



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

Sunday Services

2 June 2024

Montville: 8.15am Worship
Maleny: 9.45am Holy Communion
Palmwoods: 10.00am Worship

RCL Year B Readings

(Pentecost 2)

1 Samuel 3:1-10 (11-20)
Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18
2 Corinthians 4:5-12
MARK 2:23-3:6

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Sunday Services

9 June 2024

Montville: 8.15am Holy
Communion
Maleny: 9.45am Worship
Palmwoods: 3.00pm Reflection
in the Garden

RCL Year B Readings

(Pentecost 3)

1 Samuel 8:4-11 (12-15) 16-20
(11:14-15)
Psalm 138:1-8
2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1
Mark 3:20-35

COMING UP THIS WEEK

Monday – 9am BRUC Council
meeting Montville UC
Monday – 4pm Pastoral Care
meeting @ 5 Callistermon Court,
Maleny
Wednesday – 8.30am Christian
Meditation at Maleny UC.
Friday – 1.30pm Maleny KYB @
Maleny UC.

Tuesday June 18th – Cuppa Craft
at Maleny UC at 9:30am.

REFLECTION GALLERY A new display, by Wendy Jarrott Smith, “Nourish and Flourish” artworks, has been installed in the Reflection Gallery. See <https://montville.ourcommonlife.org.au/reflection-gallery/> for more information.

UNITING IN PRAYER 2024 (19 May to 22 June) is 35 days of prayer and connection for the whole of the Uniting Church. It is a time to pray and reflect on our past and present and future as the Uniting Church and what God might have in store for us. All who call the Uniting Church home are invited to join together in thanksgiving and hope to pray and seek the leading of the Spirit for the years ahead.

There is more information on the website (<https://www.act2uca.com/unitinginprayer2024>) as to how you may become involved. Possibilities include daily prayers by email, national online time of prayers, organising groups or prayer through a national prayer chain.

HOSPITALISATION OF PRESBYTERY MINISTER

We are happy to report that Pastor Graham was released from hospital last week and is at home recovering. He is feeling much better and taking time with Ann-Louise to reflect on the journey of the last few weeks. Graham still has a way to go in his recovery which will require ongoing treatment from an oncologist but is confident of a return to work in coming months. He will be on leave for June and we will await further news before a definite return date can be confirmed.

Graham and Ann-Louise are thankful for the prayers, concern and messages of support which they have received from across the Presbytery. Please continue to uphold them on the path to full recovery.

We will continue to update you as information comes to hand.

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Amos 5 says: "Let justice roll down like streams of living water..." Reconciliation is about justice. It is about righting the wrongs of the past. Paul writes very clearly about reconciliation and speaks of justice as being at the heart of the work of Jesus who reconciled the world to himself. For Paul, reconciliation is embedded in the Gospel context – "through him to reconcile all things to himself, making peace through the blood of his cross through him, whether things on the earth or things in heaven". (Col 1:20)

Biblical reconciliation is actually a whole new way of thinking, I would argue that it flips everything! We are not the hero of the story, it is about the last being first and the first being last! As Christians it is important for us to understand that the call to be involved in reconciliation is not optional. When we became reconciled to God, we have a non-negotiable responsibility as God has brought us to be co-workers with him in the ministry of reconciliation.

The Gospel narrative is about God giving up power through making himself known in an earthly presence as a little baby - a story that has literally changed the world. It has spoken across cultures for thousands of years. Christians are the stewards of the story that Jesus died on the cross on our behalf to reconcile us to God.

This year's National Reconciliation Week theme is 'Now more than ever'. Indeed, now more than ever, is a time for us to recommit to living in Covenant as we mark 30 years of our commitment and relationship to walk together as First and Second Peoples. The Uniting Church is committed to truth-telling about our shared history, acknowledging the trauma and grief that endures as a result of deeply unjust, policies such as the forced removal of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children from their culture and communities. In the wake of the majority 'No' result of the Voice to Parliament referendum last year, we continue to bear witness to the feelings of grief, rejection, exhaustion and disappointment experienced by many First Nations people.

Psalm 118:24 states, 'This is the day that the Lord has made.' Let us not only 'rejoice and be glad in it', but work to ensure that Australia's First Peoples too can rejoice in living lives free from injustice and discrimination. It is our responsibility to all deeply listen and take action together to see the healing and flourishing of all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

Reconciliation is the beginning of a new journey. It is a journey embedded in faith and in justice, in good will and in love. May we continue to all walk together as First and Second Peoples as a "pilgrim people, always on the way towards a promised goal; on the way Christ feeds the Church with Word and Sacraments and it has the gift of the Spirit in order that it may not lose the way" (Basis of Union #3).

May we continue together on the road to justice and healing.

Rev Bruce Moore – QLD Moderator

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