



# 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

14<sup>th</sup> July 2024

**Montville: 8.15am** Holy Communion

**Maleny: 9.45am** Worship

**Palmwoods: 3pm** Reflections in the Garden

##### RCL Year B Readings

(Pentecost 8)

2 Sm 6:1-5, 12b-19

Ps 24

Eph 1:3-14

Mk 6:14-29

#### Face to Face Services

##### Sunday Services

21<sup>st</sup> July 2024

**Montville: 8.15am** Worship

**Maleny: 9.45am** Worship

**Palmwoods: 10am** Holy Communion

##### RCL Year B Readings

(Pentecost 9)

2 Sm 7:1-14a

Ps 89:20-37

Eph 2:11-22

Mk 6:30-34, 53-56

#### COMING UP THIS WEEK

**Wednesday – 8.30am** Christian Meditation at Maleny UC.

**Thursday – Ladies Friendship Morning – 9.30 to 11.30am** at Maleny Uniting Church hall – see notice below.

**Friday – 1.30pm** Maleny KYB @ Maleny UC.

**Sunday – 5.30pm Maleny Friendship Dinner – Maleny UC Hall.** Games from 3.30pm. All Welcome.

#### DATE SAVERS

A combined churches **Evensong for Creation** 5 pm Sunday 1 September 2024, St George's Anglican Church, 2 Walkers Drive, Maleny.

Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation with new Anglican Archbishop of the Diocese of Brisbane (Southern Queensland), Jeremy Greaves.

The event is supported by the Anglican, Roman Catholic, Lutheran and Uniting Churches on the Blackall Range.

"**Hospital Chaplaincy Skills**" combines the listening skills from the acclaimed LAB1 course with teaching on the fundamentals of Chaplaincy and Pastoral Care within the hospital setting. The course will take place at Old Bishopsbourne, St Francis College, Milton.

Course fees of \$200 includes a copy of a manual and morning/afternoon tea. (BYO lunch). For more information download the brochure for the workshop from the QCT website. **Dates: Sat & Sun 20 & 21 July and 3 & 4 August, 9am-5pm each day.**

**Registration:** <https://www.trybooking.com/CSQHE>

#### LADIES FRIENDSHIP MORNING

This Thursday July 18th 9.30 to 11.30am. Everyone is invited to come along and share a treasured item from your family and/or a story about their lives as we explore how the past impacts on who we are.

Let's also hear what Sue McLeary and Alison Sleath have to tell us.

Don't forget to bring your knitted beanies for the girls at Amritsar.

**THE NEW VINE** The next edition is expected by the start of September. The theme will be **family** or **families**. This early advice is given so we can all start thinking about what we might contribute well in advance - we all have family experiences to share in some way. And there are many manifestations of family to think about. Please start early and send your contributions, or maybe even something from a family member, to [grandar@bigpond.net.au](mailto:grandar@bigpond.net.au) - so we can hit the Spring deadline together. Thanks in advance Graham.

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## Reconciliation and NAIDOC week

The path of reconciliation is a complex journey that often involves navigating disappointment and challenges. This was especially evident in the wake of a divisive referendum, where hopes were high, but outcomes fell short; it was natural for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and our allies to feel a sense of disillusionment and frustration. However, it is during these moments of disappointment that the seeds of change are often sown.

Each year, National Reconciliation Week (27 May – 3 June) serves as a fundamental opportunity for reflection, dialogue and healing. We use this time to acknowledge past wrongs, confront uncomfortable truths, and work towards building a more inclusive and equitable society. We encourage this as a time to listen and to learn, and we saw that occur across UnitingCare, the Uniting Church and all Uniting agencies across the nation.

As we moved through National Reconciliation Week this year, the theme of "Now More Than Ever" resonated deeply for mob and certainly for our Elders. It reminded us that while the work of reconciliation is ongoing, that now, more than ever, our voices must rise in order to be heard as we recommit ourselves to creating change with a sense of renewed hope.

Looking ahead to NAIDOC Week, with the theme of "Keep The Fire Burning," we are reminded of the strength and vitality of First Nations cultures being passed down through generations and generations. The flame is our connection to the land, to each other and to the rich tapestry of traditions that define us as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. As we honour this flame, we honour our Elders, our old people and our Ancestors. We honour who we are as a peoples, we stand in our strength and continue to build a renewed and fortified path of reconciliation.

By Nikki Burns (Yorta Yorta, Wemba Wemba, Dharug)  
Mrs Burns is the UnitingCare RAP Partner - Hospitals, Corporate, Synod.

## MONTVILLE'S REFLECTION GALLERY



The art works of Kimberley Oehlman's Digital Artworks "The Secret Place" have been recently installed in the Montville Reflection Gallery at the Montville Uniting Church.

Kimberly says "Every stroke in my work is hand-drawn - from broad strokes to blended detail - reflecting my dedication to merging traditional and digital art. I hope you find tranquillity and beauty in my work, and that it may help provide a moment of peace in which to marvel at the scope and scale of God."

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**For Church Hall Hire Calendar:**

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