



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 1st October 2023

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

RCL Year A Readings (Pentecost 18)

Ex 17:1-7
Ps 78:1-4, 12-16
Phil 2:1-13
MT 21:23-22

Face to Face Services Services 7th October 2023

Montville: 8.15am Communion
Service
Maleny: 9.45am Worship
Palmwoods: 3.30pm Reflections in
the Garden

RCL Year A Readings (Pentecost 19)

Ex 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20
Ps 19
Phil 3:4b-14
Mt 21:33-46

COMING UP NEXT WEEK

Open Daily - New Display at
Montville Church's Reflection
Gallery
Wednesday – 8.30am Meditation
at Maleny UC
Friday – 1.30pm KYB at Maleny
UC

COMING UP IN OCTOBER

Sunday October 15th – Maleny
Friendship Tea 5.30pm – Sue
presents her Africa Photos
Thursday October 19th – Ladies
Freiendship Group meets
Sunday October 29th – Harvest
Festival @ Maleny & Rev Liena's
Service of Closure At Maleny UC
Sunday October 29th 11am – Rev
Liena's farewell morning tea.

MONTVILLE REFLECTION GALLERY DISPLAY

This week we installed a **new exhibition "Among the Trees"**. The previous display that was there throughout July, August and most of September featured beautiful "Church Drawings" by Dr Michael Simpson. A big thank you to Michael.

Among The Trees, is a Father and Daughter exhibition that explores, the Artist's experience of such solitude and observance as they walked among nature throughout various part of Australia. Imagery taken from the Sunshine Coast to far North Queensland throughout Central Queensland, South Australia and New South Wales is the subject for this exhibition.

Chappy Chris Is Urgently Seeking Volunteers Mentors, Tuckshop and Maleny IGA 'Rewards Program' is #41849. For details, please chat with an IGA staff member. Helping at the school is one way to be salt and light within the Maleny community. Interested? Questions? Please contact **Chappy Chris on 0433643686** or chris.boughen@suchaplaincy.org.au

SEASON OF CREATION

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

SOUND OF FREEDOM: The film is based on the incredible true story and shines a light on even the darkest of places. After rescuing a young boy from ruthless child traffickers, a federal agent learns the boy's sister is still captive and decides to embark on a dangerous mission to save her. With time running out, he quits his job and journeys deep into the Colombian jungle, putting his life on the line to free her from a fate worse than death.

✍ We've set up your very own dedicated **Ticket Page**. Anyone can purchase tickets [HERE](#).

💬 We've also created a **Facebook Event** for your screening. Check it out [HERE](#).

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An Authorized Life

Philippians 2:1-13, Matthew 21:23-32.

Six-year-old Johnny runs up to his sister sitting on a swing in the park. "Give me a turn," he says. She resists his attempts to dislodge her. "You gotta let me have a turn," he persists. "Who says?" comes the response. "Mum says. She said you gotta let me have a turn." Slowly, reluctantly, she gives way and lets her younger brother have the use of the swing. Mum says, that makes the difference. It's all a matter of authority. But authority has to be acknowledged and accepted.

When Jesus drove the merchants out of the temple, the leading priests asked him by what authority he did this. The only one who could conceivably have more authority over what went on in the temple than they did was the Messiah and Jesus was acting as though he had that authority.

However, as we said, authority has to be acknowledged and accepted. We can call Jesus, Christ or Lord or Saviour, but if we do not accept his authority then we are missing the point. His authority is not the kind that depends upon the big stick; it is a spiritual authority. It is the authority of love. That's why Paul told the Philippians to follow Jesus' example of humility. That's the authority he pointed to in dealing with a conflict situation in the Philippian Church. Pride and arrogance were outstandingly missing in the life of Jesus. So, if we are to have the same kind of outlook that he had, they are to have no place in our lives. You could say that this is our authorized way of life. It comes from the one who has authority over us.

- What authorities do you acknowledge and accept in the course of a week?
- What authority does love have?
- How does arrogance and pride show itself in church life?
- What kind of life are you authorized to live?

Rev Ron Potter

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OUR HARVEST FESTIVAL – OCTOBER 29th

The Harvest Festival is entrenched in the life and worship of churches across various denominations.

It may of course, be held at different times during the year depending which harvest is being celebrated. Southern Africa traditionally hold it during October with the harvesting of the winter wheat. Queenslanders will share this experience as wheat, fruit and other crops are harvested during October. Origins for the harvest festival are several, notably: **The festival of weeks/Shavout** (7 weeks after Passover): **Numbers 28 vs 26 (also Deuteronomy 16 vs 9-12/ Exodus 23:13):** "On the day of first fruits, when you present to the LORD an offering of new grain during the Festival of Weeks, hold a sacred assembly and do no regular work."

Profoundly God has always called his people during harvest celebrations to consider the poor, the widows, the strangers, the orphans and this is emotively evident in **Leviticus 19 vs 9-10.**

In this spirit we celebrate harvest festival. Not to raise funds. But to celebrate and worship God and give thanks. And to remember the poor and the foreigners.

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