



# 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  
23<sup>rd</sup> February 2025

**Montville 8.15am** – Worship  
**Maleny 9.45am** – Worship  
**Palmwoods 4.30pm** – Growing Together at the Community Garden.

RCL Year C Readings  
(Epiphany 7)

Gen 45:3-11, 15  
Ps 37:1-11, 39-40  
1 Cor 15:35-38, 42-50  
Lk 6:27-38

#### Face to Face Services

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

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

RCL Year C Readings  
(Transfiguration of Jesus)

Ex 34:29-35  
Ps 99  
2 Cor 3:12 - 4:2  
Lk 9:28-36, (37-43a)

#### THIS WEEK

**Sunday (23<sup>rd</sup>)** – Picnic to farewell Paul and Elijah (for now) at Baroon Pocket Dam 3pm onwards BYO eats.

**Montville Reflection Gallery is open Every day, 10am to 3pm** – Exhibition details below.

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

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

### WHAT'S COMING?

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER** – hosted by the Blackall Range Uniting Church is coming up on **Friday March 7<sup>th</sup>, 9.30am** in the Maleny UC.

This year the Cook Islands are the focus of our prayers. All welcome to attend.

**SEND YOUR GREETINGS NOW!** – Rev. P.K. Samantaroy officially lays down the office of Bishop of Amritsar on 28 February.

Send your greetings to Bunu and Lily and to the Diocese now to remind them of our appreciation for their ministry and encourage them on the next phases of their journeys.

Email Bunu at [bunu13@gmail.com](mailto:bunu13@gmail.com) and the Diocese at [amritsardiocese.communications@gmail.com](mailto:amritsardiocese.communications@gmail.com)

**SAFE AND SAVVY SENIORS FORUM** – Protect yourself and/or your loved ones from financial and legal abuse.

A free, half day event coming up on **Tuesday, March 11<sup>th</sup>** from 9am to 12noon at the Maleny Uniting Church. Information sheet attached.

#### PROBUS PRESIDENT JUDY TILLEY WRITES –

*It has been brought to the PROBUS Committee's attention that it is 25 years since the Uniting Church so very kindly allowed us to use the Church as the venue for our monthly meetings. This is to express our thanks – it is a great venue with excellent audio-visual facilities for our guest speakers.*

*25 years is a long connection with the Maleny Uniting Church and we have several people from your congregation among our number who are valued Probus members.*

*We hope that our connection with your church continues for many years to come. Kind regards*

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

## Reflection – Colin Harding (Maleny UC)

MANY PEOPLE SAY THAT they have had a miraculous experience where God suddenly appears to them, and they “see the light”. This experience is supposed to bring them understanding of all things associated with Christianity, from the presence of God and his love for us, and the understanding of the relationship between God and Jesus. This experience can be sudden (and not fully understood), developed over a long period of time, or cast aside at a moment.,

My simple understanding of Christian life was developed quite differently.

I was born into a very simple family. My Mum was a hardworking caring woman looking after my brothers (I was the youngest), and Dad back from the First World War, had difficulty finding work through the Great Depression. My brothers, three in number, did not go to Church, but for some reason Mum took me to Sunday School at the Church of England nearby. Why did I enjoy that — I do not know, but I seemed to enjoy it. My family was poor, never owning a house, phone, car, but lived a quiet lifestyle.

Where does all this lead me to my Christian existence?

I really don't know, but it seems to have with me all of my life. The things I seem to remember include respect, understanding, desires and needs. These came from my family, my school and my Church.

I have always had a simple understanding of Christianity. Love one another, understand that we are all equal, and remember that all we have is not supplied by us.

There are three times in my life where a spirit from somewhere touched me. First Olive's Mother's Service at the old Nambour Methodist Church. Second the death of a work friend in Brisbane and this was told by a spirit while I was in Venice. The third was Olive's death, and she listened in love, to each of her grandchildren before she had the time to leave the earth.

So, what does Christianity mean to us. If we read the bible and determine the meaning of the words there. Does this make me a Christian? I don't believe everything written there. Does that cast me from others who do? I try to understand the thinking in other so-called religion, and I find that I agree with some of them.

## Reflection cont../...

So how do I think I live as a Christian.

We know from writings that Christ loved us, that we are all equal, we all live because of the many things given to us.

I can't find another way to explain Christianity.

## MONTVILLE REFLECTION GALLERY



**Beautiful Florals and Landscapes** by Barbara Willcocks. - **FINISHING SOON** -

Taking inspiration from God's creations around her, Barbara Willcocks 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.

On display from now until early March. Brighten up your February!

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**Blackall Range Uniting Church acknowledges the first peoples  
who are the traditional owners of the land upon which we live and worship.**