



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 25th June

Montville: 8.15am Service
Maleny: 9.45am Service
Palmwoods: 13pm
Reflections in the Garden
RCL Year A Readings
(Pentecost 4)

Gn 21:8-21;
Jeremiah 20:7-13
Ps 86 & 69
Rom 6:1-11
Matt 10:24-39

Face to Face Services Services 2nd July

Montville: 8.15am Service
Maleny: 9.45am Communion
Palmwoods: 10:00am
RCL Year A Readings
(Pentecost 5)

Genesis 22:1-14;
Jeremiah 28:5-9
Ps 13 & 89
Rom 6:12-23
Matt 10:40-42

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 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.
- **Tent of promise is in town**



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.**

Religious Instruction in the media

RI has been in the media a fair bit this year. We are very happy to let you know that in the past couple of days there have been a couple of opportunities for us to present our side of the story.

We hope that you can take the time to read and listen to these media stories as they will help inform you about how you can answer this question: 'Why should RI stay in curriculum time?' when you speak with family and friends.

But please leave any media responses to the appointed spokespeople.

1. The Courier Mail published the following stories:

* an online article on 11 June with the heading "Move to ditch religion from class time would 'kill' the program, says RI Network Chair"

* a newspaper article on 12 June with the heading "RI in schools 'important'"

Following is a summary of the main points from our Chairperson Karen Grenning:

*Moving RI out of curriculum time would effectively result in the end of the RI program, resulting in parents missing out on an important aspect of education for their children.

*We don't want to extend school hours (by moving RI to before or after school, or to the lunch break).

- **Liena in Mooloolaba:** Liena will be representing Presbytery at the farewell of the former Uniting Church at Mooloolaba which was dissolved by presbytery in March 2023. The faith community is now known as the *Faith Church Sunshine Coast* and is commissioned as a member of the Diocese of the Southern Cross. Let us never cease praying for the unity of the body of Christ. Also please pray for future of the Uniting Church in Mooloolaba as we recreate a presence in such a pivotal place!

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Rev Ron Potter's Reflection from Piula Publications will return in a fortnight.

Prayers by Dr Martin Luther King Jnr

Prayer in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace, and in righteousness of life

O God, the Creator and Preserver of all mankind; in whom to dwell is to find peace and security; toward whom to turn is to find life and life eternal, we humbly beseech Thee for all sorts and conditions of men; that thou wouldst be pleased to make thy ways known unto them, Thy saving health unto all nations. We also pray for Thy holy Church universal; that it may be so guided and governed by Thy Spirit, that all who profess and call themselves Christians may be led into the way of truth, and hold the faith in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace, and in righteousness of life. Finally, we commend to Thy Fatherly goodness all those who are in any way afflicted or distressed in mind or body. Give them patience under the suffering and power of endurance. This we ask in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Prayer to forgive us for what we could have been but failed to be

O Thou Eternal God, out of whose absolute power and infinite intelligence the whole universe has come into being, we humbly confess that we have not loved thee with our hearts, souls and minds, and we have not loved our neighbours as Christ loved us. We have all too often lived by our own selfish impulses rather than by the life of sacrificial love as revealed by Christ. We often give in order to receive. We love our friends and hate our enemies. We go the first mile but dare not travel the second. We forgive but dare not forget. And so as we look within ourselves, we are confronted with the appalling fact that the history of our lives is the history of an eternal revolt against you. But thou, O God, have mercy upon us. Forgive us for what we could have been but failed to be. Give us the intelligence to know your will. Give us the courage to do your will. Give us the devotion to love thy will. In the name and spirit of Jesus we pray. Amen.

Prayer to increase the number of persons of good will and moral sensitivity

O God, make us willing to do your will, come what may. Increase the number of persons of good will and moral sensitivity. Give us renewed confidence in nonviolence and the way of love as taught by Christ. Amen

*Those not opted into RI do valuable curriculum-based learning which may include revision and quiet reading
* A modern inclusive education system has RI in curriculum time.

*Both Karen and Rev David Baker rejected the idea that we are indoctrinating children, and argued that Christian RI gives students the opportunity to question, explore and discover the Christian faith for themselves.

2. ABC Radio 612 Brisbane Mornings program on Friday 9 June 2023 had a program about RI which you can access online [here](#) , up until this coming Friday 16 June. You can listen as follows:

*Whole program about RI is from 4:25-25mins, 36-38:30 and 41:50-58:15

* David Baker's interview: 18:10-23:55

* Karen Grenning's interview: 47:20-47:40 and 50:20-56:20

Please alert us when RI is in the media

We would now appreciate your help in letting us know ASAP if you become aware that there is going to be a story about RI, especially if it is on your local radio or TV station, and please also let us know about any newspaper or other media RI stories. A phone call or text via your Coordinator may be the fastest way to contact us.

Prayer and Praise Points

We are very thankful for the opportunity given to us by the Courier Mail and the ABC to give some information about RI and to explain the value of the program.

Please continue to pray for RI and for the media team.

We hope that you are encouraged by this news!

God bless,

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