



# 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 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2022

Montville: 8:15am  
Maleny: 9:45am  
Palmwoods: 9.00am

#### RCL Year C Readings

(Pent 20)  
Joel 2:23-32,  
Psalm 65,  
2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18,  
Luke 18:9-14

### Face to Face Services Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2022

Combined Family Service  
Thanksgiving Harvest Festival  
Maleny: 9:45am

#### RCL Year C Readings

(Pent 21)  
Hab 1:1-4, 2:1-4  
Ps 119:137-144  
2 Thes 1:1-4, 11-12  
Lk 19:1-10

### COMING UP for next week

**Wednesday:** 8:30am Maleny Meditation  
**Friday:** 1:30pm Maleny KYB

### COMING UP OCTOBER

Saturday 29<sup>th</sup>: Ecumenical Breakfast  
Sunday 30<sup>th</sup>: 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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### SWIMMERS FOR BAMAGA

As we know Alston Smith is teaching up  
at Bamaga. She says there is a need for  
swimmers, shorts and T-shirts for  
children. So please ask your  
grandchildren to go through their  
cupboards and bring pre-loved clothes  
to church. Stan & Marnie are  
coordinating collection. Thank you.

**Ladies Ecumenical Breakfast Sat 29<sup>th</sup>  
October 8am-9:30 at Baptist Church.**  
Raising Funds for Chaplaincy

### 30<sup>th</sup> October Combined Thanksgiving Harvest Festival

Get your harvest  
ready (fresh,  
bottled, planted,  
preserved,  
crafted, painted,  
photographed  
quilted, knitted,  
howsoever,  
whatsoever.



If possible please drop off goodies at church on  
**Saturday the 29<sup>th</sup> 2pm-6pm or contact Liena  
to arrange dropping off.**

Make sure to invite friends and neighbours and  
bring the grandchildren. Our theme is the  
Wonder of Weeds.

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

Thank you all for your suggestions. We value each  
one and are excited. There will be a feedback after  
the Combined Service on 30<sup>th</sup> October.

**Kindly remember to continue to give your weekly/monthly offerings.  
They can be Direct Debited to Blackall Range Uniting Church.  
ANZ Bank, BSB 014-507. A/C 3762 29735**

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## RCL Reflections

### Love Based Humility

#### Luke 18:9-14

In a recent conversation someone said, "What I really dislike about getting old is the patronising way young people treat me. I may not know as much as they do about my smart phone, but I don't like being treated in a condescending manner."

No one ever likes to be patronised, although it is happening all the time. People are treated in a condescending manner because of their race or level of education, their age or their sex. It even happens in the Church.

Fellow Christians are sneered at because of their limited theology or confused liturgy or even their status in society. This should not be. By means of a parable, Jesus challenged some good, devout, scriptural, learned religious leaders who looked down on people who were less good, devout and scripturally informed. He made it clear that what is important in God's scheme of things is not superior knowledge or goodness; it is the quality of the relationship that we have with God.

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Any suggestion of arrogance or superiority over others runs directly counter to the humility and trust that arises out of genuine love for God.

The love for God that Jesus stressed as being the first and most important commandment puts the interests of God before one's own. It is devoid of pride and self-congratulation; it seeks, first and foremost, the glory of God.

In the new creation that God calls us to be part of, and to which Christ introduced us, those who push themselves forward, expecting recognition and favours will be disappointed. It is those who humbly acknowledge their failures and insufficiencies who are honoured and respected.

- Have you experienced put-downs or been talked down to by others? How did you feel?
- What was the situation to which Jesus told the parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector? What was the main point that he was making?
- Contrast the attitude of the Pharisee with that of the Tax Collector. What was different about their respective relationships with God?
- What is different about love-based humility and other forms of humility?

**Rev Ron Potter**

**Piula Publications**

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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.**

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