact Liena 04 90421874

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