



# 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> 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

### Face to Face Services Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April

Montville Green: 7.45am on the  
Green with the Anglicans  
Montville: 8.15am Service  
Maleny: 9.45am Holy  
Communion  
Maleny: 6:30pm RCLN Maleny  
UC  
Palmwoods: 10am Service

### RCL Year A Readings (Palm & Passion Sunday)

Is 50:4-9a  
Ps 118:1-2,19-29  
Phil 2:5-11  
Mt 21:1-11

### COMING UP NEXT WEEK

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

**Friday** – 1.30pm KYB at Maleny UC

**Saturday** – Week of prayer  
commences

**Sunday** – **Palm Sunday**

**Through the Week** – various  
Connect Groups

### COMING UP IN APRIL

Easter programme (2, 6-9)  
Congregational meeting – 30

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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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### **Friendship Tea:**

The first of our friendship tea was enjoyable and the consensus is that we will have it again the third Sunday of the month. So diarise the 16 April!  
BIG thank you to all who participated and prepared!

### **EASTER PROGRAMME**

#### **Week of Prayer Sat 1<sup>st</sup>-Wed 5<sup>th</sup> April 5-6pm**

This year's material takes a contemplative approach, looking at the words Come, Look, Wait, Yearn and Stay which reflect five moments in contemplative prayer. We'll be meeting at the Maleny church each of these days from 5-6pm to reflect and pray together. Helen Uhlmann

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#### **Palm Sunday Sun 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> April 6pm Maleny

#### **Good Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April**

8am Maleny UC  
9:30am Palmwoods (combined with Montville)

#### **Easter Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> April**

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

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## The Power and the Love

**Romans 8:6-11, John 11:1-27, Mark 10:32-45**

The Gospels tell us that neither heaven, nor resurrection, nor eternal life is reserved exclusively for some distant future. They can all, to some extent, be known in the here and now. The glory of God breaks through the veil of our human limitation. These experiences may come as major turning points in our lives (as for the disciples in Mark 9:2-10), or as the many little nudges we get through an awareness of God's Presence in the midst of daily life.

How we experience this though depends upon the God that we believe in. If we see God only as the Almighty, the All-powerful, we may 'see' God in the crushing of our enemies, in our victories and triumphs. However, any emphasis on the power of God needs to be balanced by an equally strong emphasis on the love of God. Then we see that God's victory comes, not through the exercise of naked power, but through the power of love.

Love knows we can't have the joy of Resurrection on Easter Day without the crucifixion pain of Good Friday. We can't know the gift of eternal life and still go on living in a selfish, desire-dominated way (Romans 8:6-10). Our ego-centred pride has to give way to Christ-centred humility (Mark 10:43-45). We face death with the assurance that if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells within us, we too shall be raised to a resurrection of the kind that we celebrate at Easter (Romans 8:11). By the love and power of God, we have already been raised to live the new life through Christ.

- "The glory of God breaks through the veil of our human limitation." What are the human limitations that prevent us from "seeing" God?
- Why is it so important to keep in balance both the power and the love of God?
- What do you understand Jesus as saying in the words, "I am the resurrection and the life"?
- Read or sing Graham Kendrick's hymn *The Servant King* (256 in Together in Song).

Rev Ron Potter

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## FUTURE DIRECTIONS UPDATE

With information supplied from the Future Directions Group, Church Council has identified six proposals for further consideration. They are:

- \* Children's & Family Worker (Bob Grice),
- \*Community Chaplain (Peter Uhlmann),
- \*Community Hub at Palmwoods Community Garden (Tony Nixon),
- \*Homeless Ministry Maleny (John Park),
- \*Online Ministry across all sites (Helen Uhlmann), and
- \*Ramp and Labyrinth at Montville (Jeff Spencer).

These proposers have now been asked to provide further information in regard to financial and other resourcing requirements.

When Church Council receives the updated proposals the list for presentation to the congregation on 30 April will be finalised.

Please continue to pray, to talk together about our future mission and direction. Murray R

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