



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 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

Face to Face Services Services 7th April

Montville: 8.15am Worship
Maleny: 9.45 am Communion
Palmwoods: 10am Family
Service

RCL Year A Readings
(Easter 5)

Acts 7:55-60
Ps 31:1-5, 15-16
1 Pt 2:2-10
Jn 14:1-14

COMING UP NEXT WEEK

Wednesday – 8.30am Meditation at Maleny UC

Friday – 1.30pm KYB at Maleny UC

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

COMING IN MAY

May 28th – 5pm Pentecost Sunday Combine Churches of the Sunshine Coast Service @ the Good Life Community Church, Buderim

****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.

MALENY COMMUNITY NEEDS

The Maleny Neighbourhood Centre could do with some of the following:

- Blankets & towels.
- Tins of Lentils
- Tins of Tomato
- Tins of soup & packets of soup
- Pasta sauce
- Toiletries...

Please drop your donations into the basket at Church or directly to the Neighbourhood Centre.



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.

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Blackall Range UC inc: Maleny UC, Montville UC, Palmwoods UC.

Doorway to LIFE

John 10:1-10

The experience of isolation forced upon us by the battle against the covid19 virus reminds us that our lives get their meaning and value from the relationships in which we live. Relationships vary in intensity. We use terms like deep and shallow, rich and empty, close and distant, vital and dead to describe this variation in intensity, and it is the quality of our relationships that makes life worth living.

From the biblical point of view, all life is viewed in relationship with God. The natural world is seen in an on-going relationship with its Creator. Human life varies in its quality depending upon its relationship with God. Life in the kingdom of God is life lived in the truest, deepest, richest, closest and most vital relationship with God. It is called eternal life.

At the heart of the Christian message is the understanding that Jesus Christ is the doorway through which we enter into this fullness of life. Jesus used the image of a sheepfold gateway to express this. In John 10, he warned against pseudo-messiahs offering their ways to freedom and fulfillment. He was referring to those would-be messiahs who stirred up campaigns against the Romans, but for us this refers to the tantalizing offer of abundant life through such things as success, acquisition of money and goods, popularity or through the pursuit of pleasure and happiness.

Beyond all emphasis on mindfulness, meditation, yoga or self-fulfillment strategies, Christ stands as the doorway to life at its ultimate best. Beyond all human efforts at securing a better life, we have the living Christ to lead us into abundant life. Let's live it!

- Which relationships do you value most highly, and why?
- How do you understand God to be related to the natural world?
- How would you describe your relationship with Christ?
- What words would you use to describe abundant life?

Rev Ron Potter

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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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Kindly remember to continue to give your 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)**