



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 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

Face to Face Services Sunday 26th March

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

RCL Year A Readings (Lent 5)

Ez 37:1-14
Ps 130
Rom 8:6-11
Jn 11:1-45

COMING UP NEXT WEEK

Sunday – Friendship Tea @Maleny, 5pm-6.30pm All

Welcome and bring food to share

Tuesday – 9:30-12noon Cuppa

Craft
11am Holy Communion at Erowal
4pm Pastoral Care meeting, at 1 Tulip Street

Wednesday – 8.30am Meditation at Maleny UC

Friday – 1.30pm KYB at Maleny UC

Through the Week – various Connect Groups

COMING UP IN APRIL

Week of prayer (1-5)

Easter programme (2, 6-9)

Congregational meeting - 30

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.

THE NEW VINE - Winter edition:

Stand up, stand up for Jesus

When I decide on the theme for the NV, I am amazed at how often I am reminded of it well before printing. These nudges come in hymns, sermons, prayers, daily readings, memories and so on. I note them down and go back to them when compiling. So, I thought I should share this experience in the hope that many will have similar nudges over coming weeks. The next theme will be "*Stands up, stand up for Jesus*". Please be on the lookout for nudges and thoughts about this; record them; do something with them; and send them on to me whenever you feel like it. Thanks in advance. Graham. [grandar@bigpond.net.au]

EASTER PROGRAMME

Week of Prayer Sat 1st-Wed 5th April 5-6pm

Palm Sunday Sun 2nd April

7:45am Montville Green with Anglicans

8:15am Montville

9:45am Maleny Holy Communion

10:00am Palmwoods

1pm Peace Vigil #JusticeForRefugees

Tesche 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 Palmwoods)

9:45am Maleny

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Light of the World

Ephesians 5:8-14, John 9:1-7, 35-41, Mark 9:2-10

Seeing is more than a function of the eyes and brain. What we see and how we see it involves our past experience, our upbringing, our hopes and desires, attitudes acquired from the surrounding culture in which we live, our imagination and expectation. But one thing that seeing does require is light.

When we are called “children of the light” (Ephesians 5:8), it is because the light of God that shines in everyone (John 1:4-5), the light that was in the world and through whom creation came into existence (John 1:10), has shone into our lives through Jesus who is the light of the world (John 9:5). And who is Jesus? How do we view him? How we view him depends upon all those things that are involved in any act of seeing.

For some, this means that they only see him as a threat, as a fake or as a joke. Others see him as founder of a religion, great teacher, miracle-worker or moral example. But children of the light see him as God’s Son, the light of the world. As with Peter, James and John (Mark 9:2-10), something has to give them a radically different way of seeing him. For those three on the mountain, it was a visionary experience, but however it happens it is by the power of God’s own Spirit that our eyes are opened to see him as truly human, yet truly divine.

As the sun gives physical light and life to planet Earth, the Son gives spiritual or eternal light and life to those who are open to it. By faith we see what others cannot see and by faith we respond, as plants respond to sunlight, to the light of God shining out through Jesus.

- Take for example some object – say a stick of celery or a wheelchair – and reflect on what influences come to bear upon the way you see those objects.
- What influences your view of Jesus?
- What does the ‘light of the world’ image say to you about Jesus?
- What of Christ does faith enable us to see that others cannot see?

Rev Ron Potter

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FRIENDSHIP TEA: 5-6:30PM 3RD SUNDAY 19TH

This is an opportunity to get to know one another better. So bring a plate and a story to share. If you need a lift, call the Pastoral Care Team!

FUTURE DIRECTIONS UPDATE

The Montville church proposal is in two parts.

1. A ramp to provide better disability access for visitors to the Reflection Gallery, and
2. A Labyrinth is proposed for the church grounds, with access for all.

Do you know much about Labyrinths? Go to page 14 of the latest (Autumn) edition of The New Vine, where Graham Dempster has included an article on the Community Labyrinth at the Uniting Church in Bargara near Bundaberg. Or Go to <https://www.bundabergnow.com/2020/01/05/bargara-labyrinth-space-for-contemplation/>

Another search: Google mountain makers Perth WA for a complete overview of the Perth Labyrinth Trail. Many in church grounds. Very interesting ideas.

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