



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 13th November 2022

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

RCL Year C Readings
Isaiah 65:17-25 & Isaiah 12
Mal 4:1-2a and Psalm 98
2 Thess 3:6-13
Luke 21:5-19

Face to Face Services Sunday 20th November

Montville: 8.15
Maleny: 9.45am
Palmwoods: 10.00am
Communion Service

RCL Year C Readings
Christ the King
Jer 23:1-6
Lk 1:68-79
Col 1:11-20
Lk 23:33-43

COMING UP NEXT WEEK

Tuesday: Cuppa Craft & HC at Erowal
Wednesday: 8:30am Maleny Meditation
Thursday: Ladies Friendship year End Celebration at 9:30am
Friday: 1:30pm Maleny KYB
Saturday 19th 3-5pm: VAD Awareness

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

COMING UP NOVEMBER

Wednesday 23rd: Street Market @ Maleny
Sunday 27th: Advent
Wednesday 30th: Future Directions Group at Montville UC

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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Cash for Cans C10478264

A note to remind people to do your bit for the environment and save /collect cans, bottles and containers that can be cashed for 10cents each. It will also help funds for the church. They now want the cans pre- sorted into three separate groups 1. aluminium cans, 2.glass bottles, 3. plastic bottles and 4. eligible cardboard drink containers.

Christmas Eve Service.

The Christmas Eve service involves a role for a small choir and some readers of the Christmas story narrative. So far, the following people have indicated their availability to be part of the singers: Alison Smith, Margaret Pow, Sue and Peter Callaghan, Helen Bock. We will need a few more. **See Paul Tarbuck to find out more.**



23RD NOVEMBER STREET STALL DAY

On Wednesday 23rd November we are having a street stall day to raise funds for congregation. We are looking for all types of produce: Biscuits, small cakes plants, veges, preserves, sweets, GLUTEN FREE products.

Please contact Liena or Peter Callaghan

Maleny High School Chaplaincy

The Chaplaincy Committee at Maleny High School is sincerely grateful for the financial support given to this service by the Uniting Church. This generosity and faithful assistance goes a long way to help Chappy Donna Turner provide help and hope for students and families. At the recent AGM, the following positions were filled: President (Paul Tarbuck), Vice President (Pastor Rodney Jobe) and Treasurer (Joy Secomb). There is a vacancy for Secretary. Please give this some thought if you would like to help us in this way.

Ladies Friendship Yearend Thurs 17th @ 9:30am-11:30am @ Jing's Place, 283 Hovard Road

Come join us at Jing's place to celebrate our friendship!

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



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Looking Into the Future

2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

Luke 21:5-19

The Bureau of Meteorology uses computer models based on data collected in the past to predict the weather. These predictions often prove to be quite accurate, but they are certainly not infallible, and they cannot tell me precisely when and by how much it will rain at my place tomorrow morning. It is always like that when trying to look into the future.

We make estimates on the basis of known facts. We cannot be precise in every detail, but we can make reasonable guesses as to what will happen. And it's not different in the Bible. Over and over, we come across attempts to say what is going to happen in the future; for example, on the basis of God's deliverance of Israel from slavery in Egypt we have predictions of God's deliverance of Israel from foreign oppressors in later centuries, or on the basis of the establishment of Jerusalem as the religious and political capital for God's people we find references to a coming New Jerusalem where God's people will be gathered from all over the world.

From the beginning, Christians have made predictions about the future based on the one great reality to which the Bible attests – Jesus the Christ. These are expressed in symbolic images and poetic descriptions. They lack precision and verifiability. Take for example the expectation that Christ will return to complete what he began during his earthly life; no one can say when and where or how this is to happen, but it gives us a framework within which to live and it assures us that God's saving and reclaiming action in Jesus will win out in the end. Cont./... next column

NEXT NEW VINE (And welcome back Graham!)

A big favour from everyone please. The next edition, concentrating on **PEACE**, is to come out in very early December - about a month away. So could everyone please put pen to paper, or fingers to computers, and supply me with content by **Thursday, 24 November**. Articles can be about any of the many aspects of peace that you would like to share - a poem, a drawing, a memory, a prayer, a reflection on scripture, an experience, a place - whatever talks to you of peace. As usual, I may be reached at grandar@bigpond.net.au. Many thanks in advance of your creative responses. Many thanks. Peace and blessings. Graham

Scenes of a new creation and God's kingdom of light hold out promise, on the basis of Christ's life, death and resurrection, that, in spite of all the evils in the world, this is the way we should live.

- What are some things that you expect to happen in the future on the basis of what has happened in the past?
- Christ's return should not be used as an excuse for not facing up to the issues of today. How does Paul express this in 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13?
- In Luke 21:5-19 we have Jesus' prediction about the coming destruction of the Jerusalem temple and warning to his followers that trouble and persecution can be expected before God's Kingdom is fully realized. How relevant is this for us today?
- Jesus told his followers that they could expect opposition and persecution (Luke 21:12-19). What is your experience?

Rev Ron Potter

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VAD Awareness 19th November 3-5pm at Maleny UC

Remember to come and learn more about VAD (Voluntary Assisted Dying) to eliminate fear and confusion. \$5 at door. Contact Liena

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