



## NOTICES

### Face to Face Services

Sunday Services  
15<sup>th</sup> September 2024

**Montville: 8.15am** Worship – Rev Anita

**Maleny: 9.45am** Worship – Murray Robertson

**Palmwoods: 10am** Communion – Rev Anita then, 4.30pm Gardening at the Community Garden

RCL Year B Readings  
(Pentecost 17)

Prv 1:20-33  
Ps 19  
Jas 3:1-12  
MK 8:27-38

### Face to Face Services

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22<sup>nd</sup> September 2024

**Montville: 8.15am** Worship – Rev's Anita and Russell

**Maleny: 9.45am** Worship – Rev's Anita and Russell

**Palmwoods: 4.30pm** Growing Together gardening followed by bring and share meal

RCL Year B Readings  
(Pentecost 18)

Prv 31:10-31  
Ps 1  
Jas 3:13–4:3, 7-8a  
Mk 9:30-37

### COMING UP THIS WEEK

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup>** – Maleny UC  
Friendship Dinner 5.30pm

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

**Thursday – 9.30am** Ladies Friendship Group Trivia and Games at Maleny UC. All welcome.

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

### GARAGE SALE

A big thank you to all those who contributed to the Garage Sale last weekend. The folk who gave stuff, the helpers who set up, came on the day and helped clean up – Thank you.

We made nearly \$1,800 on the day.

**Who benefits?** Well not only have each of us had opportunity to catch up and get to know each other better, but the left-over goods have (and are) being distributed to Bloomhill, Salvation Army and Lifeline. All three organisations pass on their sincere thanks.

The new Church Council will determine how the funds are distributed. Last year, Chaplaincy across the region benefited from our fundraising efforts.

In other fundraising, we sent \$500 (so far) to the Mission Aviation Fellowship Appeal from Fathers Day.

### REPORTS FOR THE AGM ARE DUE NEXT WEEK

This year, we are doing reports as a PowerPoint slide.

As an activity leader, all you need to do is send a summary of the activity highlights for the year and we'll take the main points and add it to a PowerPoint slide.

Activities include Montville Gallery, Maleny Ladies Group, Cuppa Craft, the Community Garden; Connect groups etc.

Please provide a brief report on the activity to Peter C at [admin@ourcommonlife.org.au](mailto:admin@ourcommonlife.org.au) by September 14<sup>th</sup>.

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

## PRAYER FOR PEACE

During the World Week for Peace in Palestine and Israel 2024, observed 16-22 (includes the UN International Day of Peace on 21 September), churches and people of faith are encouraged to bear a common witness by participating in worship services, educational events, and acts of support in favour of peace and justice for Palestinians and Israelis.

Together, congregations and individuals around the globe who share the hope of justice shall unite during the week to create a common international public witness. Prayer for the Week:

God of love and justice, We ask you to open our hearts for empathy for the suffering on all sides.

For those in Gaza who are in darkness in the face of death and destruction. Hear their cries.

For those in the West Bank who are victims of settler violence and theft of land. Strengthen them in their struggle for justice. For those who are held in Gaza as hostages.

For their desperate families who fear the worst. For those who mourn the death of their loved ones. Send light into their darkness. Open the door for a release of all hostages, and all those unjustly detained. We bring before you hate and division around the world as a reaction to the war in the Holy Land:

- Hateful acts against Arabs and Muslims being labelled as terrorists while seeking a just peace.
- Attacks on Jews who are falsely held responsible for the actions of the government of Israel.

Send your spirit of love and reconciliation into our hearts, so we have the courage to uphold the sanctity of life, see the beauty of all human beings created in your image and overcome all hate.

God of reconciliation, Send your spirit of wisdom and prudence into the hearts of those in power that a just and sustainable peace with room for a good life for both Palestinians and Israelis may become possible. Amen .



*The firstfruits of hope*  
(Rom 8:19-25)

## TO HOPE AND ACT WITH CREATION

SEASON OF CREATION 2024

In the letter of Paul the apostle to the Romans, the biblical image pictures the Earth as a Mother, groaning as in childbirth (Rom 8:22). Francis of Assisi understood this when he referred to the Earth as our sister and our mother in his Cantic of Creatures. The times we live in show that we are not relating to the Earth as a gift from our Creator, but rather as a resource to be used.

And yet, there is hope and the expectation for a better future. To hope in a biblical context does not mean to stand still and quiet, but rather groaning, crying, and actively striving for new life amidst the struggles. Just as in childbirth, we go through a period of intense pain, but new life springs forth.

Hope is an instrument enabling us to overcome the natural law of decay. Hope is given to us by God as a protection and guard against futility. Only through hope we may realize the gift of freedom in fullness. Freedom to act not only to achieve enjoyment and prosperity, but to reach the stage in which we are free and responsible. Freedom and responsibility enable us to make the world a better place. Only when we work together with Creation can the firstfruits of hope emerge. (published in Uniting News September 10<sup>th</sup>)

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

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