



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 December 2023

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

RCL Year A Readings (Advent 1)

Is 64:1-9
Ps 80:1-7, 17-19
1 Cor 1:3-9
Mk 13:24-37

Face to Face Services Services 10TH December 2023

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

RCL Year A Readings (Advent 2)

Is 40:1-11
Ps 85:1-2, 8-13
2 Pt 3:8-15a
Mk 1:1-8

COMING UP NEXT WEEK

Open Daily - New Display at
Montville's Reflection Gallery
Pastoral Care Meeting - Monday
4th December, 4pm at 5
Callistemon Court, Maleny
Wednesday – 8.30am the last
Meditation for this year, at Maleny
UC
Friday – 1.30pm KYB at Maleny
UC

COMING UP

**MONTVILLE CAROLS ON THE
GREEN** – 13 December 6pm –
8pm details below.

CHRISTMAS@MALENY

**The Maleny Christmas Lights and Tree
Festival** this year will be held from Wednesday
December 20 – Saturday 23rd

As well as the lights and trees, we will be
holding a 'MINI-MARKET' to sell food stuff, craft
and plants to visitors. Contact Jan C for details.

Volunteers wanted .. 2 hours per night over the
4 days of the festival. A roster will be available
in the coming days.

MONTVILLE REFLECTION GALLERY DISPLAY
Montville has a new display .. **the Bush Christmas**.

Earlier this year the congregation at Montville
decided that again this year for Christmas we would
have a theme in the church for Christmas of a Bush
Christmas. Are there things that come out of our
Bush culture that can help us think about the birth of
Jesus? Are there things in nature that help us reflect
on the wonderful new life God offers to us in Jesus?

The display features wonderful banners that
celebrate the Christmas story .. with a twist.

MONTVILLE CAROLS ON THE GREEN

13 December 6pm – 8pm sponsored by local
churches and the community.

There will be a sausage sizzle with games, prizes,
face painting and more followed by Carols singing
led by the Salvation Army Band.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES 2023

Montville – 8.15am Sunday Worship Service and 8am for
a combined Christmas Day Service with the Range
Church.

Palmwoods – 9am Christmas Day Service.

Maleny – 9.45am Sunday Worship Service, 7pm
Christmas Eve a Carols Service and 8am Christmas Day
Service

Please note: The **Maleny Meditation Group** meet for the
last time this year on this coming Wednesday December
6th

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

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Delores sits amid her sorrows and will not be comforted. Even when friends try to convince her that things are going to get better, she shrugs her shoulders and sighs, "I hope so." Nadine, on the other hand, rises above her sorrows and confidently looks forward with eager expectation in hope of better days ahead. Hope can mean resignation or it can mean eager anticipation. Too many Christians grumble their way through life's sorrows and wickedness in a spirit of resignation while Christ invites us to live in joyful expectation of what lies ahead.

Together with faith and love; joyful, expectant hope arises within us as we accept the reality of Christ's victory over sin. Many people can't get beyond the crime and corruption, the cruelty and oppression, the greed and the selfishness, the hatred and contempt that mar community life everywhere. They don't see a new world order of peace, justice, freedom, honesty and goodness that is coming. With a sigh, they say, "It's only a dream. We are only human. I'd like to think it were so, but I fear nothing is ever going to change."

Christ's life, death and resurrection dares to affirm, in the face of all this negativity, that the world has changed. Sin has been defeated. All talk about the awaited day of our Lord Jesus Christ is a confident assertion that Christ's salvation is real for any community that dares to accept it and that Christ's way is ultimately the only way.

- Think of different ways in which the word hope can be used either with doubt or with assurance.
- What things depress you about the world we live in?
- What signs do you see for a better world emerging?
- Are you able to see the imagery connected with the Second Coming of Christ as assertions about Christ's salvation being real for any community that dares to accept it and that Christ's way is ultimately that only way?

Rev Ron Potter

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CHECK OUT UNITING CARE'S NEW CHRISTMAS CARDS!

These cards allow you to send heartfelt Christmas greetings to your loved ones while contributing to the fight against poverty. When you purchase a pack of eight cards for \$15, the proceeds go towards supporting our partners in making a lasting difference in people's lives.

[Click here to purchase!](#) The cards feature four great designs that reflect traditional advent themes, adding a special touch to your Christmas greetings.

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