



# 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 20<sup>th</sup> August

Montville: 8.15am Service  
Maleny: 9.45am Service  
Palmwoods: 10am Communion

RCL Year A Readings  
(Pentecost 12)

GN 45:1-15  
PS 133  
ROM 11:1-2A, 29-32  
MT 15: (10-20), 21-28

#### Face to Face Services Services 27<sup>th</sup> August

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

RCL Year A Readings  
(Pentecost 13)

Ex 1:8 – 2:10  
Ps 124  
Rom 12:1-8  
Mt 16:13-20

#### COMING UP NEXT WEEK

**Wednesday** – 8.30am Meditation at Maleny Church

**Friday** – 1.30pm KYB at Maleny UC

#### COMING UP IN AUGUST

27<sup>th</sup> August: 11am Usual Services will be followed by the Blackall Range UC AGM @ Maleny UC

#### 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.

**Has anyone seen ...** The hospital Auxiliary holds their meetings in the Maleny Church Hall.

Last meeting, they may have left 2 pictures of the old hospital and a book about the Remembrance Garden. If anyone has seen these, please let Dorothy Tietze know.

#### FATHERS DAY MAF APPEAL

MAF has announced its Father's Day Appeal again this year. Information will be circulated over the next week.

#### GARAGE SALE @ MALENY

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.

#### FELLOWSHIP TEA @ MALENY

The Fellowship Tea is on again this Sunday at 5.30pm in the Maleny Hall. All Welcome and bring a plate to share.

#### 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=VDc rd1dCbjluaHZQR3JsM0wySGdWUT09>

God is doing new things, friends!

Mandy Smith

**Pastor,**

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# God the Healer

**Matthew 15: (10-20), 21-28**

At a time of pandemic when health and healing is given priority in public policy, let's be reminded that God is not only the Creator but also the Restorer of creation. The healing activity of Jesus point us to God as the great healer. The Book of Ecclesiasticus in the Apocrypha of the Old Testament has a section in chapter 38 where this is clearly expressed, and the doctor is seen as a servant of God. This theme of God as healer is relevant to us on both a personal and on a world-wide level.

When the gospels say that the people whom Jesus healed were victims of demonic forces, don't just dismiss this as the mistaken view of a pre-scientific age. It indicates that illness and disability are opposed to God's good ordering of things, and that God wants healing. God works toward wholeness whether it be physical, mental, spiritual – or communal.

Through Jesus, God initiated a process of healing for the human race. Humanity is sick. It suffers from sin sickness. It does not flourish with the health that God wants for it. However, the joyful message is that, through Jesus, God brings healing. The message is for all people everywhere. It is open to all who in faith open themselves to God's healing and restorative activity. As the last chapter of the Bible puts it, the leaves on the tree of life are for the healing of the nations.

- Faith is an important part of the story in Matthew 15:21-28. Whose faith? Why was it important?
- What is the relationship between God's healing activity and medical services?
- How is humanity's ill-health made evident?
- How is God's healing activity made evident?

**Rev Ron Potter**

**Piula Publicat**

## 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

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**For Church Hall Hire:**

<https://ourcommonlife.org.au/calendar-hall-hire/>

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

**They can be Direct Debited to**

**Blackall Range Uniting Church,**

**ANZ Bank, BSB 014-507**

**A/C 3762 29735**

**Blackall Range Uniting Church acknowledges the first peoples  
who are the traditional owners of the land upon which we live and worship.**