



# 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 26<sup>th</sup> February

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

### RCL Year A Readings (Lent 1)

Gn 2:15-17; 3:1-7  
Ps 32  
Rom 5:12-19  
Mt 4:1-11

### Face to Face Services Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> March

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

### RCL Year A Readings (Lent 2)

Gn 12:1-4a  
Ps 121  
Rom 4:1-5, 13-17  
Jn 3:1-17 or Mt 17: 1-9

### COMING UP NEXT WEEK

**Wednesday** – 8.30am Meditation at  
Maleny UC

**Friday** – 1.30pm KYB at Maleny UC  
**Friday** – Sausages for chaplaincy

### COMING UP IN MARCH

3 Friday Sausages for Chaplaincy  
10-11 Friday/Saturday Garare Sale  
18 Saturday Presby meeting  
19<sup>th</sup> Friendship Tea @Maleny 5-  
6:60pm

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### **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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### **LENTEN PRAYERS (22 February – 6 April):**

This year we invite you to join Uniting World in their Lent prayer calendar <http://www.lentevent.com.au>  
Hard Copies are available.

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

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### **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.

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### **UNITING CHURCH NAME BADGES (approx \$8)**

Please indicate on the sheet at the back of Maleny Church if you would like a badge OR phone Barbara on 5494 2238.

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### **NEW VINE: HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN OR JUST RUN OUT OF TIME?**

Although the deadline was last Wednesday, don't worry, there is still time [until tomorrow night - **Monday, 27 Feb**] to send me your contribution to the next *New Vine*. Many thanks in advance. Graham at [grandar@bigpond.net.au](mailto:grandar@bigpond.net.au)  
The theme is *Pilgrims on the Way*

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### **GARAGE SALE GARAGE SALE 10-11<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2023**

We will be having a garage sale to raise funds for church activities on Fri 10<sup>th</sup> & Sat 11<sup>th</sup> March. Please see sheet at back of Maleny Church or contact Liena or Peter C

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### **'SOIL AND SOUL' MINISTRY**

Palmwoods Community Garden, 'Soil & Soul', meets for Working Bees on the 2nd and 4th Sunday afternoons at 4.30pm - 5.30pm in the warmer months. The 4th Sunday is followed by a 'Bring & Share Meal'. The other weekends, we have a Working Bee on Saturday mornings from 7.30am - 8.30am. Contact Pastor Kay for more info M: 0412 539 020

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## Temptation

**Matthew 4:1-11, Mark 1:12-15**

There is a right way to live and there is a wrong way to live. How do we know which is which? Is it determined by popular opinion, by the society in which we live or by the traditions we have learnt from our parents? As Christians, we get our cue from Jesus. He called the right way the kingdom of God or kingdom of heaven way. It's the way Jesus calls us to when he says, "Follow me".

The right way is the way God meant us to live. In summary it is the way of love to God and to neighbour in response to God's love for us. God's Spirit within us urges us to live this way. However, God's Spirit is not the only spirit to influence us. There is a power abroad that actively works against our living God's way. The urgings of this power we call temptation. We are tempted to let self-interest crowd out love for God and neighbour. Its universal.

Everyone experiences this temptation, not just the temptation to eat too much chocolate or something like that, but the temptation to push God's way aside in favour of getting our own way or to go along with social pressures knowing that they conflict with God's way. These are times of testing. Jesus experienced this. As the Christ, how was he to go about his God-given task?

Remembering the miracle of manna in the wilderness, he was tempted to turn stones into bread-rolls. Aware of passages like Psalm 91:9-13 he was tempted to draw people by means of signs and wonders. Aware that he was called to exercise a royal kind of authority, he was tempted to be an emperor even more powerful than the emperor in Rome. All of these he rejected in keeping true to God's love-filled way of life, and in so doing he invites us to follow him.

- In everyday language, temptation means enticement, but in the Bible it means testing. What is the difference?
- If temptation is a time of testing, what is being tested?
- What is the difference between proper self-regard and selfish behaviour?
- How have you experienced temptation to depart from God's love-filled way of life?
- **Rev Ron Potter** **Piula Publications**

## PRAYER MINISTRY NEWS

Please read the Prayer Ministry News sent out separately by Helen our pray coordinator and join us in prayer!

## FUTURE DIRECTIONS

Each week we are sharing resources that inform us about what is happening in other localities, similar to some of the proposals we are considering.

This week's link takes you to Insight, the magazine of the NSW/ACT Synod. It tells the story of a recently inducted COMMUNITY CHAPLAIN, Rev. Karen Paull. She is based in Mt Dromedary, in the South Coast Region of NSW. Put this link into your search engine or simply Google Rev Karen Paull Community Chaplain. It's worth a look.

<https://www.insights.uca.org.au/rev-karen-paull-inducted-as-community-chaplain/>

Next week we will take you to a group of churches responding to Homelessness.

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### **Ministry Contacts:**

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**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.**

**They can be Direct Debited to  
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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.**