



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

NOTICES:

Face to Face Services
Sunday 11th December

Montville: 8.15
 Communion Service
 Maleny: 9.45am
 Palmwoods: 16.30
 Carols in the Garden

RCL Year A Readings
 (Advent 3)

Is 35:1-10
 Ps 146:5-10 or Jas 5:7-10
 Mt 11:2-11
 Lk 1:46b-55

Face to Face Services
Sunday 18th December

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

RCL Year A Readings
 (Advent 4)

Is 7:10-16
 Ps 80:1-7, 17-19
 Rom 1:1-7
 Mt 1:18-25

COMING UP NEXT WEEK

Wednesday: 8:30am Maleny Meditation
Wednesday: 14th Carols, Montville
Friday: 1:30pm Maleny KYB

COMING UP DECEMBER

18th – 23rd Christmas Lights Festival
 20th Carols at Erowal
Christmas Eve Service – 7pm Combined
 at Maleny
Christmas Day Service Times –
 7am Montville
 8am Maleny
 9.30am Palmwoods

Montville Reflection Gallery DISPLAY

The NEW Christmas Display is up! Come and enjoy!

Maleny Christmas Lights and Tree Festival

Thanks to those who have signed up on the roster for our Christmas Lights and Trees festival is now available.

Consider creating your own team of 4 to cover a night. It's as easy as filling in the Roster form on the front table at Church.

Two more nights to fill.

Anyone Interested in assisting with food treats?

For further info contact: Peter Callaghan 0458 263 322 for questions.

Liena on Leave 5-15 December 2022

Liena is finally crossing the Tasmin to spend a few days with her brothers in Inglewood, Taranaki. If you need pastoral care in this time please contact:

Maleny: Bruce Johnson (0407180864);
 Montville: George W (0418806522)
 Palmwoods: Kay N (0412539020).

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 \(ucagld.com.au\)](http://ucagld.com.au)

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

Tuesday 20th December 11am, Carols at Erowal

Carols at Erowal have been postponed to Tuesday the 20th!

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



One World, Many Worlds

Psalm 146:5-10, Matthew 11:2-11

We talk about the world of cricket, of commerce, of science or the theatre; the art world, a child's world, the modern world, and so on. What worlds do you belong to? It is possible to belong to several worlds at the same time, although when in any one world it tends to take all of our attention, time and energy.

Each world has its own field of interest, its history and tradition, its own language and scale of values. So, we live our life shifting from one world to another: from school or work to home; from family to strangers; from the informality of friendship groups to officialdom – that sort of thing. We can usually make the necessary adjustments quite easily, but sometimes it is not easy.

Jesus came announcing that there is a fundamental world that, irrespective of what other worlds we live in, we should not neglect. He called it the kingdom of heaven or kingdom of God. This world impinges on the way we participate in the other worlds. Sometimes it puts us in the middle of a clash between Christ's world and another world, but it makes claim to be our primary world. It is the world where animals and trees, oceans and continents, planets and galaxies, all exist as part of one great whole centred on the Creator. It is God's world, and Jesus presented it as the most valuable and important world of all.

To belong to Christ's world with its Scriptures and community, its emphasis on God's love being responded to with love to both God and neighbour, its emphasis on peace, justice, compassion, holiness and reverence, grace and forgiveness, is to belong to the greatest of all possible worlds, and even the greatest person who lives outside of it is not as great as the least who lives within it.

This comes out in the words of Jesus spoken about John the Baptist, "The least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he."

- What worlds do you belong to?
- What difficulties have you encountered in switching from one world to another?
- How does Christ's world impinge on other worlds that you live in?
- Each world has its own scale of values. How does the idea of greatness differ in Christ's world from the idea of greatness in other worlds?

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