



## NOTICES

### Face to Face Services Services 10<sup>TH</sup> 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

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Is 61:1-4, 8-11  
Ps 126 or Luke 1:46b-55  
1 Thes 5:16-24  
Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

### COMING UP NEXT WEEK

**Open Daily** - New Display at  
Montville's Reflection Gallery  
**Wednesday** – Montville Carols  
On The Green, 6pm – 8pm  
details below.

**Friday** – 1.30pm KYB at Maleny  
UC

#### COMING UP

Christmas Lights Festival 20<sup>th</sup> –  
23<sup>rd</sup> Maleny, 6pm – 9pm

#### Christmas Day Services – Monday 25th

Montville – 8am

Maleny – 8am

Palmwoods – 9am

## CHRISTMAS@MALENY

**The Maleny Christmas Lights and Tree  
Festival** this year will be held from Wednesday  
December 20 – Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup>, 7pm to 9pm  
daily. All Welcome.

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 is available in the  
Maleny UC.

## 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.

## 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.

## UNITING CARE

At the last Mary Burnett Presbytery meeting, Rev  
Linda Hanson told two stories of how families are  
blessed with gifts to Uniting Care. These gifts make  
a big difference in the lives of those that receive  
them. If you feel God's spirit moving you to help,  
here is a link to the UnitingCare Christmas gift  
website

– <https://www.unitingcareqld.com.au/christmas-gift>

# Parallel Universes

## 2 Peter 3:8-15

Have you heard of multiple or parallel universes? It's a controversial theory, but some scientists suggest that there could be more than one form of reality. Whether there is any scientific truth in that or not, the Christian message is based on the understanding that there is an alternative universe. It is generally called heaven, although when heaven is integrated with this world it is called a new heaven and a new earth, a new creation or the kingdom of God.

In olden times, when people thought that the earth was flat and that the sky was like a roof over the top it used to be thought that heaven was up above the sky, hence we still refer to the sky above us as the heavens. However, with our much-expanded view of the universe we no longer think of heaven as a place up there; it is another reality. It is life on another dimension.

Being of a spiritual nature, this alternative reality is not limited by time and space: "With the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day." While we still await the day of the Lord's coming, we are able to live in fellowship with Christ day by day. As a realm without sin it is a realm of holiness and goodness, so Christ is constantly calling us to live in holiness and goodness all the days of our lives. Being part of God's new creation through Christ we bring the influence of God's realm to bear upon this familiar God-owned but sin-corrupted universe.

- You might like to use your search engine to find out a bit about parallel universes.
- Do you find it more helpful to describe heaven as another reality rather than as a place?
- In what way can God use us to bring God's influence to bear on our world today?
- How are we to wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home (2 Peter 3:13)?

**Rev Ron Potter**

**Piula Publications**

## Staying safe during heatwaves

Heatwaves are a serious issue, causing more harm than any other natural disaster in Australia. Seniors are especially vulnerable to their effects.

**Prepare for hot summers in Queensland with [free resources](#) courtesy of Bluecare.**

BlueCare's heat health resources were co-funded by the Queensland Government and created in partnership with Griffith University.

### **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

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**Kindly remember to continue to give your weekly/monthly offerings.**

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