



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 2nd October 2022

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

RCL Year C Readings

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

Face to Face Services Sunday 9th October 2022

Montville: 8:15am
Holy Communion
Maleny: 9:45am
Palmwoods: 3:30pm
Reflections in Garden

RCL Year C Readings

Pent 18
Jeremiah 29:1,4-7,
Psalm 66:1-12,
2 Timothy 2:8-15,
Luke 17:11-19

COMING UP for next week

Tuesday: 9:30-12noon: Cuppa Craft
Wednesday: 8:30am Maleny Meditation
Friday: 7:30-1:30pm Sausage Sizzle
1:30pm Maleny KYB

COMING UP OCTOBER

Monday 17th: Church Council
Tuesday 18th: Range United Prayer meeting
Wednesday 19th: FDG (Montville)
Saturday 29th: Ecumenical Breakfast
Sunday 30th: Thanksgiving/Harvest Festival
(Combined Service at Maleny). Also update on
YOUR ideas re Missional Activities.

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
Callaghan on M: 0458 263 322

Future Direction Group (FDG) Update: New Missional Activity Suggestions

Please make sure to pick up a form and fill it in.
Please return forms (one way or another) by
Sunday 16th October.

1st feedback at Combined Service in 30th October.

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 UC inc: Maleny UC, Montville UC, Palmwoods UC.



Photo by Graham Warne (Montville Reflection Gallery)

Lectionary Themes: Confidently Christian

2 Timothy 1:1-14, Luke 17:5-10

As herd animals, we all feel the need to belong. We are part of a community, not isolated individuals. So there is a constant pressure to conform. But most of us live in several communities at once – maybe one at work, another at home, yet another at the club, when out with the boys or at coffee with the girls and so on.

The way we talk and behave differs according to the group we are in. It's all part of our need to feel accepted and appreciated. It is as though we have several identities, and sometimes these identities vie with one another for supremacy. We can ask ourselves: Which identity is most important to me? My work self, my family self, my church self, etc? This then is a person's dominant identity, and we give preference to the demands of that group.

But if we belong to Christ, we have another identity. One that does not come from group belonging. It comes from our relationship with God in Christ. In this relationship we know that we are saved, reconciled, accepted, loved, and called, by the power of the Holy Spirit, to follow Christ in daily life. At some point, the prompting of God's Spirit will conflict with the urgings that come from our other identities. Not always.

Frequently, depending upon the groups that we belong to, the group pressures are consistent with Christ's leading. But there are times when we have to make up our minds whether it is God's way or another way that we are going to go. It is then that we are invited to stand with Paul and declare, "I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust". In him we have our controlling identity. We know, at the deepest level of our being, who we are and what this requires of us.

Through him, we are able to contribute something that is very important for the groups to which we belong

- To what extent does church, sporting team, employment, friends, family or nationality influence what you wear or eat?
- In what way is belonging to Christ different from belonging to a social group?
- If a person is ashamed of Christ, how does it show?
- As a community of Christ's people, how does the church help you remain strong in the face of temptation?

Rev Ron Potter

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Update on Moyra Jones

We have received an update from Moyra's family which they have asked be shared amongst the congregation:

Letting you know that Moyra now has a phone at Caloundra and so her details are below. I'd be pleased if you could pass these on to the Maleny congregation. We have now relinquished her Ben Bryce unit, and she is now a permanent resident at Caloundra Blue Care. If anyone is able to call in and see her when they are down that way, I know she would appreciate that, while she remembers us.

Caloundra Blue Care
Waroona Lodge, Room 4
10 West Terrace
Caloundra 4551

Tel: 07 54918714

Financial 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)	= <u>\$34,600.</u>
Current Shortfall	= \$3,900.

Thank you to all for your faithful giving.

October 1: International Day of Older Persons

There is a line in the movie *A Beautiful Day in the Neighbourhood*, a movie about Fred Roger's life (played by Tom Hanks) where Fred asks a dying man to pray for him as older people are closer to God's ear – a beautiful thought?

We celebrate our older people!

**Blackall Range Uniting Church acknowledges the first peoples
who are the traditional owners of the land upon which we live and worship.**

The Range United Prayer Meeting 18th Oct

At a recent meeting of ministers & Leaders on the range it was decided to hold a call to prayer for a "God Awakening" on the Range & Beyond.

The prayer focus will be for God to move in the hearts and lives of people, drawing them to Himself. We believe by coming together in prayer it unites the church, and enables it to Touch Heaven in a greater way. John 17:21 I pray that they will all be one, just as you and I are one - as you are in me, Father, and I am in you. And may they be in us so that the world will believe you sent me.

Date: Tuesday October 18th

Time: 6.30pm

Place: Baptist Church

Please contact your local minister for details or email info@cotr.org.au

This is an initiative of the Range Christian Leaders Network

BLUE CARD CHANGES

Ron Heitmann has kindly volunteered to be the new Blue Card co-ordinator for Blackall Range Uniting Church. Email: heitmann@westnet.com.au and phone: 0424 443 138.

The Blue Card system has been moved to an online system from the previous form-based system. This means that card holders can now apply for or renew their card at their computer without the need to pass forms around. All card holders are now part of the organisation called Blackall Range Uniting Church. (Previously some were linked to their respective churches.)

The instructions below will give you advice to apply for or renew a blue card:

Using a computer rather than a phone, use your internet browser to go to: qld.gov.au/bluecard

You will get a page that starts with Blue Card Services.

Down the page you will find a blue button called "Apply for a blue card". Click on that and follow the steps to obtain an online account.

Note that you will need to verify your identity with the Qld Government – usually a driver's licence number. If your photo is out of date you will need to obtain a new photo at a TMR office.

See:

<https://identity.qld.gov.au/help/faq.html#whatDocumentsDoINeedToProveMyDigitalIdentity>

This might help if you need more information on an identity.

When you have the online account number, give that info to me, then I will link you to the church.

After that you can complete the application for a Blue Card.

To renew a blue card, follow links on the web page to renew the card.

If you don't have a computer, ask a friend to use theirs to help you obtain the card or contact me.

Thanks Ron

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Reflecting on Voluntary Assisted Dying

This month our theme is rest, and the letting go of burdens. Earlier in the month I had the pleasure of speaking to ministers from across Queensland at the Moderator's convocation on voluntary assisted dying (VAD), connecting to themes of burden and rest when we consider the journey of dying.

With the legalisation of VAD in Queensland coming into effect at the beginning of 2023, the prospect of navigating the legal, ethical, practical, pastoral, and theological implications of VAD is certainly burdensome for many ministers, as well as the rest of us who may have loved ones who are terminally ill, or perhaps are dealing with terminal illness personally.

In reflecting theologically on the topic of VAD with ministers, I wasn't looking to justify any particular position, official or unofficial. Part of the life of faith means coming alongside those who hold different convictions from your own at times, and it's important to understand the range of views that might be taken even within the church.

[Click here to read more of the Reflection](#)

[from Dr Victoria Lorrimar](#)

**I say to myself, "The LORD is my portion;
therefore I will wait for him."
(Lamentations 3 vs 24)**