



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 30th October 2022

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

RCL Year C Readings

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

Face to Face Services Sunday 6th November 2022

Montville: 8:15am
Maleny: 9:45am
Communion Service
Palmwoods: 10.00am

RCL Year C Readings

(All Saints Day)
Dan 7:1-3, 15-18
Ps 149, Eph 1:11-23
Lk 6:20-31

COMING UP NEXT WEEK

Tuesday 1st: Cuppa Craft 9:30-12noon @ Maleny

Wednesday: 8:30am Maleny Meditation

Friday : Sausages for Chaplaincy

Friday: 1:30pm Maleny KYB

Also, check the Church Calendar for other activities through the week.

COMING UP NOVEMBER

Friday 4th Sausages for Chaplaincy

Saturday 5th: Glasshouse UC Men's B'fast

Friday 11th – Sunday 13th: Presbytery at Hervey Bay

15th November: Cuppa Craft & HC at Erowal

Saturday 19th 3-5pm: VAD Awareness

Wednesday 23rd: Street Market @ Maleny

Wednesday 30th: Future Direction Group meeting



Montville Reflection Gallery NEW DISPLAY

Come and enjoy a new display: Dr Gregg Nowell's "Reflections of the Past".

Each work has a story of its own: A personal journey of hope and enlightenment, of healing and grace, of beauty and peace. But most of all, a journey of seeing God through form, colour and texture."

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Blokes Chew and Chat.

Saturday 5th November. 7.30am. Glasshouse Country Uniting. 29 Twin Peaks Drive, Beerwah
The best bacon and eggs barbecue in the Uniting Church!.

This month - Our guest recounts service with Australian Volunteers Abroad. Any Questions: Trevor Gibson. 0401 783621

SWIMMERS FOR BAMAGA

As we know Alision 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.

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Bradly Hore, two time Olympian and Commonwealth Games athlete and Australian Boxing Champion will be speaking at the breakfast and sharing his life challenges he has overcome. **Wayne Taylor** and our very own **Keith Angel** from the Maleny Flexi School will also share their stories.

Sunday 6 November

At Maleny State High School's Hall

From 8am - 10am

Cost \$30 per ticket.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/maleny-mens-mental-health-breakfast-tickets-421705601807>

email: admin@ourcommonlife.org.au or 5429 6995



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

Harvest Festival

The Harvest Festival is entrenched in the life and worship of the church – across various denominations. It may of-course be held at different times during the year - depending which harvest is being celebrated. In Southern Africa we traditionally hold it during October with the harvesting of the winter wheat. Queenslanders will share this experience as wheat, fruit and other crops are harvested during October.

Origins for the harvest festival are several, notably: **The festival of weeks/Shavout** (7 weeks after Passover): **Numbers 28 vs 26 (also Deuteronomy 16 vs 9-12/ Exodus 23:13):** *“On the day of firstfruits, when you present to the LORD an offering of new grain during the Festival of Weeks, hold a sacred assembly and do no regular work.”*

(compare also the celebration of the firstfruits in Deuteronomy 26)

Interestingly, today our Jewish friends celebrate *Shavout as the Harvest Festival of the Torah* and focus is on the Torah (in comparison to an agricultural harvest).

Profoundly God has always called his people during harvest celebrations to consider the poor, the widows, the strangers, the orphans and this is emotively evident in **Leviticus 19 vs 9-10:**

“When you reap the harvest of your land, do not reap to the very edges of your field or gather the gleanings of your harvest. ¹⁰ Do not go over your vineyard a second time or pick up the grapes that have fallen. Leave them for the poor and the foreigner. I am the LORD your God.”

And it is in this spirit that we celebrate harvest festival. Not to raise funds. But to celebrate and worship God and give thanks. And to remember the poor and the foreigner and that is why any funds raised from any of the goods and produce will go towards person in the community struggling.

And we celebrate and give thanks together with with the foreigners (Deut 26 vs 11). So come along and rejoice and give thanks for the harvest of the land and of the Torah.

Advent 27th November

Speaking of calendars the new year commences with Advent on the 27th November 2022.

JOIN US ON THE JOURNEY TO JOY!

The Plenty Discipleship working group are creating intergenerational Advent & Christmas Resources to help Churches share the Joy of Christmas with their congregations and the wider community. The resources will include themes and ideas for worship, community and congregational reflections and studies, and materials to help families connect with and countdown to Christmas.

Please complete this [form](#) to sign up for updates and materials.

The 2022 Advent and Christmas website is under construction; for more information, click [here](#).

[Christmas resources - Uniting Church in Australia, Queensland Synod \(ucaql.com.au\)](http://www.ourcommonlife.org.au)

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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.**