



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 14th May

Montville: 8.15am Communion
Maleny: 9.45 am Service
Palmwoods 3:00pm Reflections in
the Garden
Palmwoods 4.00pm Growing
Together (shared meal)

RCL Year A Readings (Easter 6)

Acts 17:22-31
Ps 66:8-20
1 Pt 3:13-22
Jn 14:15-21

Face to Face Services Services 21st May

Montville: 8.15am Service
Maleny: 9.45 am Service
Maleny: 5.30pm Friendship
Dinner@Maleny
Palmwoods: 10am Communion
Service

RCL Year A Readings (Easter 7)

Acts 1:6-14
Ps 68:1-10, 32-35
1 Pt 4:12-14, 5:6-11
Jn 17:1-11

COMING UP NEXT WEEK

Monday 15th – Executive meeting;
Pastoral Care Team meets 4pm at
the Maleny Manse
Tuesday 16th – Cuppa Craft at
Maleny Church
Communion at Erowal 11am
Wednesday 17th – 8.30am
Meditation at Maleny Church
Thursday 18th – Ladies Friendship
Group morning tea to support
Cancer Research
Thursday 18th – Maleny Mens
Group BBQ Lunch from 12noon.
Friday – 1.30pm KYB at Maleny UC
Sunday 21st – 5.30pm Friendship
Dinner@Maleny

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.

IN BRIEF

- **May 20th – 3pm** the Inspiration Choir and Caloundra Community Choir present "HEAVEN" a concert of Heaven themed songs at the Maleny School Hall. Cost \$20
- **Friendship Dinner@Maleny** – Maleny's Sunday night shared meal on the 3rd Sunday of the month is being enjoyed by all who attend. It is good to relax and get to know each other better. So, join us on the 21st May at 5pm. to share your food and conversation.
- **May 28th – 5pm** Pentecost Sunday Combined Churches of the Sunshine Coast Service @ the Good Life Community Church, Buderim

ASCENSION DAY READINGS – MAY 18TH

Acts 1:1-11
Ps 47 or Ps 93
Eph 1:15-23
Lk 24:44-53

MALENY MEN'S GROUP THURS 18 May

In response to a popular request, the next BBQ is on Thursday 18th May, from midday at Baroon Pocket Dam, Maleny. B.Y.O. food and drink. All men are welcome - a great chance to reconnect.

LADIES FRIENDSHIP GROUP - MALENY

Some more information about our morning tea on Thursday, 18th May. Our Speaker will be – Sandra Kennedy Vaughan. Could you please bring along a 'pretty' cup, saucer and plate for you own use. Remember you can ask a friend to come too. Donation to The Cancer Fund will be \$10. Acceptance by Tuesday 16th if possible please.

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WE HAVE A FRIEND

John 14:15-21

You're stranded in a foreign city. You don't speak the language. You need to find accommodation for the night. It's getting late and you don't like the look of some of the characters in the street nearby. You feel a tinge of panic, but then look up and see someone that you have known from way back. "Wow! Didn't know you were here! Can you help me?" you exclaim. "Of course, my friend. I heard you might be here; I came looking for you."

You breathe a sigh of relief. You have a friend. All will be well. Just as Jesus promised long ago his promise comes true for you today. You have a Friend, a Spirit Friend, who'll see you through your plight, who'll accompany you throughout your stay.

Little children sometimes have an invisible friend. Those who seek to follow Jesus in their lives today also have an invisible friend, but whereas the child's friend is conjured up by an infantile imagination the followers of Jesus have a friend promised by Jesus himself.

The Holy Spirit is our friend, our wise and experienced friend. Jesus is with us in the spirit to guide and to rescue. We speak of the spirit of Anzac or the spirit of a sporting club, but more importantly we recognize the spirit of a person: intangible but unmistakably real.

We can be inspired by the spirit of great people, but above all let's be inspired by the Spirit of Jesus to live the Jesus-way, to enable us to tell the gospel story and to live it in our daily lives.

The Spirit of Jesus is the Holy Spirit, Spirit of God leading, guiding, encouraging, correcting, teaching, comforting and strengthening us. We are never alone. We have a Friend. We have an eternal Friend. Whether it be in this world or the next, we have a Friend.

- Share stories about a wise and capable friend who has helped you at some time in your life.
- What does it mean to you that God, through the Holy Spirit, is your Friend?
- John 14:16 in the Greek uses the word Look up as many different versions of the New Testament as you can and make a list of the words used to translate, "And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another.....".
- What's the difference between human friendship and God's friendship?

Rev Ron Potter

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NEW VINE CONTRIBUTIONS

The closing date for contributions on the theme - *Stand up, stand up for Jesus* - is **Wednesday, 17 May**. Please send contributions to grandar@bigpond.net.au by the end of that day. Am needing all the help I can get, thanks. Graham

PRAYER FOR MOTHERS' DAY (loosely translated ex dinkjeug.co.za)

Lord we pray today for all mothers, moms, grandmothers and mother-figures. We celebrate together with them all their children and grandchildren, whether they be biological, adopted or spiritual. We thank you for what they do. We thank you for their compassion and their care.

We pray today for those who have lost their mothers, their grandmothers and women in their lives. We also pray for single fathers. Make us sensitive O Spirit to those who have never had a mother or mother-figure and send us to support them.

Yes Lord, Mothers' Day means something different to each one of us and today we pray that you, who cradle us in your arms like a mother, will be present with each person and use us in the world so that each person can experience the love they need. Amen.

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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)**