

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 3rd September, 2023

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

RCL Year A Readings

(Pentecost 14)

Ex 3:1-15 Ps 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b Rom 12:9-21 Mt 16:21-28

Face to Face Services Services 10th September, 2023

Montville: 8.15am Holy Communion **Friday** – 1.30pm KYB at Maleny Maleny: 9.45am Worship Service UC Palmwoods: 3.00pm Reflections in the Garden

RCL Year A Readings

(Pentecost 15)

Ex 12:1-14 Ps 149 Rom 13:8-14 Mt 18:15-20

COMING UP NEXT WEEK

Wednesday – 8.30am Meditation at Maleny Church

COMING UP IN SEPTEMBER

September 3rd – MAF Father's Day Appeal September 17th – 5.30pm Maleny Frienship tea. Bring a plate to share. Septmeber 21st – Ladies Friendship Group Malenv September 30th – Garage Sale at Maleny UC

GARAGE SALE @ MALENY

A garage sale at the church is planned for Saturday 30th 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.

Please also fill in the volunteer sheet at eh back of the church for the following tables: linen & Clothes; books; bric-a-brac; electrical; gardening and tools; children and baby; money table

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.

FATHERS' DAY MAF APPEAL

MAF is a aerial mission working in Australia and many countries overseas. The Annual MAF Father's Day Appeal is happening this Sunday. To donate, Please mark an envelope and place in the offerings Sunday morning. Contact Peter C for further details

LADIES' FRIENDSHIP GROUP

Weather permitting, a Croquet Morning will be held on Thursday 21st September 9.30 – 11.30 am at the Maleny Showgrounds Croquet Club. Morning Tea will be provided.

Croquet Coaches will be in attendance, and the cost is \$10 to play. If you would like to come, please enter your name on the list at the back of the Church. Wear a hat and closed-in shoes, and meet at the Croquet Club in the Showgrounds. In case of bad weather, the backup meeting place will be the Church Hall.

Enquiries to Jan (5494 2990)

Integrity

Romans 12:9-21;Matthew 16:21-28

Counterfeit bank notes have no value in the eyes of the law: fake love has no value in genuine relationships. While the passing of counterfeit bank notes is rare in our country, attempts to pass counterfeit love are all too common. So, just as everyone needs to be alert to the possibility of being landed with a fake fifty-dollar bill, we all need to beware of those who profess love but are not sincere. But what is more important than that is that we take note of Paul's injunction in Romans 12:9, to make sure that our own love is genuine.

Whether it be our love for God or for other people, make sure it is sincere, that it goes beyond mere words, that it is given without expecting something back in return. In the Letter to the Romans, Paul elaborates for his readers what that means, but one thing we can say about genuine love is that it is always costly. It involves time and effort, the surrender of our selfishness, concern for the wellbeing of the other.

The cross stands before us as a constant reminder of God's deep, sacrificial love for us all, and Jesus calls his disciples of every time and place to take up their own cross in following him (Matthew16:24). What gain is there if we should win the whole world but lose our soul's integrity?

- What are some examples of fake love?
- What differentiates genuine love from false love?
- What examples of sincere love does Paul give in Romans 12:9-21?
- Why should integrity be so basic for the Christian life

Rev Ron Potter

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SEASON OF CREATION

Season of Creation starts this week! It's a time where Christian communities around the world pray and act to care for Creation, beginning September 1 (World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation) and ending October 4 (the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, the Patron Saint of Ecology).

Season of Creation website

This year the theme is "Let Justice and Peace Flow", with the symbol of a "a mighty river", calling us to join the river of justice and peace. We have compiled a list of worship resources, intergenerational resources, prayers and events to help people get involved this Season of Creation. **Please email <u>sustainability@ucaqld.com.au</u> to be added to the distribution list**.

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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

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