



NOTICES

Face to Face Services

Sunday Services

8th December 2024

Montville 8.15am – Holy Communion conducted by Rev Anita

Maleny 9.45am – Worship Service conducted by Rev Anita

Palmwoods 3.30pm – Reflections in the Garden with Ps. Kay

4.30pm – Gardening in the Community Garden

RCL Year C Readings

(Advent 2)

Mal 3:1-4

Lk 1:68-79

Phil 1:3-11

Lk 3:1-6

Face to Face Services

Sunday Services

15th December 2024

Montville 8.15am – Worship Service conducted by Rev Anita

Maleny 9.45am – Worship Service conducted by Rev Bruce

Palmwoods 10am – Holy Communion conducted by Rev Anita

4.30pm – Gardening in the Community Garden

RCL Year C Readings

(Advent 3)

Zep 3:14-20

Is 12:2-6

Phil 4:4-7

Lk 3:7-18

Face to Face Services

Sunday Services

22nd December 2024

Montville 8.15am – Worship Service conducted by Rev Anita

Maleny 9.45am – Worship Service conducted by Rev Anita

Maleny UC 5pm – combined UC and Anglican Taize Service

Palmwoods 3.30pm – Reflections in the Garden with Ps. Kay

RCL Year C Readings

(Advent 4)

Mic 5:2-5a

Lk 1:46b-55 or Ps 80:1-7

Heb 10:5-10

Lk 1:39-45, (46-55)

BRUC CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Maleny Christmas Services conducted by Rev Anita

- **7.00pm Tuesday December 24th** Christmas Eve evening service – Carols and Readings
- **8.00am Wednesday December 25th** Christmas Day service

Montville service conducted by Rev George

- **Wednesday December 25th 8.00am** Christmas Day service.

Palmwoods service conducted by Ps. Kay Nixon

- **9.00am Wednesday December 25th** Christmas Day service.

DECEMBER 29TH COMBINED SERVICE

A combined Service will be held at the Maleny Uniting Church to finish off this year. The service commences at 9.45am followed by a morning tea. All welcome

CHRISTMAS EVENTS THIS MONTH

- **Every day – 10am to 3pm** Montville Reflection Gallery Open
- **Wednesday – 8.30am** Christian Meditation at Maleny UC. December 11th is the final for this year. Christian Meditation recommences Wednesday January 29th.
- **Maleny Street Festival** – Friday December 13th. Donations of fruit cake will be appreciated and cake cutting and packaging, 3.00 pm on Thursday 12th at Maleny UC. Helpers are also requested for Friday from 6 to 9 pm.
- **Erowal Carols Service** – Tuesday 17th December commencing 11:00am. The service will take approximately thirty minutes. Note: COVID Tests are required for entry.
- **Montville Christmas Carols on the Village Green** – December 18th from 7pm – 8pm.

AN ADVENT STUDY

Our Connect Group chose an Advent study – Anticipating Advent – by renowned Old Testament scholar Dr Walter Bruegemann.

It has been a very interesting journey as he does not address the 4 traditional themes – Hope, Peace, Joy and Love – but has the theme of Scarcity and Abundance.

It challenges on many levels and the group thought others may be interested in this approach.

So, we share very briefly our experience of the third study based on **II Kings 6: 4 to 7:20** and titled Elisha's Feast – A lesson in abundancy and sharing.

The study explores 'abundance'

- what it is and how it applied in Elish's time, Jesus' time and our time.
- as the accumulation and hoarding of resources
- how it is in the control of the dominant authority
- as a reflection of entitlement and resulting desperation
- saw it as an attitude that should lead to corrective action

Both Elisha and Jesus were seen to contradict the dominate power of their day and each fed crowds of people with what appeared to be limited resources, and still had leftovers. God's abundance!

The questions arose – How would Jesus act in today's more complex society? What would it mean for him to contradict the greed that results in "haves" and "have nots"? How do we do likewise today?

Bruegemann said – Advent is a season of reflection when the church may reflect on the will and capacity of the creator God but should also reflect on scarcity in a world skewed by greed, fear, surplus and deprivation.

An Advent Study /.. continued

That took us to a range of conflicts around the world today.

He went on to challenge us all saying – the church can and must engage in a range of things:

- examine how scarcity is imposed by law and regulation, custom and habit;
- work on ways to ensure limits are placed on accumulation of grain, food and wealth at the expense of others;
- recognise that "normal" is often a contradiction of God's generous act of creation;
- insist on the claim that it is God the creator who is the giver of food;
- The alternative to scarcity is not indulgence or luxury but community provision for all.

By the time we had considered how all this might apply to us as individuals, as a church, and as a society, time had run out. But we were all challenged to keep on thinking about this.

With love from a Maleny Connect Group

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who are the traditional owners of the land upon which we live and worship.**