



NOTICES

Face to Face Services Services 15th October 2023

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

RCL Year A Readings

(Pentecost 20)

Ex 32:1-14
Ps 106:1-6, 19-23
Phil 4:1-9
Mt 22:1-14

Face to Face Services Services 22nd October 2023

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

RCL Year A Readings

(Pentecost 21)

Ex 33:12-23
Ps 99
1 Thes 1:1-10
Mt 22:15-22

COMING UP NEXT WEEK

Open Daily - New Display at
Montville Church's Reflection
Gallery

Tuesday 17th – Maleny Cuppa
Craft

Wednesday – 8.30am Meditation
at Maleny UC

Thursday October 19th – Ladies
Freiendship Group meets

Friday – 1.30pm KYB at Maleny
UC

Sunday October 15th – Maleny
Friendship Tea 5.30pm – Sue's
Africa Photos

COMING UP IN OCTOBER

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

Church Council Matters

By way of Church council feedback, we have a new chairperson. The Rev George Woodward has taken up the position for 12 months .. an answer to prayer!

The Council are also working on the recruitment of a supply Ministry Agent and the recruitment of a permanent Ministry Agent.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE BYSTANDER TRAINING

BRUC have sponsored a limited number of places in a course organised by Speak Up Now and to be run by Lifeline.

It will be held on Tuesday 5 December 2023 from 9am to 1pm at the large conference room at the Maleny Neighbourhood Centre.

Registrations are required by 18 October 2023 to Peter Callaghan admin@ourcommonlife.org.au

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Blackall Range UC Inc: Maleny UC, Montville UC, Palmwoods UC.

Many Called, Few Chosen

Matthew 22:1-14

That's a puzzler! Many people have been shocked when reading those words from Matthew 22:14. Surely if God invites, God also chooses. An invitation follows on from being chosen, doesn't it? Or does it mean that God arbitrarily picks out whom to save?

This is an example of the dangerous practice of isolating a text from its context – a very common practice that it is. Matthew 22:14 is linked to the parables of the royal wedding banquet and the man who was not appropriately dressed for the occasion. These stories were aimed initially at the chief priests and Pharisees. Through their study of the Scriptures and familiarity with the Law, they had received God's invitation to be part of God's coming realm; however, when, through Jesus, God called them to participate they refused. On the other hand, despised sinners and traitorous tax collectors did respond.

The people of Israel saw themselves as God's chosen people, but belonging to God's chosen people is not a matter of race or religion, or knowledge about God's coming kingdom. It is a matter of living the life of that kingdom, living the life that God meant us to live. To pretend that that we belong to God's kingdom while making no attempt to live that way is to gate-crash the party.

Many people have heard the call of God's kingdom, the call to peace, justice, goodness and compassion, but not many actually live the life of God's kingdom. What was true when Jesus first spoke those words, is sadly still true today.

- What dangers are there in taking verses of Scripture out of the context in which they occur?
- The kingdom of God was central to the life and teaching of Jesus. What do you think is most important about living in God's kingdom?
- What relationship do you see between Matthew 22:1-14 and Matthew 7:21?
- What is the difference between sensing the call of God's kingdom and actually living the life of that kingdom?

Rev Ron Potter

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OUR HARVEST – 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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