



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 5th November 2023

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

RCL Year A Readings

(Pentecost 23)

Jos 3:7-17
Ps 107:1-7, 33-37
1 Thes 2:9-13
MT 23:1-12

Face to Face Services Services 12th November 2023

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

RCL Year A Readings

(Pentecost 24)

Jos 24:1-3a, 14-25
Ps 78:1-7
1 Thes 4:13-18
Mt 25:1-13

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

Ladies Friendship Group –
November 16th @ Pattermore
House, Maleny. RSVP to Dorothy
P: 5494 2486 for catering and
transport

Carols in the Park – December
1st, 7pm in Tesch Park Maleny

MONTVILLE REFLECTION GALLERY DISPLAY

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.

LADIES FRIENDSHIP GROUP - NOVEMBER

Next meeting 16th November 9/30-11/30am we plan
to visit Pattermore House, Maleny to learn the
history and share morning tea on the veranda. Cost
\$15.

Please put your name on the sheet at Maleny
church or phone Dorothy Tietze P: 5494 2486 to let
her know for catering and organise transport.

PLEASE NOTE: Today's reflection is out of
alignment with today's readings. This will be
corrected next week.

NEXT NEW VINE:

As we approach Advent and Christmas, when God
surprised everyone through the Incarnation, I
thought it might be appropriate to have the theme
"SURPRISES" for the next edition.

So, the invitation is for you to send me **[by the
deadline of Tuesday 21 November]** anything
related to that topic - whatever you want to share
about surprises in your life - stories, poem, photos
etc. Please - let's surprise each other with what we
contribute. Graham - bigpond.net.au

CAN YOU HELP? MALENY ROSTERS.

It's roster time for the Maleny church. For
December, January, February. It would be great to
have a few more people helping on the roster.

So you are invited to consider this and put your
name, availability, and preferences on the sheet at
the door of Maleny Church.

Many hands make light work! More details from
Murray and Robyn

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

A CALL FROM THE FUTURE

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 Matthew 25:1-13

We all know that the past shapes the present. What has happened in your past has a strong bearing on who you are today. That goes whether you are thinking as an individual, a family, a nation, a church, a civilization, the earth or existence as a whole. But that's not the whole story. The future also has a say about what happens in the present. Fear of bad things that could happen as well as hopes, ambitions and possibilities influence how we think and act today. We live with expectations. We plan for the future.

The Bible harks back to the past – ancient Israel and the early Church, but what is remarkable is its strong orientation toward the future. Out of its past experience Israel developed the expectation of a world re-made along the lines that God always wanted it to be – a world of peace and mutual respect. They spoke of a coming Messiah who would act as God's agent in bringing this about. The New Testament presents Jesus as this Messiah.

Something changed with the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. A new way of being human opened up. A new relationship with God became possible. The future had entered the present. But that did not mean the end of the future. The kingdoms of this world have not yet become the kingdom of God and of his Christ. We still look forward to the fulfilment of what Jesus initiated. We use imagery to represent this, images such as the Second Coming of Christ, or of a new heaven and a new earth. No one knows when or how this promise will be fulfilled but the important thing is that Christ calls us to live as people of the new creation now although it involves running counter to much of what is going on around us.

The parable in Matthew 25:1-13 ends with the exhortation: "Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour" in which the Son of Man is coming. What does this mean for us? How are we to keep awake for the coming kingdom?

- 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 ends with the words, "Therefore encourage one another with these words." Do you find this passage encouraging? Does the idea of the return of Jesus Christ encourage you in your faith and living?
- Read 1 Thessalonians 4:1-12 and see what, according to Paul, a life pleasing to God entails.
- How is your faith shaped by the past and how is it shaped by the future?

Rev Ron Potter

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Personal Advent Resources from 'Common Grace'

God's great plan of reconciliation, the restoration of relationships and renewal of all things (Mt 19:28) is heralded through the birth of Christ.

It's in the season of Advent that we celebrate the coming of Jesus alongside our deep longing for a vision of goodness, beauty, justice and flourishing of God's 'Common Home' to be worked out and revealed in our world today.

This year, Common Grace are excited to again be sharing reflections from both writers and artists from across the Common Grace movement to guide us through our daily Advent devotional series. Sign up today to receive this special series of 25 daily emails in your inbox, starting from Friday 1 December 2023 –

https://www.commongrace.org.au/advent_common_home

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