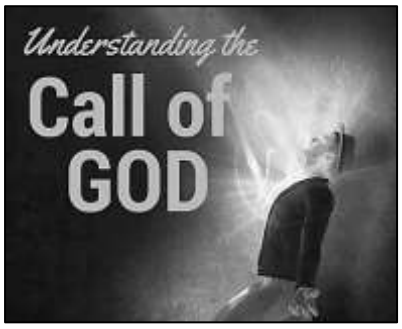
Our Common Life

Blackall Range Uniting Churches

Kenilworth | Maleny | Montville | Palmwoods

February 10 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 Ron Potter **HC**
Maleny	9.45am	Mr Murray Robertson
Palmwoods	10.00am	Rev Ron Potter **HC** *(Combined Service)*

Services Next Week February 17 2019

Montville	8.15am	Rev Bruce Johnson
Maleny	9.45am	Mr Peter Uhlmann
	4.30pm	Rev Bruce Johnson
Palmwoods	10.00am	Rev Bruce Johnson
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Lectionary Readings This Week

Isaiah 6:1-8, (9-13) Psalm 138
1 Corinthians 15:1-11 Luke 5:1-11

Lectionary Readings Next Week

Jeremiah 17:5-10 Psalm 1
1 Corinthians 15:12-20 Luke 6:17-26

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The Week Ahead

Reflection Gallery Montville Open Daily (See Over)

Tuesday February 12

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

Wednesday February 13

8.30am Christian Meditation 5435 8152

Thursday February 14

9am-3pm Church Office open 5429 6995

Friday February 15

1.30pm Know Your Bible (KYB) 5494 2486

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The Call

Isaiah 6:1-8 (9-13) Luke 5:1-11

The sense of call is usually associated with vocation: a call to some ministry recognized by the Church. Throughout Scripture, God calls people. God called Abraham to leave Mesopotamia and settle in a new land. God called Moses through the burning bush to become leader of the people, Israel. God called the boy Samuel to deliver a message to the old priest Eli and God called many prophets to deliver a message for their day.

The call of God is central to Isaiah 6 and to Luke 5:1-11 although Jesus' call to his disciples is more succinctly expressed in Mark 1:16-20. Today people still speak about having a call to ministry and congregations issue a call to a Minister. But some years ago, I heard Bishop Bruce Wilson say, "My vocation is to be a Christian, being a priest is the work that I do." I don't think he was really denying a sense of call to ministry, but he was emphasizing the primary call to faith and discipleship.

The important thing to note is that God calls. Human beings are different from all other creatures in that they 'hear' a call to be better than they are, to go further than they have gone, to reach higher than they have done before. As a call, it can be responded to positively or denied. That is the thing about a call: it leaves the decision up to the hearer. But it is part of our Christian experience that God calls people, inviting them to live in a relationship of faith, hope and love with God.

We hear that call coming through Jesus. That is the primary call. The call to service or ministry follows on from that. The Apostle Paul would put it that it is the call to live as part of God's new creation. It is a call to live in that kind of awareness where God is present and seeking ever to lead us. Listen! Can you hear it?

- God's call does not necessarily involve the hearing of a voice. Why then should it be called a call?
- The Uniting Church Marriage Service asks the couple, "Do you believe that God has blessed and guided you, and now calls you into marriage?" What does this question infer about God's call?
- Who did God use in calling you into faith and into the Christian Church?
- Have you ever sensed a call to some specific ministry either inside or outside of the Church?

Rev Ron Potter ***Piula Publications***

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Maleny Uniting Church congregation will celebrate its achievements for 2018 at their AGM on Sunday February 24th commencing 10.30am. The Agenda includes:

- Welcome and opening prayer
- Minutes of the previous meeting
- Accept the 2018 Maleny Annual Report and Audited Statements
- Accept nominees for the Maleny Ministry Team
- Approve 2 nominees for the new Blackall Range Uniting Church Council
- General Business
- Closing prayer

Nomination forms for the Maleny Ministry Team or the New Church Council are available at the front door. All Welcome.

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)

YOUR NOTICES FOR *OUR COMMON LIFE*

From now on all notices must be sent to Jing in the Church Office (admin@malenyuniting.com.au) by Wednesday. We appreciate your assisting Jing by emailing all notices. If you do not have access to a computer please print out your notice and hand to Jing or send it in to the church office. Sorry but no phoned in messages can be accepted. We realise that this is a little different than you are used to but we really appreciate your assistance with this new system. Thank You, *Maleny U.C. Church Council*

MALENY CHURCH ROSTER

Volunteers for March, April, May. Please write your name, tick duty availability, and write any dates you are unavailable in the folder at the back of the Church. Easter break is the 19th to 22nd April. Our Lord bless you as your contribution is deeply appreciated. Maggie 0418224437 or email mnjginty@bigpond.net.au

CHAPLAINCY SUPPORT 2019

In 2018 the Maleny congregation supported Maleny Primary School Chaplaincy program ($5,120). We have been advised that at present the Maleny program is well financed. Church Council has decided to direct our 2019 support to the Conondale Chaplain (Rebecca Francis). Funds are urgently needed for Conondale. This will be one of our local outreach projects. Fund raising events and activities: weekly trade table in the hall, the Steven Nisbet organ concert on 17 March (see Val Clarkson) and a proposed garage sale later in the year. You'll hear more about this as the year unfolds. Please continue to pray for and support all our school chaplain programs.

LADIES FRIENDSHIP GROUP MEETING

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!

PRAYERS AMID FLOOD AND FIRES

President Dr. Deidre Palmer has asked Uniting Church members to keep residents in disaster-affected areas in their prayers in the days and weeks ahead.

After heavy monsoonal rain, Townsville and surrounding areas are experiencing major flooding. Hundreds of residents have been evacuated and thousands of homes have been inundated. The Presbytery of North Queensland cancelled all church services over the weekend to ensure that no one crossed floodwaters. Some churches have opened their doors for people to gather and find support.

"We pray for all those who are suffering through adversity, that they might know God's grace and love and be restored in hope through it." Source: *Uniting News*

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.

OFFERINGS can be Direct Debited through the ANZ Bank, BSB 014-507 A/c 3762 29735.

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Notice Sheet: Please send your contributions to Church Office, Jing Wang, before 10 am Wednesday
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