



# 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 Palm 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

### Face to Face Services Easter Services 9<sup>th</sup> April

**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

### COMING UP IN THE WEEK

**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>** Week of prayer  
**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> Cuppa Craft**  
**Wednesday – 8.30am** Meditation at Maleny UC  
**Thursday 6pm – Tenebrae Service,** Maleny

### COMING UP IN APRIL

April 16 – Ladies Friendship Group  
April 29<sup>th</sup> – Ladies Ecumenical B'fast hosted by Maleny UC  
April 30 – Congregational meeting

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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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### **LADIES FRIENDSHIP GROUP 16<sup>th</sup> APRIL**

We plan to visit the Pioneer Village for our next meeting on 16th April at 9-30am. Cost\$12. A form for the names of those who are coming will be in the church for catering and transport.

### **RCL Year A Readings for Easter**

**April 7 2023** Good Friday Is 52:13 – 53:12 Ps 22 Heb 10:16-25 or Jn 18:1 – 19:42 B/R Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9

**April 8 2023** Holy Saturday Job 14:1-14 or Ps 31:1-4, 1 Pt 4:1-8 Mt 27:57-66 or Lam 3:1-9, 19-24 15-16 Jn 19:38-42

**April 9 2023** Easter Day Acts 10:34-43 Ps 118:1-2, Col 3:1-4 or Jn 20:1-18 or Jer 31:1-6 14-24 Acts 10:34-43 or Mt 28:1-10

**April 9 2023** Easter Evening Is 25:6-9 Ps 114 1 Cor 5:6b-8 Lk 24:13-49

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### **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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### **All Hands On Board – It's Maleny's turn!**

The Ladies' Ecumenical Breakfast on the 29th April at 8.30 am. Our lovely Fijian ladies will be presenting. Fijian pancakes and crepes, gluten free of course, are on the menu.

After Worship on Palm Sunday, a meeting and roster will be made for those ladies who can help make this a special breakfast. Thanks in anticipation. Excited!

### **LIENA ON TRIP TO SOUTHERN AFRICA 10-29 APRIL**

Liena will be visiting family and friends in Zimbabwe and South Africa and will be away from 10-29 April. Should there be any pastoral issues in this time please contact the church office ([admin@ourcommonlife.org.au](mailto:admin@ourcommonlife.org.au)) or phone Pete Callaghan who will contact the relevant persons.

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## The Humility of God

Philippians 2:5-11, Matthew 21:1-11

I read this recently, "Successful entrepreneurs put all of their efforts into building and growing their new ventures, setting their own egos aside" (John Rampton). Love, too, is like that, it puts its effort into the relationship with the one who is loved, setting aside its own importance. It could be said of Jesus that in putting all his efforts into inviting people to be part of God's realm, he set his own ego aside.

Embodying love, too, he gave no thought to his own standing or safety, he gave himself for the sake of those whom he loved. This complete absence of egotism is represented in his Palm Sunday ride into Jerusalem. Biblical scholars, Crossan and Borg, speculate that, at the same time as Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey, Pontius Pilate, the Roman governor, was entering from the other side of the city, accompanied by all the pomp and boastfulness of imperial Rome. Then the contrast is striking.

The one who reflects the very nature of God comes to Jerusalem, to Australia, to every one of us, in the humility born of love. It follows then that egotism, feelings of superiority and arrogant disregard of others should have no place in our lives. The way to prevent self-confidence turning into heartless egotism is to have a self-confidence based on Christ-confidence. When we listen to the Christ within, the Spirit of love, we forget self and give ourselves to living and sharing the reign of God. We care not for recognition or honours. We act out Christ's way of compassion.

- What does this mean for us in this pandemic dominated environment in which we currently live?
- What is the difference between egotism and self-confidence?
- Give examples of where you have seen 'humility born of love'.
- What does it mean to have a self-confidence based on Christ-confidence?

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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