



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
13th October 2024

Montville 8.15am – Holy Communion Rev Anita
Maleny 9.45am – Worship Service conducted by Rev Anita
Palmwoods – 9.30am Harvest Swap @ Community Garden,
3.30pm Reflection in the Garden,
4.30pm Gardening

RCL Year B Readings
(Pentecost 21)

Jb 23:1-9,16-17
Ps 22:1-15
Heb 4:12-16
MK 10:17-31

Face to Face Services

Sunday Services
20th October 2024

Montville 8.15am – Worship Service conducted By Rev Anita
Maleny 9.45am – Worship Service conducted by Rev Bruce
Palmwoods 10am – Communion Service conducted by Rev Anita
4.30pm Gardening

RCL Year B Readings
(Pentecost 22)

Jb 38:1-7, (34-41)
Ps 104:1-9, 24, 35c
Heb 5:1-10
Mk 10:35-45

COMING UP THIS WEEK

Wednesday – 8.30am Christian Meditation at Maleny UC.
Thursday – 9.30am Maleny Ladies Fellowship Group meet for an update on Dostana Girls Hostel @ Maleny UC
Friday – 1.30pm Maleny KYB @ Maleny UC.

COMING UP THIS MONTH

Sunday 20th October Maleny Fellowship Tea is an opportunity to share a meal while we chat and grow as the family of God in Maleny. 4-30pm for board games and food at 5-30pm. Come and bring a friend.

MONTVILLE'S REFLECTION GALLERY

Montville's latest instalation is Kyleigh Simpson's "Ferns" Exhibition. Kyleigh has lived on the range for the last 30 years and is the co-creator of "The Shambles" garden at



Montville which she describes as her art. It has also inspired a great deal of creativity through art, writing, photography and music.

ALL SAINTS' DAY

Sunday November 3rd – Montville and Maleny Services will observe All Saints' Day.

This is an opportunity to remember those we have loved and have lost to death and the "great cloud of witnesses" that surrounds us as "we run with perseverance the race that is set before us" (Hebrews 12:1).

It's also an opportunity to invite friends and family to join with us in doing the same.

With OCL this week, there are pages invitations that can be printed out and folded into 4 to become invitations to give to anyone we would like to invite to come on that day. Some invitations have been pre-printed for you and are available at each church.

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Has your church disappeared?

In psychology, if you don't have a purpose for something, your mind dispenses with that thing. It files it away into the darkest recesses of your mind. It literally becomes invisible to you. That's how you can suddenly stumble upon a kitchen utensil you didn't know you had, or find mouldy shoes in your cupboard – you had no purpose for them, so they disappeared.

This happens in communities too. If a community doesn't have a purpose for the video store, the saddlery, **or the church**, they cease to exist - metaphorically at first, then literally. Some churches are living in that very vortex today, between metaphorical and literal oblivion. No-one in the community has a purpose for the church anymore, so they don't even see it.

When I first moved to Redcliffe, I would meet people in the community and tell them I was the Minister at the Uniting Church. They would ask, 'where is that church?'

'It's the one on the main street... the big building... just up from the hospital!'

'I don't remember seeing that church?' They would often say.

If we want to see the church renewed, we have to reimagine our church's purpose in each of our communities. We need to give people a reason to see us again, visit us again. We need to help the community discover a purpose for the church in their life.

We worked hard to do that. Understanding the needs of our community. Spending time outside the church walls. Partnering with the community. After a decade people would say, 'Oh, you're at the church on Anzac Ave, that works against domestic violence, or is at the community Christmas Carols, or hosts the Repair Café.'

We rediscovered our purpose, reimagining our place in the community we were called to, and it made us visible.

God has given us all a purpose in our communities – to make Jesus' irresistible love known in word and deed. And there are really interesting ways that you can make that happen where you live. How can you enfold that in your community? I look forward to hearing about it. Reflection by *Rev Paul Clark, Mission Partner - Mission Accompaniment Team, Acting Dean of Formation - Trinity College published in Uniting News October 8th 2024*

REJOICE!

Advent & Christmas resources for 2024

The **Mission Accompanying Team** are again collating a wonderful collection of **Advent resources** to assist your community of faith in your Christmas celebrations. Based on the lectionary readings, the resources will include material for Worship Planning for Advent and Advent at Home challenges.

If you would like further information or to receive the resources 'hot off the press' – email Jess Pinkerton or Paul Wetzig via discipleship@ucaqld.com.au

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