



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 March

Montville: 8.15am Communion Service
Maleny: 9.45am Service
Palmwoods: 3.00pm Open Garden

RCL Year A Readings (Lent 3)

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

Face to Face Services Sunday 19th March

Montville: 8.15am Service
Maleny: 9.45am Service
Palmwoods: 10am Service & Holy Communion

RCL Year A Readings (Lent 4)

1 Sam 16:1-13
Ps 23
Eph 5:8-14
Jn 9:1-41

COMING UP NEXT WEEK

Wednesday – 8.30am Meditation at Maleny UC
Friday – 1.30pm KYB at Maleny UC
Through the Week – various Connect Groups and Social Activities.

COMING UP IN MARCH

18 Saturday Presby meeting
19th 5-6:30pm **Friendship Tea @Maleny**– 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.

EASTER PROGRAMME

Week of Prayer Sat 1st-Wed 5th April
Palm Sunday Sun 2nd April

7:45am Montville Green with Anglicans
8:15am Montville Maleny
9:45am Maleny Holy Communion
10:00am Palmwoods
1pm Peace Vigil #JusticeForRefugees
Tesch Park Maleny
6:30pm RCLN Maleny UC

Tenebrae Thurs 6th April 6pm Maleny

Good Friday 7th April

8am Maleny UC
9:30am Palmwoods (combined with Montville)
Easter Sunday 9th April

6:00am George Carpenter Place Montville
7:30am Montville (combined with Palmwood's)
9:45am Maleny

CORRECTION - LAY PRESBYTERY REPRESENTATIVE

Our current Presbytery Representative is John Daniels from Palmwoods.

The Blackall Range congregation is currently without a nomination for a lay Synod Representative for this year's 37th Synod in Session held at the Alexandra Park conference Centre, Friday 20th October – Tuesday 24th October 2023.

Please pray and consider your interest and availability to contribute to the life of our congregation. Nominees are presented to Presbytery for approval.

DONATIONS FOR TURKIYE & SYRIA \$1,550

I'm pleased to report that funds raised totaled \$1,550 to support the Act for Peace efforts with this disaster. Thanks to those who contributed. Thank you!

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

Saviour of the World

John 4:5-42, Mark 8:27-33

What do you say of Jesus? One of the words we often use is that of Saviour. We even dare to join the citizens of Sychar (John 4:42) in calling him the Saviour of the world. But do we grasp the enormity of such a claim? Saviour of the world! In face of the mess that the world is in, how can we make that claim with a straight face?

Perhaps it's just a piece of hyperbole. Preachers over-stating their claim. But no! Not if we take the Gospel seriously. He is the Saviour whether we acknowledge him or not, just as Sparky Bright is a qualified electrician whether I choose to employ him or not.

That is the Gospel. Through him, God acted to save all people from their rebellious nature and to open up the Creator's intended way for all. If he were accepted as such by everyone, we would be living in a transformed world. If all people allowed his Spirit to lead them, if they accepted God's acceptance and reconciliation, if they surrendered their self-centeredness to Christ-centeredness, we would see the full realization of his being the Saviour of the world.

OK. This is not going to happen, not in the world as we know it, but does that mean that we ignore the Gospel? Do we act as though Jesus never lived and as though the spirit of Christ is not active in our hearts? Of course, not! We become part of God's transforming work and we witness to it that others too may share in it. On a personal level we accept him as Saviour knowing that he is not just my saviour, he is the Saviour of the world.

- Jesus has been given several titles. What are some of them?
- What does Jesus save the world from?
- What does he save the world to?
- What does it mean to you to call Jesus Saviour?

Rev Ron Potter

Piula Publications

FUTURE DIRECTIONS

This week we feature Community Hubs. As you know Palmwoods UC is proposing a Community Hub to be incorporated into their Community Garden, Soil and Soul.

Here are a couple of links to community hubs run by other Uniting Churches:

• David's Neighbourhood Centre at Coopers Plains. <https://www.stdavidsnc.org.au/>

The second is Flagstone Community Centre, in Flagstone, which is in the Jimboomba Area. <https://www.flagstonecommunitycentre.com/services>

Next Week: Labyrinths plus continue to pray for the FDG as it meets tomorrow, Monday 13 March at 9 30 at Montville.

**12th March @3pm. Open Day at
PALMWOODS Community Garden.**

Please join us as we celebrate 'Soil & Soul' and give more people an idea of what we are about. At 3.30pm there will be a guest speaker from 'Backyards for Biodiversity' followed by Afternoon Tea.

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weekly/monthly offerings.*

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who are the traditional owners of the land upon which we live and worship.