



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 30th July

Combined Blackall Range Uniting
Service at
Maleny: 9.45am

RCL Year A Readings

(Pentecost 9)
Genesis 29:15-28
Ps 105:1-11 & Ps 119: 129-136
Ps128
Rom 8:26-39
MT 13:31-33, 44-52

Face to Face Services Services 6th August

Montville: 8:15
Maleny: 9.45am (Holy Communion)
Palmwoods: 10:00

RCL Year A Readings

(Pentecost 10)
Genesis 32:22-31
Isaiah 55:1-5
Ps 17 & Ps 145
Rom 9:1-5
Mt 14:13-21

COMING UP NEXT WEEK

Tuesday 9:30-12noon Cuppa Craft
@ Maleny

Wednesday – 8.30am Meditation at
Maleny Church

Friday – 1.30pm KYB at Maleny UC

COMING UP IN AUGUST

12th August Trivia night at
Mooloolabab

17th August Ladies Friendship

27th August AGM

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 reiterated their urgent call for men's winter clothes and food.

THE NEW VINE

It is time to start thinking about the next, Spring Edition. No specific theme this time other than - SMORGASBORD - which is an opportunity for everyone to contribute whatever they want to say. It is the opposite to a food smorgasbord where you take whatever you want - here, you don't take from the table but put in, contribute, make an offering to the variety of goodies on offer. Please send articles of whatever sort to grandar@bigpond.net.au by no later than **Wednesday, 16 August**. Thanks.

Liena on leave Monday 31st Jul– Sat 5th Aug

Liena will be away on leave from Monday 31st July to Saturday 5th August. For pastoral care please contact **Bruce Johnson 04 07180864**

Celebration of Baptism



We celebrate with Emma and Jake, the baptism of Matilda, Elsie and Banjo

"See I have engraved your names on the palms of my hands"
(Isaiah 49:16)

Ladies' Friendship Group 17th August: Open Invitation

PILGRIMAGE to IONA and BEYOND" will be presented by Heather Johnson on Thursday, 17th August, 9.30am - 11.30am at Maleny UC.

This is an open invitation from the Ladies' Friendship Group to all who would like to hear about some of Heather and Bruce's recent overseas adventures. Contact: Barbara, 5494 2238

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Life of Joy

Romans 8:26-39, Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

If one of our main tasks as a church is to make disciples, I suggest that one of the effective means by which God does this is by the joy evident in the lives of Christ's people. Paul listed joy as one of the fruits of the Spirit.

The call to rejoice comes through the New Testament something like seventy times. From John 15:11 we hear Christ's desire for his joy to be in us and for that joy to be complete, and in Matthew 13:44 we hear Jesus say that the joy of living each day within God's realm is worth getting rid of everything else to have it.

Do we come across as a particularly joyous people or do we cling to our grumbles and grouches? Are we too preoccupied with declining numbers to see where God is creating, healing, challenging, renewing lives today? Are we immobilized by fear of what people might say, by fear of failure, by fear of rejection, by fear of change? Are we overwhelmed by what we call the state of the world, news items telling of terrible things going on in the world? Have we simply adopted a defeatist attitude?

People everywhere are seeking happiness for themselves and their children: "I just want him/her to be happy". In Christ, by God's Spirit, there is a joy that goes beyond superficial happiness: joy in the very depths of our souls. Have we experienced, amid all the pleasures of life, this depth of joy: the joy that remains whatever our circumstances, the joy that goes beyond youthful exuberance, the joy that is linked to assurance, contentment and peace with God? A joy that is not dependent upon success?

Let's pray for true joy to be evident in our congregational life and in our own individual lives.

- What are some of the ways people try to get happiness for themselves and their loved ones?
- How is it that joy in Christ and sorrow at the state of the world can both be part of a Christian's life?
- Are we too staid and inhibited in our churches to let the joy of Christ shine through?
- How does joy manifest itself in the life of a Christian?

Rev Ron Potter

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Iris Blessing

May the road rise up to meet you.
May the wind be always at your back.
May the sun shine warm upon your face;
the rains fall soft upon your fields
and as long as you may live
may God hold you in the palm of His hand

MALENY CHURCH ROSTERS

This is your invitation to join the team who are rostered on for the weekly duties in Sunday service times- an important way that you can be involved in worship in a special way.

Your participation will help to spread the load as widely as possible. A roster sheet has been placed at the rear of the church for the next two Sundays: 30 July and 6 August. Please check this out for the duties required. Simply insert your names, what you can offer, and dates not available. Got questions? Please chat to Murray or Robyn or any of the people who are already on the roster.

Uniting Church at Prayer Tuesdays 7-8pm

Join members of Uniting Church across QLD in prayer over zoom every 2, 4th & 5th Tuesday 7-8pm. Here's the new link which will work for both of our calls: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81994146488?pwd=VDcnd1dCbjluaHZQR3JsM0wySGdWUT09>

God is doing new things, friends!

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Kindly remember to continue to give your weekly/monthly offerings.

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