



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 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

Face to Face Services Services 23rd April

Montville: 8.15am Service
Maleny: 9.45 am Service
Palmwoods: Reflections in the Garden

RCL Year A Readings (Easter 3)

Acts 2:14a, 36-41
Ps 116:1-4, 12-19
1 Pt 1:17-23
Lk 24:13-35

COMING UP NEXT WEEK

Monday – BRUC Council Meets
Wednesday – 8.30am Meditation at Maleny UC
Thursday 20th – Ladies Friendship Group 9-30am Cost \$12
Friday – 1.30pm KYB at Maleny UC
Friday – Act2 Project consultation
Through the Week – various Connect Groups

STILL TO COME IN APRIL

Saturday April 29th – Ladies Ecumenical B'fast hosted by Maleny UC
Sunday April 30th – Combined Congregational meeting @ Maleny UC

****NEW EXHIBITION****

MONTVILLE REFLECTION GALLERY DISPLAY

Annette Ireland's Reflection on Easter has finished and Rev. Geraldine Wheeler's (pictured) series of 10 works illustrating the poem *Canticles of the Creatures* by St Francis of Assisi.

Geraldine is a retired Uniting Church Minister who has been using images as visual interpretation of scripture to complement preaching and teaching in words and as a means of entering into prayer and meditation for several decades.



ALL WELCOME TO FRIENDSHIP DINNER @ MALENY THIS SUNDAY NIGHT

Our second Friendship Dinner@Maleny will be held this Sunday night from 5-6.30pm in the Maleny Hall.

Bring a plate to share.

IN BRIEF

- **Cuppa Craft** cancelled for May 2nd. The Maleny Garden Club have booked for a function.
- 2023 edition of the **Church Directory** is now available in Maleny, Montville and Palmwoods.
- Busy few months for **Hall Hires** at Maleny and Montville. Please check the Hall Hire Calendar (online) when planning to use the Church or hall.

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WITNESS TO THE RESURRECTION

Acts 2:14a, 22-32, John 20:19-31

A witness speaks out of personal experience, not hearsay. A witness testifies not only by words, but by body language and by actions as well. Without the appropriate demeanor, words fall flat. They sound hollow.

Since Christians are called to be witnesses of Christ's resurrection, how can we be effective witnesses? It's not enough to relay what others have told us or to simply repeat church doctrine. It's not a matter of theological or biblical knowledge. It has to come out of our own personal experience. But we haven't had the visual experience that Christ's followers had in the period soon after his death. However, that does not mean that we have not had an experience of Christ – alive, impacting our lives, challenging us, leading us and encouraging us.

How has Christ impacted your life? Called you to a conscious and deliberate commitment to live under his authority, influenced the direction your life has taken, involved you in service for God and for other people, expanded your vision to give you a bigger view of life than once you had, healed you, released you from a heavy burden? Let's not keep such experiences to ourselves.

Here is something to share from the heart with anyone willing to listen. But remember, we witness to the resurrection not only by what we say, but by the way we live, the attitudes we exhibit, the way we relate to others. Let's live the resurrection, not just believe in it. Let's be the Easter people, not just those who celebrate it, even if, at this time we celebrate it in isolation.

- How has Christ impacted your life?
- How can we be effective witnesses to Christ's resurrection?
- If our witness is not just repeating church teaching or quoting biblical passages, what is the relationship between doctrine and witness?
- How do Easter people live?

Rev Ron Potter

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WHAT IS THE ACT2 PROJECT?

Act2 is a project born of the conviction that now is a critical time for the Uniting Church to consider afresh the ordering of its life. We have changed as a Church in the last 45 years and the context of our society is significantly different.

This is a whole of Church project, led by the National Assembly, who seek to discern God's call for our future as the Uniting Church, and need everyone's voice.

As individual congregations and as a Presbytery, we have unique insights to share about the state of our Church and the challenges and opportunities that are before us. For more information on the Act2 Project visit act2uca.com

The Act2 open forum to be held at Buderim UC on Friday 21st April 2023, from 1-3pm.

Please RSVP to Peter Callaghan on M:0458 26322

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Kindly remember to continue to give your weekly/monthly offerings.

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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.**

**I say to myself, "The LORD is my portion;
therefore I will wait for him." (Lamentations 3 vs 24)**