



# 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 22<sup>nd</sup> January

Montville: 8.15am  
Maleny: 9.45am  
Palmwoods: 3.30pm  
Reflections in the Garden

### RCL Year A Readings (Epiphany 3)

Isaiah 9:1-4,  
Psalms 27:1,4-9,  
1 Corinthians 1:10-18,  
Matthew 4:12-23

### Face to Face Services Sunday 29th January

**Combined Service:**  
9.30am at Maleny UC  
Lunch &  
Future Directions Group

### RCL Year A Readings (Epiphany 4)

Mic 6:1-8  
Ps 15  
1 Cor 1:18-31  
Mt 5:1-12

### COMING UP NEXT WEEK

Wednesday – Meditation  
Friday – KYB recommences

### COMING UP IN JANUARY

29 January – Combined Service  
29 January – Future Directions  
Group Update.

### Montville Reflection Gallery DISPLAY

The walls of the church have come alive with Wendy Jarrott-Smith's colourful, vibrant, abstract, acrylic paintings that, together with explanatory material, give eloquent expression to her rich faith experience.

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### Volunteers CARE Essentials Course Buderim 18<sup>th</sup> February and 18<sup>th</sup> March 9am-5pm each day

The Volunteer CARE Essentials Course is an introduction to Christian Pastoral Care for those who want to become equipped with the foundational skills to get you started on your pastoral care volunteer journey.

CARE essentials is delivered over two Saturdays at the Connections on King, 7 King Street, Buderim Uniting Church.

Cost: \$100 Cost can be waived if you can't afford

For more info: contact Liena or Theo Masselos on M: 0418 879 802 or E: [theo.masselos@uhealth.com.au](mailto:theo.masselos@uhealth.com.au)



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### NEXT NEW VINE - **Early warning.**

Next NEW VINE is due during Lent when we walk with Jesus towards Calvary and beyond. So, the theme for this edition will be - "On the way.....". Contributions on this theme - need not be Easter related - are looked for. Dates etc will follow but thinking I might start early. Thanks. Graham

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# Our Role As Co-creators

## Matthew 4:12-23,

In creating, among all the species, one that has extraordinary powers, God made humans to be co-creators, co-workers with God. We are junior partners in the great firm of existence. The trouble is that we refuse the junior partner's role and try to take over as the principal director.

We think that we can call the shots, we can run the show. We stick out our chests and say, "Look what we've done. We are very clever." If you only look at human accomplishments in exploration and science, philosophy and art, politics and technology you can get carried away with this attitude, but God has a way of tapping us on the shoulder and whispering, "Wait a bit! There's more to life than that."

Listen to me! My way has to do primarily with relationships, right relationships; love as respect, appreciation, acceptance and compassion. You haven't really caught onto this whole creation thing. You were meant to live at peace with your Founding Father, at peace among yourselves, at peace within yourselves, at peace with your created universe. In Jesus I started a special project to bring this change about. Repent! That means, change your ways; let me turn you around so that you live the way I intended you to live.

(Matthew 4:17) Here is a message for Australia and Australians. In celebrating our nation, let's admit our failures in living as God wants us to live: our materialism, our greed, our racism, our cruelty, our selfishness. The Spirit of the Risen Christ is working to bring about this change. Cooperate with him, and pray that all people in our country will be open to it.

- What are some ways in which we become co-creators with God?
- What are some ways in which we try to usurp God's place?
- What does it mean to repent?
- Of what should Australians repent?

Rev Ron Potter

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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.

## NEXT SUNDAY: COMBINED SERVICE AND FUTURE DIRECTIONS UPDATE

We encourage you to attend next Sunday's combined service, at 9 30 am at Maleny Church followed by the Workshop where you will receive an update on progress of the Future Directions Group.

Last week the Submission Summaries were emailed, plus hard copies are also available at each site. We urge you to read these carefully prior to next Sunday.

At the meeting after the service, the Future Directions Group will facilitate a workshop to enable you to find out more: listen to the submission presenters, seek clarification, ask questions, consider the ideas that personally inspire you to ongoing commitment. Please note, this process is not just about "spending the Mission and Development dollars", but rather to identify "where our hearts are" in relation to extending the Kingdom in our community.

Lunch will be provided, including gluten free options.

Need more information? Please speak to one of the members of the Future Directions Group: Bob Philpot, Helen Uhlmann, John Daniels, Karl Tietze, Kay Nixon, Liena Hoffmann, Murray Robertson, Peter Callaghan.

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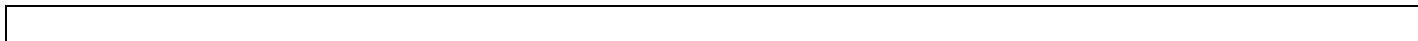
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They can be Direct Debited to Blackall Range  
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**I say to myself, "The LORD is my portion;  
therefore I will wait for him." (Lamentations 3 vs 24)**