



Uniting in Christ | Acting with love | Living with hope | Witnessing in faith | Working for justice

NOTICES:

Face to Face Services
Sunday 20th November 2022

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

Face to Face Services
Sunday 27th November

Montville: 8.15
 Maleny: 9.45am
 Palmwoods: 15.30pm
Reflections in the Garden

RCL Year C Readings
 (Advent 1)
 Is 2:1-5
 Ps 122
 Rom 13:11-14
 Mt 24:36-44

COMING UP NEXT WEEK

Wednesday: 8:30am Maleny Meditation
Wednesday: 8.30am Street Market @ Maleny
Thursday: New Vine contributions due
Friday: 1:30pm Maleny KYB
Sunday: Advent

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

COMING UP NOVEMBER

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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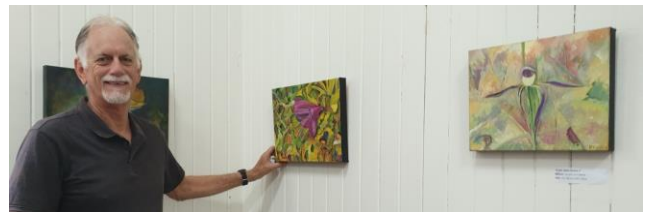
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CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

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, John & Mavis Benn, Sue and Peter Callaghan, Helen Bock.

We will need a few more singers and narrators.
See Paul Tarbuck to find out more.



NEXT NEW VINE

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



Two Realities

Luke 23:33-34

There are two worlds – two different realms, two different value systems, two different realities, two different ways of looking at life. Call them A and B, if you like. A puts great value on service, humility, relationship, compassion and trust. B values above all else power, wealth, fame, and self-will. It's not hard to guess which one Jesus belonged to.

Some people, at his crucifixion, saw it as outrageous nonsense that he should be called the Christ or Messiah because, to their way of thinking, a king stood at the top of the tree as far as power, wealth, fame and wilfulness is concerned. The Messiah, they thought, would respond to any threats like those Jesus was facing with overwhelming power, smashing his opponents and scattering his enemies.

Jesus did nothing like that. On the contrary, he epitomised the values of God's A reality. His kingdom was not of human production; it was of God (John 18:36). If we have been baptized, we have been claimed for that kingdom. If we have responded to his call and placed our faith in him as Saviour and Lord, we have been introduced to reality A. Jesus came to call people to live in the A form of reality, and he opened the way for all to do that. So, we are constantly confronted with a choice: in which reality do we live?

There is a particular temptation for Christians to be aware of – treating God from the point of view of the B reality. Instead of seeing God, first and foremost, as love, we then see God as power. Condemnation drowns out forgiveness, blame takes the place of trust. It leads people to fight wars in the name of God and looks with contempt on people of other religions. (cont, opp)

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### **Douglas McCubbin Memorial Service**

The memorial service for Douglas will be on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November at 11am at Gregson & Weight Chapel, Caloundra. We continue to uphold Marjoeei and family in our prayers.

Christ calls us, not to make him part of our B reality, but for us to be, thankfully and joyfully, part of his A reality.

- Share any experiences you have had of living in two cultures or speaking two different languages.
- According to Luke 23:33-43, who, at his crucifixion, saw it as outrageous nonsense that Jesus should be called the Christ?
- What do you think of this approach, that we think in terms of Realty A and Reality B? Does this help understand the biblical concept of the kingdom of God?
- Reality A is God-centred; Reality B is self-centred. What happens when we treat God as part of the B Reality?

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### **Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> 8am-2pm Street market: Community Kiosk, Maple Street**

Please remember our street market this coming Wednesday. Goods can be dropped off at church before or bring to the kiosk on Wednesday. Please bring whatever you have, baking, preserves, plants, veges, craft, or anything that will bring a smile!

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who are the traditional owners of the land upon which we live and worship.**