



Uniting in Christ | Acting with love | Living with hope | Witnessing in faith | Working for justice

NOTICES:

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

Face to Face Services
Services 30th April

Maleny: 9.45 am
Combined Service and congregational meeting

RCL Year A Readings
(Easter 4)

Acts 2:42-47
Ps 23 1
Pt 2:19-25
Jn 10:1-10

COMING UP NEXT WEEK

Wednesday – 8.30am Meditation at Maleny UC

Friday – 1.30pm KYB at Maleny UC

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

Sunday April 30th – Combined Congregational meeting @ Maleny UC – check page 2 for update.

Through the Week – various Connect Groups meet check with Peter C for contacts.

****NEW EXHIBITION****

MONTVILLE REFLECTION GALLERY DISPLAY

The new reflection features Rev. Geraldine Wheeler’s (pictured right) series of 10 works illustrating the poem *Canticles of the Creatures* by St Francis of Assisi.

**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]



IN BRIEF

- **Lay Representative to Synod** – the Council is still looking to endorse a Lay Rep. Please pray and if you feel called, talk with Peter Uhlmann, Council Chair
- **Cuppa Craft** (Maleny) cancelled for May 2nd. The Maleny Garden Club have booked the hall for a function.
- 2023 edition of the **Church Directory** is now available in Maleny, Montville and Palmwoods.



The Sacraments

Acts 2:14a, 36-41, Luke 24:13-35

Although we cannot actually see love because it is a spiritual reality, we know that someone loves us by what they do and by what they say. It is the same with God. God is a spiritual reality revealed through word and action. In the Church we speak of this as word and sacrament.

The mention of sacrament will immediately bring to mind the two liturgical events of Baptism and the Lord's Supper (Holy Communion, Eucharist, The Mass) with which we are familiar. However, sacrament covers more than that. In so far as a physical object or activity is the means by which we become aware of the presence and power of God it is sacramental.

The universe itself becomes sacramental when we sense the present and power of the Creator in it. Our awareness of God in nature or in significant events that happen to us is sacramental. Anything, can become of sacramental significance. Not automatically or magically, but when our spirits are made aware of God's presence and power through physical realities, we have a sacrament.

However, from the earliest days of the Church, Baptism and Communion have carried the weight of authorization by Jesus himself. They are physical activities involving physical objects (water, bread, wine) through which God acts. They can link us with Jesus, spirit with spirit. Through them, we may sense Christ really and truly present. Through them, Christ acts to establish and empower the Church.

- What are the outward and visible signs of someone's love?
- What are the outward and visible signs of God's love?
- What does baptism signify?
- What might it mean to have a sacramental approach to life?

Rev Ron Potter

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who are the traditional owners of the land upon which we live and worship.

IMPORTANT CONGREGATIONAL MEETING SUNDAY 30 APRIL

After next Sunday's combined service, there will be a congregational meeting to receive more information about the Future Directions Proposals. The Church Council has now attached suggested financial allocations to the six proposals under consideration. At the meeting you will hear a short presentation about the proposals, be able to ask questions, and then be invited to rate each of the proposals. This feedback will be assessed by Church Council who will then arrive at a final proposal for your approval, probably in May.

An email to the Blackall Range email list will also be sent out.

Thank you in advance for your prayerful and practical participation in the Future Direction Project.

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weekly/monthly offerings.**

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