Our Common Life

Blackall Range Uniting Churches

Kenilworth | Maleny | Montville | Palmwoods

February 3 2019

We extend a sincere welcome to everyone. If you are visiting with us, please let us get to know you after the service. Morning tea is served in the Hall.

Services Today

Montville	8.15am	Rev Bruce Johnson
Maleny	9.45am	Rev Bob Philpot **HC**
		(*Back to School Sunday*)
Palmwoods	10.00am	Pastor Kay Nixon
	1.00pm	Tongan Service

Services Next Week February 10 2019

Montville	8.15am	Rev Ron Potter **HC**
Maleny	9.45am	Mr Murray Robertson
Palmwoods	10.00am	Rev Ron Potter **HC**
		(Combined Service)

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Lectionary Readings This Week

Jeremiah 1:4-10 Psalm 71:1-6
1 Corinthians 13:1-13 Luke 4:21-30

Lectionary Readings Next Week

Isaiah 6:1-18, (9-13) Psalm 138
1 Corinthians 15:1-11 Luke 5:1-11

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The Week Ahead

Reflection Gallery Montville Open Daily (See Over)

Monday February 4

9.00am Pastoral Carers and Group Leaders Meeting at Maleny

Tuesday February 5

7.00am Prayers at Moyra's 5494 2661
9am-3pm Church Office open 5429 6995

Wednesday February 6

8.30am Christian Meditation 5435 8152

Thursday February 7

9am-3pm Church Office open 5429 6995

Friday February 1

1.30pm Know Your Bible (KYB) 5494 2486

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Love, That's the Essential

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

It doesn't matter how prominent you are in the church or the community, if you do not have love you are nothing. You could speak in tongues, be a famous preacher, doctor of divinity, be a shining example of faith, be outstandingly generous in supporting the church and charitable institutions with you finances, even suffer martyrdom for your faith, if you do not have love you are nothing. That's 1 Corinthians 13:1-3 for today. People may reach heights of holiness and distinction, but if they do not have love, they have missed the point.

That's what it is all about. Patient, kind and generous love. Love that is devoid of any kind of envy, pride or arrogance.

When we say that God is love, that's the sort of love that we are talking about. That's the love that brings creation into being. That's the love that was lived out in the life of Jesus. That's the love that accepts us as we are and works within us to help us become all that we can possibly be. That's the love that motivates us when the Holy Spirit moves in our lives. That's the love that Jesus was talking about when he summed up what God expects of us – love to God and love to others and a proper self-regard or love for ourselves.

Paul summed up this famous passage in his communication with the Corinthian church by saying that faith and hope are great gifts that God gives to Christians, but great as these gifts are, greater still is the capacity to love.

It's great to know that God loves us. We find there a great comfort in times of loss and trouble. But that same love is meant to be reflected in us toward others. That's what God is seeking to develop in each and every one of us – generous, committed, sacrificial, other-enhancing love.

The journey of faith is a movement further and further into a capacity for love of God and neighbour in all that we do, say and think.

- The word love is used in many different ways. What are some of them?
- To what extend does this make it difficult to talk about God's love and the love that God asks of us?
- Is it possible to act with love toward someone that you do not like? What is the difference between liking and loving?
- Where is love evident in the life of your congregation?

Rev Ron Potter ***Piula Publications***

MALENY PASTORAL CARERS AND GROUP LEADERS MEETING – A Meeting is to be held on **Monday 4 February at 9.00am.** We would like all Pastoral Carers and Group Leaders to attend.

Dorothy Tietze 5494 2486

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETINGS

Montville and Palmwoods will hold their Annual Congregational Meetings on **Sunday 10th February** following their respective services. Apart from receiving reports of their life over the past 12 months, the congregations will be asked to choose 2 members to serve on the new combined Church Council. They may also wish to nominate people to serve as Church Council Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer. These nominations will go to the Combined Congregations Meeting on Sunday 3rd March at Maleny.

BLACKALL RANGE CHURCHES COMBINED SERVICE

On **Sunday 3rd March** there will be a combined congregations service at **9.00am at Maleny Church.** There will be no other services at Montville and Palmwoods that day.

Following the Service we will hold the first Combined Annual Meeting of the Blackall Range Uniting Churches. This meeting will elect to the Church Council, the Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer from the nominations received from the various congregations.

This will be a special day as we commit to working together for one another and seek to strengthen our common worship, witness and service across our region. Please make the effort to join us on **3rd March** so that we not only support one another, but get to understand the unique needs of each of the congregations in our cluster.

Rev Bruce Johnson (Supply Minister)

FROM PALMWOODS CONGREGATION

A big **THANK YOU** to those from the Maleny congregation who sewed up the cushions for the Palmwoods Church. *Pastor Kay Nixon*

CHURCH WEBSITE

Our church has a website at malenyuniting.com.au.

Stuart Craig has taken over the maintenance of the site and it is gradually being updated. A catalogue of the books in the church library and the 2018 editions of The New Vine have been added. If you see anything on the website that is incorrect, missing or could be improved, please let Stuart know.

REFLECTION GALLERY MONTVILLE

The Reflection Gallery currently presents paintings by Marilyn Cook of Mapleton. Her colourful and thoughtful abstract paintings will be on display until the end of February. Open from 10.00am till 3.00pm each day.

LADIES FRIENDSHIP GROUP

First meeting for the year:

When: Thursday 21 February at 9.30am

Where: Maleny Church.

Guest Speaker:

Margaret McKenzie from Compassionate Housing Affordability Solutions Maleny (CHASM)

Jan Bergman, who will soon be returning to India to visit the girls at the hostel, will be in attendance.

ALL WELCOME!

FROM REV BRUCE JOHNSON

Heather and I would like to invite anyone from the congregation to come to lunch at our place on **Sunday 24th February** following the morning service. Our address is 19 Attunga Court, Witta. If you would like to join us please write your names on the "sign-up" sheet in the hall or email me on b_hjohnson@me.com as soon as possible. Please also let us know if you have any special food needs. We are planning to make this invitation every time there is a 5th Sunday in a month, so if you can't make it this time, you might be able to come in the future.

YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS NEWS

Easter Madness 2019

Easter Madness is coming! Registration will be opening very soon and while you're waiting you can visit the website and fill in your expression of interest and get all the details. It is for high-schoolers (youth group leaders and other leaders are invited) and will be held at Alexandra Park Conference Centre. Price for early-bird registration is $199 ($249 for standard registration).

For more information head to the Easter Madness website: eastermadness.com.au

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