



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

NOTICES:

Face to Face Services
 Services 11th 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

Face to Face Services
 Services 18th June

Montville: 8.15am Service
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 Palmwoods: 10.00pm Communion Service
RCL Year A Readings
 (Pentecost 3)

Gn 18:1-15, 1:1-7
 Exodus 19:1-8
 Ps 100 & 116
 Rom 5:1-8
 Matt 9:35-10:8

COMING UP NEXT WEEK

Wednesday – 8.30am Meditation at Maleny Church
Thursday 9:30 Ladies Friendship Group
Friday – 1.30pm KYB at Maleny UC

COMING UP IN JUNE

Office closure – the Church Office will be closed until Tuesday July 4th – For Our Common Life contributions, please send to Rev Liena at minister@ourcommonlife.org.au.

IN BRIEF

- **Maleny Neighbourhood Centre** has put out an urgent call for men's winter clothes.
- The **New Vine Winter 29th 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 or email to admin@gct.org.au

Psalm 123 (The message)

1-4 I look to you, heaven-dwelling God,
 look up to you for help.
 (cont opp column)

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.

Ladies Friendship Group on Thursday 15 th June You are welcome to join the ladies at 9.30 am at Maleny UC. The speaker is Dr Fran Guard who will share her fascination about Fungi

Financial Update 1st July 2022 to 31 May 2023: At this stage we are 14% behind on our anticipated budget for offerings for this financial year. The current figures stand at:

Actual Offerings = \$117,839.
 Pro rata (11 months) = \$137,500.
 Current Shortfall = **\$19,661.**

Thank you to all for your faithful giving.

Like servants, alert to their master's commands,
 like a maiden attending her lady,
 We're watching and waiting, holding our breath,
 awaiting your word of mercy.

Mercy, GOD, mercy!

We've been kicked around long enough,
 Kicked in the teeth by complacent rich men,
 kicked when we're down by arrogant brutes.



Message for a Confused World

Romans 5:1-8, Matthew 9:35-37

Let's take a broad-brush approach to the gospel of our redemption. God created humanity and all the rest of creation to live together with God in one great harmonious web of inter-relationship. God is central to all of this, the power that holds it all together. However, the spirit of rebellion leads people to shift the centre from God to themselves. This results in alienation both from God and from fellow human beings and from the created universe.

God acted in Jesus Christ to restore humanity to its intended state. While the full realization of that state has not yet come about, it has been re-established as a possibility. Acting out of grace or unmerited and generous love, God reconciled the world unto himself, sinners were redeemed, offenders were justified, peace was restored.

In his day, Jesus was deeply moved with compassion for the crowds that listened to his teaching and brought the demon-afflicted to be healed. They were eager for this new life that he was talking about but didn't know where to find it, running around like sheep without a shepherd. He told his disciples to pray for workers to bring in the harvest so obviously ready.

And what about today? There is a harvest waiting to be gathered in, that is, there are people around us who are just ripe for this message of God's redemptive love. It goes beyond gathering people into the church – that may be a step on the way. It is a matter of gathering people into living the possibility that Jesus opened up – living the life of the kingdom of God, God's realm of justice and peace, of hope and salvation, of joy and forgiveness, of service and of love.

- The world lives in alienation from God. How is that evident?
- What evidence is there that there are people just waiting for the message of God's redemptive love?
- Reconciliation lies at the heart of the Gospel. What is involved for reconciliation, either between God and us or between people, to take place?
- How can we best deliver the message of God's reconciling love?

Rev Ron Potter

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FROM UNITING NEWS:

Uniting for the Voice



At the core of our church lies a dedication to advocating for

social justice, a commitment rooted in the Christian principle of promoting the common good. Central to our church's identity is our covenant relationship with First Peoples. Together, we will actively listen, journey side by side, and stand united as a Christ-centered family. We invite you to join us on this transformative path of unity.

Link to video: [UCAQLD Statement on the Voice to Parliament on Vimeo](#)

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