



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

14th August 2022
WELCOME TO WORSHIP



Face to Face Worship Service

Sunday 14 August 2022

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

RCL Year C (Pentecost 10) Readings

Is 5:1-7; Ps 80:1-2, 8-19;
 Heb 11:29-12:2; Lk 12:49-56

Next Sunday 21st August 2022

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

RCL Year C (Pentecost 11) Readings

Jer 1:4-10; Ps 71:1-6;
 Heb 12:18-29; Lk 13:10-17

Luke 12 vs 54- 56

The Message

⁵Then he turned to the crowd: "When you see clouds coming in from the west, you say, 'Storm's coming'—and you're right. And when the wind comes out of the south, you say, 'This'll be a hot one'—and you're right. Frauds! You know how to tell a change in the weather, so don't tell me you can't tell a change in the season, the God-season we're in right now."

LECTIONARY THEMES

Don't Give Up

Hebrews 11:29-12:2;

Keep your eye on the ball. How often have we been told that! From school days when learning to play tennis, cricket, netball, football or some other ball game we have been told it over and over again. That's because its basic to the development of skills in these sports. But it's important in other areas of life too. Lose your focus and you lose your way.

How many businesses have got themselves into trouble because in diversifying they ignored their core business! And when hammering in a nail don't allow yourself to get distracted. So, let's take heed of Hebrews 12:1-2 when it tells us to run with perseverance keeping our eyes firmly fixed on Jesus. The faith that we are called to is faith in Jesus Christ, not, first and foremost, faith in the Church or faith in the Bible or faith in anything else. These are to point us to Christ and they serve us well when they do that. Just don't get distracted.

There are many ways in which we can be distracted from running the race we are called to run: the cares and stresses of daily life, the allure of money, the sense of swimming against the tide of popular opinion and the ever-present temptation to centre everything on ourselves, our wants and our desires.

The particular point that Hebrews is making here is that, by enduring the pain and shame of crucifixion, Jesus modelled perseverance for us. If he was prepared to go to such an extent in his faith, how can we, who are his followers, allow ourselves to go slack or fall away in our faith. Get rid of anything that hinders and, by the enabling Spirit of Christ, follow him.

Psychologists measure the strength of human drives by measuring the level of pain that their subjects are ready to endure to satisfy their instincts; so the strength of one's faith can be indicated by the level of inconvenience, hurt or persecution that a person is prepared to put up with in living out their faith.

- Lose your focus and you lose your way: give examples.
- In your experience, what is most likely to distract you from your faith in Christ?
- Other than Jesus himself, who models faith for you?
- What helps keep faith alive and vibrant?

Rev Ron Potter

Piula Publications

COMING UP for next weeks– Details below

- Tuesday 16th Aug – Cuppa Craft at Maleny Church 9:30 – 12 noon
- Tuesday 16th 11:00am – Holy Communion - Erowal
- Wednesday – Maleny Meditation at 8:30am
- Thursday 18th – Ladies Fellowship at Showgrounds
- Friday – Maleny KYB at 1:30pm

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 26TH & 27TH AUG

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 your name to the roster at Church. So start collecting items that you want to donate! All funds raised will be distributed to community organisations and projects.

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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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

FATHER DAY FUND RAISER FOR MAF

MAF provides flying important services to communities that are isolated and without services in northern Australia and throughout the world.

The types of services include medical care, disaster relief, education, community development and Christian hope.

On Father's Day this year, we are having a special collection to purchase fuel to continue this wonderful mission.

Check the display at the rear of the Church for details.

YOU CAN ASSIST with a donation as little as \$10 for gift cards for fuel.

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

Isaiah 5:1-7; Luke 12:49-56

**O Lord, the clouds are gathering
Graham Kendrick**

O Lord, the clouds are gathering
The fire of judgement burns
How we have fallen!

O Lord, you stand appalled to see
Your laws of love so scorned
And lives so broken.

O Lord, over the nations now
Where is the dove of peace?
Her wings are broken

O Lord, while precious children starve
The tools of war increase
Their bread is stolen

Have mercy, Lord,
Forgive us, Lord,
Restore us, Lord,

Revive your church again
Let justice flow
Like rivers

And righteousness like a never failing stream