



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 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

Face to Face Services Sunday 12th February

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

RCL Year A Readings (Epiphany 6)

Deut 30:15-20
Ps 119:1-8
1 Cor 3:1-9
Mt 5:21-37

COMING UP NEXT WEEK

Tuesday – 10am Cuppa Craft at Maleny UC
Wednesday – 8.30am Meditation at Maleny UC
Wednesday – Future Directions Group, 4.30pm at Montville Hall
Friday – 1pm KYB recommences at Maleny UC

COMING UP IN FEBRUARY

Volunteers CARE Essential Course
February 20th Church Council
February 25th Ecumenical
Breakfast at Maleny Presbyterian
February 26th **LADIES FRIENDSHIP GROUP** at Maleny from 9.30am to 11.30am

Celebration of life for Dr MICHAEL SIMPSON

A celebration of for the life of Dr Michael Simpson will be held at the Montville Uniting Church Hall on Friday February 3rd at 4pm. All welcome.

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.

UPDATING THE CHURCH DIRECTORY

We are updating the Directory for 2023. At Maleny, the current directory is located on the table at the back of the Church for you to check details are correct.

Montville and Palmwoods are supplying details.

Pastoral Care ..

Maleny's frozen food bank stocks are currently very low ... This is a worthwhile outreach of our ministry, as we aim to offer help to those in need , for many varied reasons. If you are able to provide a meal it would be greatly appreciated .. Just a simple meal (not too spicy) in a takeaway container with ingredients and date clearly labelled. Thanking You Marnie McCallum 54999394 ☺

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 delivered over two Saturdays at Connections on King, 7 King Street, Buderim.

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

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CHRIST WITHIN

1 Corinthians 2:1-12 (13-16), Matthew 5:13-20

The spirit of Christ is within me. What a difference this realization makes! If it is not obvious that Christ is present in my life it is because my self-centredness has got in the way. However, when I realize that the Spirit of Christ dwells within me, living the Christian life becomes not just a matter of my believing in or trying to follow Christ, it is allowing the spirit of Christ within me to have free expression through my personality.

Spiritual entities do not remain separate and isolated; they merge or coinhabit. In that way Christ abides in me and I am constantly being called to abide in him. Paul could say in writing to the Christians in Corinth, "We have the mind of Christ" (1 Corinthians 2:16). The motivation to live the life of love to God and neighbour is there, deep within me, but do I give that spirit of Christ the opportunity to lead?

The Spirit of Christ may also be spoken of as the Spirit or Power of God and it is by that Spirit that the Gospel is proclaimed and people come to believe, not by the power of rational argument, not by the use of lofty words of human wisdom, but by the power of God (1 Corinthians 2: 1-12). The light of God shines through the Christ-presence within us, but if we, through our self-centredness, smother the light so that it no longer shines out into the world we have hindered the work of the Spirit, and like salt that has lost its salty taste we are useless in the service of God (Matthew 5:13-20). It is not our light, but the light of the Christ who is within us that must shine forth.

- *What is the difference between living by faith in Christ and living by the Spirit of Christ is within us?*
- *"Spiritual entities do not remain separate and isolated; they can merge or coinhabit." Does this help you understand the idea of God as Trinity?*
- *Give examples of human self-centredness suppressing or getting in the way of the Christ within?*
- *How can the church be the light of the world?*

Rev Ron Potter

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FUTURE DIRECTIONS WORKSHOP THANKS

From Murray Robertson

Last Sunday's combined service and workshop was a great success. Sincere thanks to everyone for your enthusiastic participation and encouragement as we contemplate the future. The next step for the Future Directions Group will be to process your workshop feedback as we work towards consolidating a proposal to present to Church Council.

The Group meets again at 4.30pm this Wednesday 8 February at Montville Church. Your continued prayers and interest are essential components of this process.

CALLING ALL PILGRIMS

The next edition of *The New Vine*, based on the phrase "**On the Way...**", is due by the end of the month. I figure we have all been on the way to somewhere, at some time or other, which entitles everyone to contribute something - an article, a sketch, a poem, a discussion, a report etc. Please send them to me by **Wednesday, 22 February** so I can bundle them all together for our collective attention, edification and pleasure. grandar@bigpond.net.au will find me. Many thanks, Graham.

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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.

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