



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 12th February

Montville: 8.15am Communion
Maleny: 9.45am Service
Palmwoods: 4pm Commissioning
Service Rev Deborah Bird @
Palmwoods Anglican Church, Hill St,
Palmwoods. RSVP required.

RCL Year A Readings (Epiphany 6)

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

Face to Face Services Sunday 19th February

Montville: 8.15am Service
Maleny: 9.45am Service
Palmwoods: 10.00am
Communion

RCL Year A Readings (Transfiguration of Jesus)

Ex 24:12-18
Ps 2 or Ps 99
2 Pt 1:16-21
Mt 17:1-9

COMING UP NEXT WEEK

Wednesday – 8.30am Meditation at
Maleny UC

**Thursday – Ladies Friendship
Group** at Maleny from 9.30am to
11.30am

Friday – 1.30pm KYB at Maleny UC

**Saturday – CARE Essentials
Course** Buderim commences

COMING UP IN FEBRUARY

February 20th Church Council
February 21st 4-5pm Pancakes in
Maleny Hall

February 22nd Ash Wednesday:
Recorded Service on-line

Saturday - February 25th
Ecumenical Breakfast at Maleny
Presbyterian

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.

LADIES FRIENDSHIP GROUP Thursday 16th @
Maleny UC from 9.30am to 11.30am. All welcome!!

The morning includes sharing your stories of a recent, positive interactions. Let's also plan our year come with your ideas for the monthly meetings.

For more info contact Nancy M: 0409 586 601

PANCAKE TUESDAY 21ST MARCH
4-5PM COME AND JOIN US FOR PANCAKES IN
MALENY CHURCH HALL.

A SUPPER CONVERSATION WITH JAYNE OZANNE
Tuesday February 21st, 6pm Montville Village Hall,
Memorial Close Montville

Jayne, Director of the Global Interfaith Commission on LGBT+ Lives, is one of the UK's most prominent gay Christians, working to safeguard LGBT+ people of faith by working with senior leaders of all faiths to help them understand the harm being done in the name of traditional religion. Jaynes shares her journey from self-acceptance to public advocacy, promoting the sacred call to unconditional love of all.

\$10 entry donation. Please RSVP for catering.
<https://www.trybooking.com/CFWCU>

DONATIONS FOR TURKIYE & SYRIA: ACT FOR PEACE

There will be an opportunity via retiring offering during February for members to donate for relief aid for persons in Syria and Türkiye. Funds raised will be channeled through Act for Peace.

email: admin@ourcommonlife.org.au



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LAW AND SPIRIT
Matthew 5:21-37

To get on with another person one needs to know what is acceptable and what is unacceptable with that person. In other words, there are rules about how to behave. There are rules, sometimes explicitly spelt out but more often simply implied, in every relationship and in belonging to any group, society or community.

Basic to the Old Testament is the idea that God gave Israel the rules by which to live. This was the Torah or Law. But behind every law lies an intention or reason. Respect for the law properly requires that people do more than simply keep the letter of the law, they keep the spirit that lies behind it. This is what Jesus emphasized. He called people to go beyond just keeping the letter of the Torah; he emphasized living in the spirit that underlay the Law.

In Matthew 5, Jesus applied this to laws about murder, anger, adultery, divorce, oaths, retaliation and love of neighbour. When we internalize the spirit behind the law, we keep it, not because it is imposed from outside but because we want to do it. When we are separated from God, the divine law remains external to us, and we are likely to twist it to suit our convenience. However, when that separation is overcome and God, the Holy Spirit, dwells within, we seek to live by the spirit of God's rules.

We want to live the life of love to God and to our fellow human beings that is at the heart of it all. When we fail, we admit our error, realize that God's love and forgiveness still surrounds us and seek to be more responsive to the divine Spirit that is within.

- What are some of the unwritten rules about conduct in polite society?
- What did Jesus have to say about the spirit that underlies the commandment in Exodus 20:13, "You shall not murder"?
- What did Jesus say about God's intention in giving laws about adultery and divorce?
- Try expressing Matthew 5:33-48 in your own words, giving voice to the intention that underlay them.

Rev Ron Potter

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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.

LENTEN PRAYERS (22 February – 6 April):

This year we invite you to join *Uniting World in their* <http://www.lentevent.com.au>

Lent prayer calendar

Hard Copies are available.

Also UCA Journey with Jesus Lent resources are at: [Lent - Uniting Church in Australia, Queensland Synod \(ucaqld.com.au\)](#)

CANS AND BOTTLE 10 CENT REFUNDS

To assist with Church funds, a green tub is in place on the mobile trolley to collect any 10c returnable bottles, tins and drink containers. Please assist where you can!! Thank You Stan the can man!! ☺

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<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,
ANZ Bank, BSB 014-507
A/C 3762 29735**

**Blackall Range Uniting Church acknowledges the first peoples
who are the traditional owners of the land upon which we live and worship.**