



## NOTICES

### Face to Face Services

Sunday Services  
26<sup>th</sup> January 2025

**Montville 8.15am** – Worship  
**Maleny 9.45am** – Worship Service  
**Palmwoods 4.30pm** – Growing Together (gardening followed by a shared meal)

RCL Year C Readings  
(Epiphany 3)

Neh 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10  
Ps 19  
1 Cor 12:12-31a  
Lk 4:14-21

### Face to Face Services

Sunday Services  
2<sup>nd</sup> February 2025

**Montville 8.15am** – Worship  
**Maleny 9.45am** – Holy Communion  
**Palmwoods 10am** – Worship Service with Ps Kay  
**4.30pm** – Gardening in the Community Garden

RCL Year C Readings  
(Epiphany 4)

Jer 1:4-10  
Ps 71:1-6  
1 Cor 13:1-13  
Lk 4:21-30

### THIS COMING WEEK

**Montville Reflection Gallery is open Every day, 10am to 3pm** – see info about the new exhibition on page 2.

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

### COMING EVENTS

BRUC Council meets at Maleny UC, 9am on Monday February 4<sup>th</sup>

### WHAT'S HAPPENING? WHAT'S HAPPENING?

**Christian Meditation** at Maleny UC commences again on Wednesday January 29<sup>th</sup>, 8.30am All welcome.

**Maleny Pastoral Care meetings** will be held in the Church Hall at 4pm on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February to review the needs of our church family and look at the coming year.

**Maleny Know your Bible (KYB) ladies study group** will start the year on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January, at 1.30pm in the Church Hall. We will be investigating the Tabernacle and Temple. Come and join us.

**Ladies Friendship Group** recommences February 20<sup>th</sup> at the Maleny UC – all welcome.

**Ecumenical Ladies Breakfast** – Saturday February 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Maleny Uniting Church.

### WHAT'S HAPPENING? WHAT'S HAPPENING?

**Cuppa Craft & Chat** – is held on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays of the month, 9.30am at the Maleny church.

Our focus is probably more the “chat”..... sharing our lives, ideas and opinions over a cuppa, in a safe place, and encouraging and supporting each other.

Though, we usually have a little project on the go (knitting, crocheting, quilting etc) it's not the focus of the group. You could play patience, do a jigsaw or just chat .....whatever suits you.

So, if you are at a loose end, please feel free to join us.....you would be very welcome!

**Christmas Bowl Appeal** – total giving for the BRUC congregations was **\$6,450**. A big thankyou to all who gave this year.

## MONTVILLE REFLECTION GALLERY

Paintings by Barbara Willcocks



After a career of 39 years in Office Administration with a year's diversion as a Patisserie proprietor, Barbara moved to the Sunshine Coast with her husband in 1998. She became interested in painting in 2008 after her husband died when she undertook a water-colour painting course using her husband's now neglected paints.

Barbara relished the experience of attempting to paint and seeing some improvement as she practiced the techniques delivered in the weekly workshops.

Although not an easy medium to begin with, Barbara was inspired to have a go and she now enjoys the challenge of painting mostly flowers and scenes from trips both at home and overseas.

In 2011, Barbara became a member of the Blackall Range Visual Artists, a self-help art group, and their encouragement and critiques of her work have helped her to develop her own style.

Taking inspiration from God's creations around her, she is both challenged and excited to paint images that express her impression of what she sees; enjoying the form which emerges of mostly the landscape and flowers, now in water-colour, acrylic and oil.

### Christian Giving

When we focus on Christian giving, and our response in thanksgiving to God for a multitude of blessings, we might turn to Romans chapter 12: 1-2: "I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your

mind, so that you may discern what is the will of God - what is good and acceptable and perfect". The place of beginning is clearly to see that God leads by example.

Consider that classic text in John : 'For God so loved the world that he gave his only son, that whoever believes in him should not perish, but have eternal life.' Giving follows loving as surely as night follows day, for it is in the very nature of love to give. Nels Ferre talks about what it means to give ourselves in surrender to the God: "Self-giving to God and for others is the way to find release from destructive tensions, from slavery to self, from anxiety with regard to others and to material things and so set us free for creative joy and true self-fulfilment".

Human nature is of course a complex thing, but so many have come to find that the more they steered their life in that direction of self-giving, the greater the spiritual power they found, and the more real God became. What that means in fundamental terms of life-orientation needs to be spelled out in a number of particular ways.

***Read more of the reflection by Rev Clive W Ayre on the [Synod Stories and News page](#)***

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