



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

4th September 2022

WELCOME TO WORSHIP



Face to Face Worship Service

Sunday 4th September 2022

Montville 8:15am: Worship Service
Maleny: 9:45am: Communion Service
Palmwoods: 15.00: Reflections in the garden

RCL Year C Readings

Pent 13 [23]

Jer 18:1-11, Ps 139:1-6,
Phlm 1-21, Lk 14:25-33

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Jer 4:11-12, 22-28 Ps 14 1
Tim 1:12-17, Lk 15:1-10

COMING UP for next week

- Tuesday – 9:30-12noon
- Wednesday – Maleny Meditation at 8:30am
- Friday – Maleny KYB at 1:30pm
- Saturday – Brisbane Festival Male Choir 2.30pm, Faith Community Church, 2-12 Glenmount Rd Buderim
- Liena will be attending the Moderator's Convocation on VAD on Wed 7th & 8th Thursday

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LECTIONARY THEMES

Life From a Different Perspective

Luke 14:25-33

There is a big difference between life as it is and life as God wants it to be. Life-as-it-is is a mixture of good and bad, truth and falsehood, love and indifference, hope and despair, but life as God wants it to be, in other words, life in the Kingdom of God, is pure goodness, truth, love and trust. The whole thrust of Jesus' message was to stop being content with life-as-it-is and to live life as God wants it to be lived.

This, however, calls for absolute commitment: "None of you can be my disciple unless you give up everything you have." (Luke 14:33) Nothing, not even the most precious of family ties, can be allowed to come between us and the life God wants us to live. (Luke 14:26-27). We might get carried along by gusts of enthusiasm for Jesus and his message but that is not enough.

It is to a different way of life that we are being called. It is to a life where Christ sets the standards, where love reigns; where neither power nor pleasure, money nor possessions control us. It is a life with priorities different from many of the people around us, yet it is not entirely foreign for God who calls us into life-as-God-wants-it-to-be is also active in this divided, conflicted life although constantly being buffeted by the opposing powers. It is then for us to partner God in this conflict, to show that it is possible, with God's enabling Spirit, to live life-as-it-should-be amidst life-as-it-is.

Only then do we have the basis and the resources to be able to serve life-as-it-is as we are meant to do. If we have no values greater than those of the family, we have no grounds or resources to help family life be the love-filled community that God wants it to be. If we have no values greater than those of the society within which we live, we have nothing to contribute for the betterment of society. It is in the light of God's disclosure of life as God wants it to be lived that we can discern what is really good, true, loving and enduring in everyday life.

- What is the difference between your experience of life as it is and life as God wants it to be?
- What part of Luke 14:25-33 suggests that gusts of enthusiasm for Jesus are not enough for the living of a Christian life?
- What needs to change if family life today is to become the family life that God wants it to be?
- Where do values in our society differ from the values of God's kingdom?
- *Late Rev Ron Potter Piula Publications*



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Jeremiah 18

³ So I went down to the potter's house,
and I saw him working at the wheel.

⁴ But the pot he was shaping from the clay was
marred in his hands;
so the potter formed it into another pot,
shaping it as seemed best to him.

Sunday, 11th
September, 12pm –
2pm:

“Lydia Fairhall
performing during
light lunch in the
garden”



Come and enjoy wonderful music by Worimi singer songwriter, Lydia Fairhall, along with a lunch enhanced by Bush Tukka ingredients.

Lydia shares her love of family, faith and culture through her inspiring music in the lovely setting of Palmwoods Community Garden, 'Soil & Soul'.

There will be a light lunch available using some Bush Tukka ingredients. BYO drinks. Water, tea and coffee provided.

Cost: \$10. Email: contactsoil.soul@gmail.com or phone Kay: 0412539020 for more info.

Where: Palmwoods Community Garden 17-19 Hill St, Palmwoods

LADIES FRIENDSHIP GROUP

Date: Thursday 15th September

Time: 9.30am - 11.30am

All ladies are invited to a Spring Morning Tea on Val Clarkson's deck, Witta.

Theme: STORIES Optional sharing of a "potted version" of your life in the 10 years after you left school.

Bring a photo if you are able and a saucer of morning tea food would be appreciated.

RSVP via sheet on Maleny Church table. Car pooling from the Church will be available.
Enquiries: Val 0408 737544

FAMILY PICNIC SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 18TH

Our family picnic is Sunday September 18th at Bob Grice's place from 12noon.

All welcome. Bob has kindly offered to provide the meat and BBQ. Bring a plate if you have a special dietary requirements.

Call for Volunteers – Council has decided to call for volunteers to take on some of the important functions of the Church Administration role. Two roles available are –

- Prep and publishing Our Common Life, weekly, and
- Coordinating Hall Hire.

If you would like to be involved or want further info, please call Peter Callaghan on M: 0458 263 322

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

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Montville Reflection Gallery NEW DISPLAY
Come and enjoy delightful photographic display by
Rev Graham Warne entitled *Pathways along life's
journeys*.

Barbara Willcocks and Ruth Potter

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Moyra Jones Update

Hilary Pearl, Moyra's daughter has asked that we share the following information:

Moyra is now in Room 4, Allamanda Wing, Waroona Gardens Hostel, Caloundra Blue Care, 10 West Terrace, Caloundra, 4551. Tel: 54918077.

Visits and calls will be appreciated. Visiting at the moment is from 9am -3:30pm. Limited hours at the moment to cope with obligatory RAT testing on entrance

Contact e-mail for Hilary is: hilarypearl1@gmail.com

FUTURE DIRECTIONS GROUP

Keeping you in the LOOP

As the Future Directions Group moves into its next phase of work, we will keep you in the LOOP and invite your participation. So in the next week or so:

REFLECT on what the words "Go into all the world and preach..." mean for us on the Blackall Range

LOOK at the 2 pages in The New Vine related to the FDG and especially the photos of where Maleny church has come from.

TALK to two people about how our church might move forward in coming years. Make the two people: one from the congregation, and one from a person you connect with in your neighborhood. The second person may be a church attender elsewhere, or a non-attender.

PRAY for the FDG as it meets on Wednesday 14 September.

And

KEEP IN THE LOOP



Hand of God
by
Auguste
Rodin
1898

CS Lewis Extract from Mere Christianity

"Imagine yourself as a living house. God comes in to rebuild that house. At first, perhaps, you can understand what He is doing. He is getting the drains right and stopping the leaks in the roof and so on; you knew that those jobs needed doing and so you are not surprised. But presently He starts knocking the house about in a way that hurts abominably and does not seem to make any sense. What on earth is He up to? The explanation is that He is building quite a different house from the one you thought of - throwing out a new wing here, putting on an extra floor there, running up towers, making courtyards. You thought you were being made into a decent little cottage: but He is building a palace. He intends to come and live in it Himself."

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