



## NOTICES

### Face to Face Services Services 6<sup>th</sup> 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 17:1-7,15 & Ps 145:8-9,14-21  
Rom 9:1-5  
MT 14:13-21

### Face to Face Services Services 13<sup>th</sup> August

Montville: 8:15 (Holy Communion)  
Maleny: 9.45am  
Palmwoods: 3pm Reflections in  
Community Garden

#### RCL Year A Readings

(Pentecost 11)  
Genesis 37:1-4,12-28  
1 Kings 19:9-18  
Ps 105:1-6,16-22,45b & Ps 85:8-13  
Rom 10:5-15  
Mt 14:22-33

### COMING UP NEXT WEEK

**Monday** Christmas Lights meeting  
at 10am at Maleny Church  
**Wednesday** – 8.30am Meditation  
at Maleny Church  
**Friday** – 1.30pm KYB at Maleny  
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### COMING UP IN AUGUST

12<sup>th</sup> August Trivia night at  
Mooloolaba  
16<sup>th</sup> August The New Vine  
contributions due  
17<sup>th</sup> August Ladies Friendship  
27<sup>th</sup> 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.

**THE 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](mailto:grandar@bigpond.net.au) by no later than **Wednesday, 16 August**. Thanks.

### LADIES' FRIENDSHIP GROUP 17TH AUGUST: OPEN INVITATION

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

### CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

A meeting will be held in preparation for the Christmas Lights on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> August at 10am at the church. Come along to hear what is planned for this year's event. Everyone is welcome and all support is appreciated.

### GARAGE SALE

A garage sale at the church is planned for Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> September at Maleny UC. Please look around your house and decide what you don't want anymore and would like to be sold at the garage sale.

# Compassion

**Matthew 14:13-21**

When Jesus heard that Herod Antipas, the ruler of that part of the country, thought he might be John the Baptist raised from the dead, he left Herod's territory by boat, but a large crowd, pursuing him on foot, gathered at the spot where he landed asking for healing. With deep compassion, he responded to their requests. As the day wore on the disciples suggested to Jesus that he send the crowd, which numbered more than five thousand, back to their homes in time for the evening meal.

Jesus said that it was not necessary for them to be sent away. "You feed them," he said. "We only have five loaves and two fish," they replied. "Bring them here to me," he said, and ordered the people to sit down on the grass. He took the meagre rations that the disciples brought to him, prayed, blessed and broke them into pieces which he gave back to the disciples for distribution to the crowd, and everyone was fed.

They all had enough with plenty to spare. Other gospel writers vary it a little. Note the theme of compassion that flows through the story. It was out of deep compassion that Jesus healed. The disciples show compassion in their concern lest the people go hungry, but their compassion is not enough. Jesus asks them to give up what they had. When they hand it over to him, it becomes more than enough. Compassion on its own is never enough. It takes sacrifice, inconvenience, for it to become effective, and whatever we hand over to Christ, insignificant though it might seem to be, is multiplied many times over in his hands.

- Think of some examples where you have experienced compassion at work.
- What is the difference between deep and shallow compassion?
- What is meant by compassion fatigue? Is it right that we have various depths of compassion?
- What experience have you had of seemingly insignificant things being handed over to Christ being multiplied beyond expectation?

**Rev Ron Potter**

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## **MALENY CHURCH ROSTERS**

It's time for us to start planning the next church roster. A bit early? We need a bit of time as this is our first attempt, plus we are away for 3 weeks from 21 August.

As for previous rosters, could you please advise us by email of the dates in September, October and November that you will not be available. It would also be helpful this first time to let us know your preferred roster tasks. This will be needed before 6 August. If we don't hear from you, we will assume that you are available for any dates in the next three months.

There will be a sheet at the back of the church for new volunteers who may want to help.

Many thanks, and blessings to all of you.  
Murray and Robyn

## **UNITING CHURCH AT PRAYER Tuesdays 7-8pm**

Join members of Uniting Church across QLD in prayer over zoom every 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Tuesday 7-8pm. Here's the new link which will work for both of our calls:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81994146488?pwd=VDcud1dCbjluaHZQR3JsM0wySGdWUT09>

God is doing new things, friends!  
Mandy Smith

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