



**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  
18<sup>th</sup> August 2024

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

RCL Year B Readings  
(Pentecost 13)

1 Kgs 2:10-12; 3:3-14  
Ps 111  
Eph 5:15-20  
JN 6:51-58

### Face to Face Services

Sunday Services  
25<sup>th</sup> August 2024

**Montville: 8.15am** Worship  
**Maleny: 9.45am** Worship  
**Palmwoods: 4pm** Gardening  
followed by a Shared Meal

RCL Year B Readings  
(Pentecost 14)

1 Kgs 8: (1,6,10-11), 22-30, 41-43  
Ps 84  
Eph 6:10-20  
Jn 6:56-69

### COMING UP THIS WEEK

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

**Wednesday C.O.B.** – Articles for  
the New Vine

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

*Have you been unable to come to  
Church but would still like to  
receive communion?*

*Please let us know so that we can  
arrange home communion for you.  
E: [minister@ourcommonlife.org.au](mailto:minister@ourcommonlife.org.au)*

### GARAGE SALE – Saturday, September 7<sup>th</sup>

A BIG thanks to all those who have volunteered ...  
much appreciated. What's happening –

- Set up Friday 6<sup>th</sup> from 9am - Sandwich Lunch  
(provided) and briefing at 12noon for volunteers
- Garage Sale Day starts 7am and finishes at  
3pm
- Cleanup and stack left over goods from 3pm

**Contact:** Peter Callaghan M: 0458 263 322 for  
further info.

**Ladies Morning Tea** – Saturday August 31<sup>st</sup> @  
9.30am. The morning will be hosted by The Maleny  
Church on the Rise, in the hall of Maleny  
Presbyterian Church and assisted by the ladies  
from that church. Please see the poster attached,

We're looking forward Debbie Westbrook sharing  
with us. Debbie is the wife of the recently appointed  
Minister at the Church on the Rise, Ivan Westbrook.  
All donations go to helping our Range State School  
Chaplains cover costs of extra programs they run  
for needy children and families.

### MAF Fuel for Father's Day Fund Raiser

Father's Day is coming!

Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF) Australia  
launches its twelfth annual Fuel for Father's Day  
campaign, urging Australians to donate essential  
aviation fuel for its life-saving, life-transforming and  
life-giving flights.

Blackall Range UC is pleased to support the efforts  
this year, again. MAF have 117 aircraft, 1,400 staff  
and are providing services in 24 countries on the  
globe.

MAF does some great work in Australia and  
overseas. In Africa, for example, they have formed a  
partnership with Mercy Ships to provide access to  
life-changing healthcare to the most isolated  
communities and poorest areas of Africa.

You can find out about this and many other projects  
they are involved in from the MAF website –

[Home - MAF Australia MAF Australia](#)

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

## Reflection - A Fourfold Call By Rev Clive W Ayre

How is the authenticity of the Christian life expressed? Paul has some words of wisdom in Ephesians 5:15-20. His words present a personal standard of conduct, but they speak also to the church. I see in them 'a fourfold call'.

First, Paul says, 'Be careful how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, making the most of the time because the days are evil.' Those words were written 2000 years ago, but it might just as easily have been yesterday. I don't need to go into a long litany of woe so far as our society is concerned. We know all too well the impact of violence and corruption, greed, drugs, and other addictions; we may question the extent to which we have a stable society based on strong moral and ethical principles. But that is the context in which we live.

The difficulties Paul faced in his day bear an uncanny resemblance to our current context. Be careful how you live, Paul might say, because Christians are effectively on trial in the court of public awareness. Some people take a perverse delight in the misdeeds of Christians and are just waiting for an opportunity to point the accusing finger. Yet the way we live as Christian people is not motivated by any number of accusing fingers, or even codes of law for that matter. In short, we will be careful how we live because we live every moment of every day as in the presence of our God. If the grace of God is real, it has to make a difference.

Second, Paul says that we should 'understand the will of the Lord'. It seems to me that we need to remind ourselves constantly that we are not here to please ourselves. We are servants of a divine purpose and mission, people under orders, if you like, from a higher authority.

One of the subtle dangers we face as a church is that we tend to think of the style we prefer, to create a church in our own image. Yet in the end it is not our church, but *Christ's* church. It is he who has the right to determine the direction and shape we should take. It is for us to seek that direction. That isn't always easy of course. The clue is in waiting on God in expectant hope, and then going forward in

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good faith. It gets more complicated when we talk about conflicting expectations in a Church!

Third, Paul says, 'be filled with the Spirit, as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves ....' Again, there is a lot that could be said about that. But it is noteworthy that nearly every resurgence of faith and forward movement of the Church is associated in some way with music.

Finally, Paul speaks of 'giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.' When we look back over our journey, hopefully we can do so with a profound sense of thankfulness to God; for whatever is wrong, there is so much that is right. As the Apostle said, in all things God works together for good for those who love him. Give thanks with a grateful heart! As we permit Ephesians 5 to speak to us again as a people, we may grasp the elements of a fourfold call. Be careful how you live, understand the will of the Lord, be filled with the Spirit, and in all things give thanks. (source: Uniting News July 30<sup>th</sup>)

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**For Church Hall Hire Calendar:**

**<https://ourcommonlife.org.au/calendar-hall-hire/>**

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