



# 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

### NOTICES:

#### Face to Face Services Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2022

Montville: 8:15am  
Maleny: 9:45am  
Palmwoods: 2pm-6pm  
Piccabeen Green

#### RCL Year C Readings

Pent 16 [26]  
Jer 32:1-3a, 6-15  
Ps 91:1-6, 14-16  
1 Tim 6:6-19 Lk 16:19-31 1

#### Face to Face Services Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2022

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

#### RCL Year C Readings

Pent 17 [27]  
Lam 1:1-6  
Lam 3:19-26 or Ps 137,  
2 Tim 1:1-14  
Lk 17:5-10 1

#### COMING UP for next week

#### Wednesday:

Maleny Meditation at 8:30am  
Future Directions Group 4.30 –  
5.30pm (Manse)  
Alison stories from the North –  
5.00 – 6.00pm (Maleny Church)  
Friday: Maleny KYB at 1:30pm

#### Sharing your Faith

Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> October  
2.30 – 5.00pm  
At Maleny Uniting Church  
Come join us for the 2<sup>nd</sup> session  
of sharing our faith facilitated by  
Phil Smith

#### Mon Montville Reflection Gallery NEW DISPLAY

Come and enjoy delightful photographic display  
by Rev Graham Warne entitled  
“Pathways along Life’s Journeys

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#### 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  
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#### Budget Update:

At this stage we are 10% behind on our anticipated  
budget for this financial year. The current figures  
stand at: Offerings 1st July to 18th September =  
\$30,700. Pro rata 2022–2023 Budget (12 weeks) =  
\$34,600. Current Shortfall = \$3,900.

Kindly remember to continue to give your weekly/monthly offerings. They can be Direct Debited to  
Blackall Range Uniting Church.  
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## **Lectionary Themes: Unfolding Revelation**

### **1 Timothy 6:6-19, Luke 16:19-31**

Whether in the school room or in everyday life, we accumulate knowledge on the basis of what we already know. Learning is progressive. In the same way God's revelation is progressive. It comes only as we are able to receive it. In the story of the Rich Man and Lazarus, the rich man begs Abraham to send Lazarus to his brothers to warn them of what happens to people who ignore the poor.

Abraham indicates that the Law and the prophets should be enough for them to have got that message already. If they haven't accepted God's Word there, they won't accept it even if Lazarus should miraculously come to them from the dead to tell them. To those who have responded to God's Word, more shall be given, but to those who have not responded, even what they have shall be taken away from them. That's how it is with divine revelation. Forgetting this, some people are aghast at some of the things in the Bible that God says to Israel during the earlier stages of their life with God.

However, as with learning so with revelation, there sometimes come earth-shattering revelations that change the whole way of looking at things, momentous events in the whole process. The life, death and resurrection of Jesus is just that in our own individual lives we experience God's progressive revelation as we interact with God by reading and re-reading the Scriptures, by participating in the on-going worship of the Church, by sharing and interacting with other pilgrims on the faith journey, and by talking with people of other faiths and interacting with people in the wider community.

But the key to it all remains God's disclosure through Jesus the Christ. 1 Timothy 6:6-19 warns against those whose teaching is not grounded in Jesus. God always has more truth to reveal through his Word, but it is always built upon Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh.

Unless we keep this clearly in mind, we will find ourselves going astray.

Have you experienced God's progressive revelation in your life? How has your understanding changed over the years? Have you experienced any momentous events which changed your way of looking at things? What in the Old Testament do you find most inconsistent with God's revelation through Jesus?

What does 1 Timothy 6:6-10 have to say about faith being the way to prosperity?

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