



# 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 February 4<sup>th</sup> 2024

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

#### RCL Year B Readings

Is 40:21-31  
Ps 147:1-11, 20c  
1 Cor 9:16-23  
MK 1:29-39

#### Face to Face Services Services February 11<sup>th</sup> 2024

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

#### RCL Year B Readings

2 Kgs 2:1-12  
Ps 50:1-6  
2 Cor 4:3-6  
Mk 9:2-9

#### COMING UP NEXT WEEK

**Sunday 4 February 5 pm** – Contemplative Taize Service for Candlemas @ St George's Anglican, Maleny  
**Monday 5th February** – Maleny pastoral care meeting at 4pm at 5 Callistemon Court, Maleny.  
**Monday 5th February** – Church Council at Montville  
**Wednesday** – 8.30am Meditation at Maleny UC  
**Friday** – 1.30pm KYB at Maleny UC

#### COMING UP

**Maleny Ladies Friendship Group** – Thursday 15 Feb at 9.30am at Maleny Church.

### CONSULTATION 2024 UPDATE

Next dates for the diary are February 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> when a Presbytery Team will be available for discussion. Details to be advised.

### THE NEW VINE

The next edition, due by March, will focus on **HOPE** - I hope. It is a challenging, but very important, topic which is giving me some problems, so I am seeking as much input from our three congregations as possible. Verse, prose, sketches, photos - whatever speaks to you as you ask questions/give answers about hope - What does it mean? Is Christian hope different from secular hope? What is the difference between the noun and the verb? What does the bible say about it? - and many more. It can be your own work or something you've come across that you want to share. The final date for contributions is **Tuesday, 20 February** so please start soon and send your bits and pieces to me at [grandar@bigpond.net.au](mailto:grandar@bigpond.net.au) by then.

Thanks, in anticipation. Graham

### ASH WEDNESDAY 14 FEBRUARY

Bruce & Heather Johnson's place - RSVP  
8 am St Mary's Anglican, Montville  
8.30 am St Augustine's Anglican, Palmwoods  
9.30 am St George's Anglican, Maleny  
12 noon St Luke's Anglican, Kenilworth

### LENT EVENTS

Anglican Lent weekly Study Groups commence February 12<sup>th</sup> – For information and a link for any interested people to register for Lent Studies – <https://forms.gle/MWXs3CG7E9v3uRxu8>

### COMING EVENTS

**Ecumenical Breakfast** – Saturday 24 Feb at 8.30am at Maleny UC. Our speaker is Rev Dr Anita Monro. See Nancy if you are able to assist.

**World Day Of Prayer** – Friday 1 March at 9.30am at Witta Lutheran Church. All welcome.

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## **ST VALENTINE'S DAY RENEWAL OF MARRIAGE VOWS**

A renewal of marriage vows Service 5 pm,  
Wednesday 14 February @ St Mary's Anglican,  
Montville. All married couples are invited to  
celebrate and renew their commitment to each other  
in this meaningful service with enchanting music  
and concluding with a champagne toast.

RSVP to [maleny@anglicanchurchsq.org.au](mailto:maleny@anglicanchurchsq.org.au)

## **40 DAYS OF FAITHFUL ACTION FOR GOD'S CREATION**

As we approach the season of Lent, a time of reflection and re-commitment to the way of Jesus, we are reminded that even the smallest steps can lead to meaningful change. This year, UnitingWorld's Lent focus is 40 days of faithful action for God's creation. Climate change is the biggest threat to the world we want to see. Climate change is worsening every threat to peace, security and human wellbeing in our world. It is a driver of poverty, food insecurity, conflict and forced migration. Every family and community we've helped lift out of poverty in the past decades is at risk because of the impacts of climate change.

But our God is mighty and faithful, and calling us to respond to the climate crisis with hope, unity and decisive action.

*We need to inspire people with hope and courage for the future and show them God's love for all creation through the witness of our lives.*

- Set up your group's fundraising challenge [here](#).
- You can receive daily reflections and our weekly video series straight to your email inbox - [subscribe here](#).
- Resources will also be [shared online](#) as they become available.

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

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## **UPDATE FROM FDG**

The Future Directions Group met recently and made a number of recommendations to Church Council regarding the proposals that have been approved in principle by Presbytery in 2023. As follows:

- Labyrinth and Gallery Ramp at Montville, and the Online Engagement proposals to proceed to implementation phase in 2024.
- Palmwoods Hub, the Children's & Families Worker and the Community Chaplain to be held over until after the consultation and proposed appointment of a new Minister.
- a number of Missional Activities for individual locations emerged during the FDG process. These have been referred to Kay at Palmwoods and to the Maleny Mission Team (MMT) for development.
- Consultation: it was agreed that the valuable work completed by the Mission Task Group and the Future Directions Group (2022, 2023) be referred to the Consultation Team.

This now completes the tasks delegated to the FDG, hence the FDG has been dissolved.

The FDG thanks all members of the Blackall Range Congregation for your diligence and earnest, prayerful discernment over the past two years.

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**For Church Hall Hire:**  
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