



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 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

Face to Face Services Sunday 4th December

Montville: 8.15
Maleny: 9.45am
Communion Service
Palmwoods: 10am
Worship Service

RCL Year C Readings

(Advent 2)

Is 11:1-10

Ps 72:1-7, 18-19

Rom 15:4-13

Mt 3:1-12

COMING UP NEXT WEEK

Monday: Doug McCubbin's Memorial Service 11am Gregson and Weight Chapel, Caloundra

Wednesday: 8:30am Maleny Meditation
Wednesday: Future Directions Group at Montville UC

Friday: 1:30pm Maleny KYB

Sunday: Advent

COMING UP DECEMBER

2nd & 3rd Working Bee, Maleny

2nd Carols in Tesch Park, Maleny

6th: Carols at Erowal

11th Carols in Palmwoods Community Garden

14th Carols, Montville

Advent: Journey to Joy

QLD Synod are following a *Journey to Joy* this advent. Welcome to join them in your personal Bible study of Connect Groups. All kinds of resources are available at this link:

[Advent 2022 Resources – Uniting Church in Australia, Queensland Synod \(ucaqld.com.au\)](http://ucaqld.com.au)

WE are closing our season of JOY and will be entering a season of PEACE

Montville Reflection Gallery 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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Street Stall!

A BIG THANK YOU to all. With promised donations we are sure to **break the \$600!** More significantly were the delightful conversations with friends and strangers and joy shared! Defintely to be repeated!

Tuesday 6th December 10am, Carols at Erowal

Calling for few good voices to join Helen Bock and Dorothy at the annual Erowal Carol singing with the residents. Always, a joyous and life-transforming event!

Douglas McCubbin Thanksgiving Service Live-streaming from 10:45am Monday 28th Nov

If you are unable to make the service at Caloundra at 1 1am, here is a link to live-streaming it:

<https://www.gregsonweight.com.au/live-streaming/client/?nid=6c7f4572-abc2-4daf-9324-46a668a72db3>

Maleny Working Bee and Setup Christmas Displays

Maleny UC are preparing for the Annual LightUP@Christmas event. This year, it will be held the week of Christmas.

In preparation we will have a **working bee** over two days December 2nd and 3rd.

Jobs to do –

Light trim of shrubs; edge/mow; weeding; kitchen cleanup; high pressure hose concrete (back) and entry cover; THEN; Set up our Christmas displays eg. Nativity scene, trees, PEACE sign and lights.

Come when you can. Add your name to the roster sheet.

Contact: Peter Callaghan 0458 263 322 for questions.

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

The Coming of the Ever-Present One

First Sunday in Advent Romans 13:11-14, Matthew 24:36-44

So, we come again to Advent, the time of the year when we take up the theme of Christ's coming, his coming as an historical person born of Mary, and of the expectation that he will come again. Of course, we can't go into a detailed description of the Second Coming because it hasn't happened yet and in the New Testament it is spoken of only in metaphorical and imaginative language.

It is the assertion that one day we shall meet, person-to-person, with Jesus the true ruler or authority over all the world and that his reign which is currently hidden behind curtains of scepticism and ego will become evident to all. I think we should be wary though lest we confuse this Advent theme of coming with the idea that God lives in some detached, distant realm from which he makes only occasional visits to us.

God is the One in whom we live, and move and have our being. God is the creative power without which nothing exists. In breathing life into every human being (Genesis 2:7), God breaths something of God's own self. What looks to us like a coming is the in-breaking of the divine reality into our consciousness. God is always reaching out to us in love and grace. It is sin-blight that causes our blindness, hardness of heart that disables our recognition of the divine presence.

God's dynamic presence, the Holy Spirit which is the Spirit of Christ is constantly at work, even in our own lives. His Spirit dwells within us (John 15:4) and we who wear Christ's uniform are called to live the part in our daily lives.

- What does this period of Advent leading up to Christmas mean to you?
- What do you think of Tennyson's line about God: "Closer is He than breathing, and nearer than hands and feet"?
- What in Romans 13:11-14 suggests that our relationship with Christ is like wearing his uniform? What obligations does that lay upon us?

- Why does Jesus stress the importance of watchfulness in Matthew 24:36-44?

Rev Ron Potter

Piula Publications

Finances: Budget vs Actual Offerings

Actual offerings to 20 Nov are: \$53,528, being approx 10% *behind* budgeted figure of \$60,577. We give thanks for offerings received and pray for the management of our resources.

And special thanks to Roger Smith our Treasurer, who keeps a fine eye on our resources.

Liena on Leave 5-15 December 2022

Liena is finally crossing the Tasmin to spend a few days with her brothers in Inglewood, Taranaki.

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Lord,

Your goodness is greater than the biggest evil,
Your love is stronger than all the hate in the world,

Your light shines more brightly
than all the darkness in our hearts,
You came to live on earth to conquer death
Therefore, we are more than conquerors
through you who loves us.

Archbishop Desmond TUTU (adapted)

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