



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 9th July

Montville: 8.15am Communion
Maleny: 9.45am Service
Palmwoods: 3pm Reflections in
Community Garden

RCL Year A Readings (Pentecost 6)

Genesis 24:34-67;
Zechariah 9:9-12
Ps 45 & 145
Rom 7:15-25a
MT 11:16-30

Face to Face Services Services 16th July

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

RCL Year A Readings (Pentecost 7)

Genesis 25:19-34
Ps 119:105-112
Rom 8:1-11
Mt 13:1-9, 18-23

COMING UP NEXT WEEK

Wednesday – 8.30am Meditation at
Maleny Church

Friday – 1.30pm KYB at Maleny UC

Friday the 14th at 11am Joyce
Butterfield;s Celebration of Life at
Maleny UC

COMING UP IN JULY

Tuesday the 18th at 10am - Blue
Care's 70th birthday at Erowal.

Sunday 30th at 9:45 at Maleny -
Combined Congregational Service

IN BRIEF

MONTVILLE REFLECTION GALLERY DISPLAY

The beginning of July sees a new display in the Reflection Gallery of beautiful artworks by the late Dr Michael Simpson who continues to inspire us through his legacy of art. And we thank the Rev Geraldine Wheeler for having her very special artwork in the gallery.

Maleny Neighbourhood Centre has put out an urgent call for men's winter clothes.

Uniting News 27th June 2023

There is a lot of news items in this week's *Uniting News*. Perhaps think of subscribing to it? Here is the e-mail: uniting.news@ucaqld.com.au.

Prayer for Reconciliation

(Catholic Aboriginal Ministry – Victoria)

Lord, open up our hearts so that we may hear the message you teach of a world in which the wrongs of the past are recognised - a world in which a reconciled people walk and talk together sharing stories; a world in which all burn with the desire to have your peace and justice reign. We ask this in Jesus' name.

Joyce Butterfield: Thanksgiving Service

A thanksgiving service celebrating the life of Joyce Butterfield will be on Friday 14th July at 11am at Maleny UC.

LADIES FRIENDSHIP GROUP 20th July 2023

Ladies Friendship Group Thursday 20 July
Visit to Pastor Kay Nixon's book shop, The Little Book Nook, Palmwoods. We will be car-pooling, departing from the church at 9.15am. There will be an opportunity to buy morning tea from the coffee shop next door.

Please add your name to the list at the back of the Maleny church. **Contact: Muriel 0477 549 933.**

Blue Care's 70th Birthday at Erowal 18th July 10am

Anyone who has been connected to Blue Care or Erowal, or if you simply enjoy a birthday party come and join us in celebrating Blue Care's 70th birthday at Erowal on Tuesday 18th July at Erowal at 10am.

Remember you need to do a RAT test before entry so come in time to tickle your nose.

E: admin@ourcommonlife.org.au



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

Why Look Elsewhere?

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

What happened? In the part of the world where Christianity has been most widely accepted, people are searching here, there and everywhere for gurus, teachers, leaders and saviours, yet they do not recognize the one who has been acknowledged among them for centuries.

They take on other yokes; some are spiritual, some philosophical, some political; some are brash, others are low-keyed; some are strange, some are familiar; some are ancient, others novel. To take someone's yoke is to live under that person's influence, their ideas and attitudes. In the time of Jesus, to live under the tutelage of a rabbi was to live under that rabbi's yoke.

Jesus contrasted his yoke with that of others of his time. Compared with them, his yoke was easy, for central to his teaching was the offer of grace, acceptance and forgiveness. God is reaching out to us; we do not have to climb the dizzy heights of religious and moral rectitude to get to God. Jesus has opened up the way to live an authentic human life, and through his Spirit is walking beside us as a friend to help us. All it calls for is humble trust, and that's the obstacle.

We humans like to be in control. We would rather have the satisfaction of reaching our own goals instead of seeking God's goals. We would rather get to God through learning or through attaining some esoteric knowledge revealed only to a privileged few than to live by faith in the One whose life was so inextricably linked with the life of the Father that to know one is to know the other.

- Who are some of the gurus, teachers, leaders, saviours that people are turning to today?
- How can the one who said, "Whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me" say that his yoke is easy?
- How do people make the life of faith a burden? Why do they do it?

When is it easy to trust God and when is it difficult?

Rev Ron Potter

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²⁸ "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy and my burden is light." – **Matthew 11 vs 28-39**

New Act2 Report

Act2: In Response to God's Call emerges from the last six months of our engagement across the Church and brings together:

- A summary of what we did during the exploration phase
- A summary of what we heard through our engagement
- Theological reflections
- Four future directions for our local communities of faith
- Four future options for our governance and resourcing

The report is now available to read in full on the Act2 website. Sections of the report can also be downloaded separately, along with an Executive Summary in plain language and visual illustrations of the four directions and four options. There is also a simple webform you can use to submit questions of the report. [Act2: In Response to God's Call](#)

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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)**