



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 Easter Services 9th April

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

Face to Face Services Services 16th April

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

RCL Year A Readings

(Easter 2)

Acts 2:14a, 22-32
Ps 16
1 Pt 1:3-9
Jn 20:19-31

COMING UP IN THE WEEK

Wednesday – 8.30am Meditation at
Maleny UC

Friday – 1.30pm KYB at Maleny UC
Through the Week – various
Connect Groups

STILL TO COME IN APRIL

Thursday 20th – Ladies Friendship
Group

April 29th – Ladies Ecumenical B'fast
hosted by Maleny UC

April 30th – Congregational meeting

****NEW****

MONTVILLE REFLECTION GALLERY DISPLAY

A brand-new exhibition features the works of Annette Ireland. Annette's Reflection on Easter is a series of drawings that help us look again at the Easter Story and the way the message can have meaning and significance today.

LADIES FRIENDSHIP GROUP 20th APRIL

We plan to visit the Pioneer Village for our next meeting on 20th 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

ALL HANDS ON BOARD – IT'S MALENY'S TURN!

The Ladies' Ecumenical Breakfast on the 29th April, 8.30 am at Maleny Uniting Church.

Our lovely Fijian ladies will be presenting. Fijian pancakes and crepes, gluten free of course, are on the menu.

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) or phone Pete Callaghan who will contact the relevant persons.

The Moderator's Easter Message:

Click here for the Moderator's Easter message:

[Easter 2023 Moderator's Message on Vimeo](#)

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God Reigns!

Jeremiah 31:1-6, Acts 10:34-43, Matthew 28:1-10

'Don't meddle with me! Or else!' That's the response of power to threat. Whether it be the bully-boy in the school yard, the Mafia boss, or the leader of a democratic nation, those in power react to threat in the same way. Crush the rebels. Declare war on terror. Get rid of the threat.

Call it national security or sensible business practice or whatever, but squash those who threaten our privileges. And that's exactly what we see happening on Good Friday. Both the religious leaders and the political authorities take action to put down a threat to their systems. When we see Jesus being nailed to the cross, we see the power structures of the time, represented by people like Caiaphas and Pilate, stamping down on one who threatened their supremacy. It wasn't just a single individual that they killed; it was an attempt to crush the kingdom or reign of God of which Jesus was the great advocate and embodiment.

And it happens over and over again everyday – God's way of respect for all, compassion and cooperation, is trampled upon by people whose egos or power structures are threatened. But Good Friday is never the end of the story. Easter Day reminds us that the reign of God cannot be put down like that. God's way of right and respectful relationships, of *agape* love, rises again undefeated. The Spirit of God cannot be wiped out. Jesus the Christ cannot be dismissed. The kingdom of God is eternal.

God reigns. We live now with the knowledge that God's love triumphs over human power structures. No matter how oppressive the regime may be, God's way of truth and justice, respect and compassion is never abolished. No matter how restricted our movements may be and how troubled we may feel in the face of challenges we live with the knowledge that Christ is alive and with us.

- What experience have you had of people in power attempting to crush those who opposed them?
- In what way did Jesus pose a threat to the Jewish and to the Roman authorities?
- Give examples of God's reign posing a threat to people in positions of power.
- Where is your own attitude or practice being threatened or challenged by God's Spirit?
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Rev Ron Potter

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Blackall Range Uniting Church acknowledges the first peoples
who are the traditional owners of the land upon which we live and worship.

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]

***The Lord is risen!
He is risen indeed!***

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