



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 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

Face to Face Services Sunday 5th February

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

RCL Year A Readings
(Epiphany 5)

Is 58:1-9a (9b-12)
Ps 112:1-9 (10)
1 Cor 2:1-12 (13-16)
Mt 5:13-20

COMING UP NEXT WEEK

Tuesday – Cuppa Craft
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.

Volunteers CARE Essentials Course Buderim 18th February and 18th 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



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

A Truly Happy Life

1 Corinthians 1:18-31, Matthew 5:1-12

Life in heaven is life lived in humility. There is no egotism there. Nobody is full of their own importance. There is no grief. There are no A lists or elites; everyone is meek and respectful. You won't find anyone who is full of their own importance; only people who delight in their relationship with God and with others.

Everyone is merciful and compassionate, reflecting God in whose presence they live. They are pure and genuine in their love for God and for one another. Peacemakers all. For them, living in a right relationship with God, living as God wants people to live, comes first; nothing interrupts that. When we pray, "Your kingdom come" we are praying that this might be the way people live in everyday life. As Tom Wright says, "Heaven is God's space, where full reality exists, close by our ordinary ('earthly') reality and interlocking with it."

To follow Jesus is to live this way in the here and now. So, who are the people truly blessed by God? Who are living life as God meant it to be lived? Who have got it right? Well, none of us perfectly, but his Spirit is pushing us in that direction, and we are being called to live that way in spite of its being in conflict with much of what goes on in everyday life. If we would be truly happy, remember, "God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength." The Beatitudes of Matthew 5 are a statement about who is living life as it should be lived, life as lived in God's realm.

- What makes you happy?
- People often say that they have been blest. What does it mean to be blest?
- How does the understanding of heaven depicted here differ from that commonly held in the community?
- What do you feel when you read the Beatitudes: comfort, challenge, joy, shame, hope or confusion?

Rev Ron Potter

Piula Publications

Trinity College Training Opportunities

Several training opportunities for congregations and leaders are offered by Trinity College. Here are a couple –

Mentoring

Tuesday 7 February 2023,
9.30am to 3.30pm
Facilitator: Nigel Rogers

UCA Identity, Purpose & Future

Wednesday 8 February 2023,
9.30am to 3.30pm
Facilitator: Nigel Rogers

Cost: \$50 per session or \$100 for church groups

Location: *Join onsite or online* | Trinity College, 60 Bayliss St, Auchenflower

CALL. 07 3377 9950

EMAIL. ask@trinity.qld.edu.au

Ministry Contacts:

Minister: Rev Liena Hoffman
0490 421 874

minister@ourcommonlife.org.au

Friday off-day.

Church Office: 07 5429 6995

Hours: Tuesday 9 am to 12 noon

Email: admin@ourcommonlife.org.au

Community Pastor: Pastor Kay Nixon
0412 539020

kayn43@gmail.com

Internet: <http://www.ourcommonlife.org.au>

For Church Hall Hire:

<https://ourcommonlife.org.au/calendar-hall-hire/#>

Kindly remember to continue to give your weekly/monthly offerings.

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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.**



**I say to myself, "The LORD is my portion;
therefore I will wait for him." (Lamentations 3 vs 24)**