



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 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

Face to Face Services Sunday 12th March

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

RCL Year A Readings (Lent 3)

Ex 17:1-7
Ps 95
Rom 5:1-11
Jn 4:5-42

COMING UP NEXT WEEK

Wednesday – 8.30am Meditation at Maleny UC
Friday – 1.30pm KYB at Maleny UC

COMING UP IN MARCH

10-11 Friday/Saturday Maleny Garare Sale
16th Ladie Friendship Group = Visit to the Little Book Nook @ Palmwoods
18 Saturday Presby meeting
19th **Friendship Tea @Maleny 5-6:30pm** – All Welcome and bring food to share

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.

GARAGE SALE GARAGE SALE 10-11TH MARCH 2023

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

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.

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.

LADIES FRIENDSHIP GROUP Thursday 16 March

We will visit The Little Book Nook, Kay Nixon's bookshop at Palmwoods. Kay will talk to us about her work in the Palmwoods community. Coffee will be available to buy from the coffee shop next door.

Car pooling, departing from Maleny church at 9.15am. Please put your name on the list at the back of the church to advise if you will attend or not, and if you will need or can provide transport. Contact: Muriel 0477 549 933.

LAY PRESBYTERY REPRESENTATIVE

The Blackall Range congregation is without a lay person to represent our congregation at Presbytery meetings.

Please pray and consider your interest and availability to the life of this congregation and congregations in the Mary Burnett Presbytery.

E: admin@ourcommonlife.org.au



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

Eternity Now

John 3:1-17

Arthur Stace's copybook-script graffiti painted all around Sydney in the years between 1932 and 1967, and featured at the Opening Ceremony of the Sydney Olympics, has entered into Australian folklore. The one, elegantly written word asks the question, "Where will you spend eternity?" The usual assumption is that eternity is something to be experienced after our period of time-bound existence is ended. However, time and eternity, in John's Gospel, do not stand as an either-or option, but rather as a both-and situation. Eternity is not distinct from life in this world of time and space.

This is similar to the way it is with the First Peoples of Australia whose eternal Dreaming intersects with time-bound existence in a way that later Australians find hard to understand. The eternal kingdom of God is present in the here and now. However, one needs divinely inspired insight to realize it. Or to put it in Jesus' words, "No one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." It is by God's Spirit moving in our hearts that we come alive to God's eternal realm.

Now. Not just later on. Living on an eternal dimension while still living in this time-bound existence – it's not easy, but it is an exhilarating experience, an experience opened up for us by Jesus. God so loves the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who places trust in him is able to share in this eternal life now and also beyond all time-bound existence. By God's Spirit, eternity meshes in with our time-bound lives to transform our day-to-day living. Let's be ever responsive to the urgings of that Spirit.

- How can we distinguish the promptings of God's Spirit from other urges or impulses that we have?
- What do you understand by the word eternity?
- What difference does it make to understand that eternity intermeshes with time-bound existence and is not just something we look forward to after death?
- How does the Gospel help you face the inevitability of your own death?

Rev Ron Potter

Piula Publications

FUTURE DIRECTIONS

Program for homeless people. This week we direct you to a program called Stable One Winter Shelter. Operating since 2011, Stable One facilitates a group of churches in the Yarra Valley to provide support for homeless people. Go to this link for more information. <https://stableone.org/yarra-valley-winter-shelter/> or simply Google Stable One Yarra Valley. The organization also has a pilot program in Toowoomba. Go to

<https://www.lifelinedarlingdowns.org.au/appeal/winter-shelter-toowoomba>

This link takes you to a video where you can watch James share how he has been helped by Stable One https://youtu.be/k-VkfFiv_dk

Well worth the look. Next week: look out for Community Hubs

Please continue to pray for congregational guidance as we move closer to identifying the project that has the best fit for us here on the Blackall Range.

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

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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.

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