



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 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

Face to Face Services Services 23rd July

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

RCL Year A Readings (Pentecost 8)

Genesis 28:10-19a
Ps 139:1-12, 23-24
Rom 8:12-25
Mt 13:24-30, 36-43

COMING UP NEXT WEEK

Sunday 16th – 5.30pm Maleny UC Fellowship tea

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

Wednesday – 8.30am Meditation at Maleny Church

Thursday – Ladies Friendship Group Maleny – see below

Friday – 1.30pm KYB at Maleny UC

COMING UP IN JULY

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

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.

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.

Range Church Leaders Group – The name of the local ecumenical group, Range Christian Leaders Network (RCLN) has been changed to **Range Churches Together (RCT)**. It is a group which meets monthly and is attended by most of the serving ministers and chaplains in Maleny and along the Range.

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. **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. **RSVP.**

QUICK MALENY DATES – Christmas Tree Committee – 10am, August 7th @ Church; Garage Sale September 30th ;&; Christmas Market Stall (TBA).

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The Life of Faith

Romans 8:1-11; Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

In spite of all the corruption, violence and oppression in the world, God reigns. It is God's world by creation and by redemption. That theme runs through the Scriptures and has been carried by the Church over the centuries, but no matter how often it is announced, many people just don't get it. They prefer their own desires over the will of God.

This is what Paul called having the mind set on the flesh. Among those who do get it there are those who get enthusiastic about it for a while but then let it fade away, and there are those who accept it but allow themselves to be overwhelmed by other interests and concerns so that the good news is forgotten and the old ways of the world creep back in. However, there are those who accept it and let God's reign extend over their lives, some more than others, but in their lives, they show God's reign by the way they live.

They display that love for God and love for neighbour that Jesus said summarized the whole will of God. They allow the Spirit of God to guide and to motivate. They are new creatures made alive by the Spirit. Then we are called to live by these convictions: this is God's world and life is to be lived God's way; the Spirit of Christ is within us seeking to shape and to guide us. This is the life of faith that we are called to: living under God's reign in spite of all that is going on in the world, allowing the Spirit of Christ to shape and guide us rather than the social influences that impinge upon us. What does it mean to say that God reigns when many things happen that are clearly not of God?

- Give examples of human desires being in conflict with the will and purpose of God.
- What sort of things are most likely to crowd the will of God out of our lives?
- What are the most important features of a life lived with faith in God's reign?

Rev Ron Potter

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Hall Hire Insurance

The UCA Queensland Synod usually obtains insurance for public liability to assist congregations with renting premises for special family events when individuals lack coverage.

Unfortunately, the policy expired on June 30, 2023, and our brokers couldn't secure renewed terms from any insurer.

If you are planning to book Maleny, Montville or Palmwoods Church halls for future events, contact Peter C at the office to make the arrangement and to discuss insurance options.

- [Click here for more information and some possible alternatives](#) (Under 'Renting out a church hall on the UC website)

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**I say to myself, "The LORD is my portion;
therefore I will wait for him." (Lamentations 3 vs 24)**