



# 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 4<sup>th</sup> June

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

### RCL Year A Readings (Trinity Sunday)

Gn 1:1 – 2:4a  
Ps 8  
2Cor 13:11-13  
Mt 28:16-20

### Face to Face Services Services 11<sup>th</sup> June

Montville: 8.15am Communion  
Service  
Maleny: 9.45am Service  
Palmwoods: 3.00pm Reflections  
in the Garden

### RCL Year A Readings (Pentecost 2)

Gn 12:1-9,  
Ps 33:1-12  
Rom 4:13-25  
Mt 9:9-13, 18-26

### COMING UP NEXT WEEK

**Wednesday** – 8.30am Meditation at  
Maleny Church  
**Friday** – 1.30pm KYB at Maleny UC

### COMING UP IN JUNE

**Office closure** – the Church  
Office will be closed until  
Tuesday July 4<sup>th</sup> – For Our  
Common Life contributions,  
please send to Rev Liena at  
[minister@ourcommonlife.org.au](mailto:minister@ourcommonlife.org.au).

### IN BRIEF

- **Maleny Neighbourhood Centre** has put out an urgent call for men's winter cloths.
- The **New Vine Winter 29<sup>th</sup> Edition** is out!. Make sure to grab a copy! Big thank you to Graham and Muriel and all the contributors.
- **Season of Creation** 1st September (the day of prayer for creation) to 4th October (feast day of St Francis). is a global movement where Christians are invited to celebrate, pray and act to protect creation. The theme for Season of Creation 2023 is **Let Justice and Peace Flow**. The symbol is a mighty river. Queensland Churches Environment Network (QCEN) invite people to share creative works celebrating Creation. Creative works could include, photos, videos, poems, prayers, short stories, drawings, paintings, art, music, - anything creative. **Submission of Artworks:** Upload your creations at [www.fb.com/QCEnvNet](http://www.fb.com/QCEnvNet) or email to [admin@gct.org.au](mailto:admin@gct.org.au)

### **MONTVILLE REFLECTION GALLERY DISPLAY** The new reflection features Rev. Geraldine Wheeler's series of 10 works illustrating the poem *Canticles of the Creatures* by St Francis of Assisi.

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**Trinity Sunday:** The Sunday after Pentecost is always celebrated as Trinity Sunday. The Trinity can be a complex intellectual discourse, and it can be a simple confession of faith, and it can be much much more. Below are a few thoughts on it – first by Rev Sue Lodge and the other part of last week's insert by the late Ron Potter. In my reflections on Sunday I will be focusing on the creative nature of the Trinity.

### **Trinity - The Heart of God is Community**

The Trinity is something we can get ourselves in a knot over. I have certainly wrestled with the idea and construction of the Trinity. And yet I find the idea of the Trinity – three yet one – endlessly fascinating and life giving. But maybe this year we should allow ourselves to enjoy the reality of the Trinity without first fully understanding it, allowing the Trinity to reveal itself. Whatever we understand about the Trinity we shall only ever be glimpsing reflected light.

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Above all the Trinity – the understanding that one God has three expressions or ways of being in the world – means that loving relationship is at

the centre of the whole universe. The Creator was never on his or her or their own! The one who created everything, including us, was always a community of persons. Always more of a dancing community circling through time and space than a single old white-haired man on a throne in the sky. The very nature of God is communion. A communion into which we are invited. Rev Sue Lodge: [Trinity - The Heart of God is Community \(companionsontheway.com\)](#)

### **Different, but not so Different:**

God is beyond all human imagining, beyond any form of representation, beyond all human limitation, yet God was uniquely incarnate in one, historical, human person.

God speaks although God has no mouth; God acts although God has no body. God is one, yet a community of Father, Son and Holy Spirit. In Christian theology the term Trinity was adopted around the third century describing the One who was three, three-in-one, yet not three gods – three persons, one godhead.

God is not a person as human beings are persons, although God is personal. Truly God's ways are not our ways (Isaiah 55:8). God is known, not as knowledge, but as presence and power. We cannot lay hold of God; God lays hold of us. God is different from us, yet not so different that we cannot bask in God's presence, revel in the work that God gives us to do, praise God for the goodness that surrounds us and trust God healing, renewing, saving and sustaining love.

**Rev Ron Potter**

**Piula Publications**

### ***A Prayer for Trinity Sunday***

***by John Harvey from Iona Community***

*In the mystery of the beginning of things,  
Creator God,  
You made this planet,  
Rock upon layer of rock,  
To be weathered and planted  
To become a place for living.*

### ***A Prayer for Trinity Sunday (cont)***

*In the mystery of human life,  
Parent God  
You made us,  
Flesh and blood and spirit and bone,  
Image of yourself,  
woman, man and child,  
For loving.*

*In the mystery of your unconditional love  
Redeemer God  
You came in Jesus  
Flesh of our flesh, bone of our bone,  
To buy us back from captivity,  
Back to our true belonging, together,  
Daughters and sons of heaven  
Living and loving  
Here on Earth.*

*And if, in this place, and at this table,  
It will come to pass once again,  
Or perhaps for the very first time,  
That your Spirit will touch ours –  
Then in your mercy  
Turn us to face you,  
In ourselves, our world, our neighbour,  
And send us out from here,  
Your companions on the way.  
We pray in Jesus name.*

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### ***For Church Hall Hire:***

***<https://ourcommonlife.org.au/calendar-hall-hire/#>***

***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)**