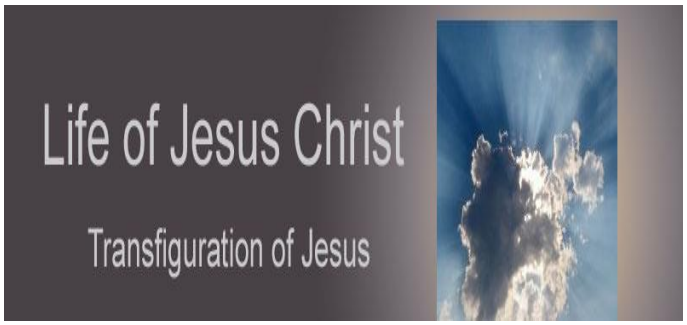
Our Common Life

Blackall Range Uniting Churches

Kenilworth | Maleny | Montville | Palmwoods

March 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

Blackall Range Uniting Churches Combined Service

Maleny 9.00am Rev Bruce Johnson

Services Next Week March 10 2019

Montville 8.15am Rev Barbara Bailey
Maleny 9.45am Rev Graham Dempster

Palmwoods 10.00am Rev Barbara Bailey
1.00pm Tongan Service

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Lectionary Readings This Week

Exodus 34:29-35, Psalm 99
2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2 Luke 9:28-36,(37-43a)

Lectionary Readings Next Week

Deuteronomy26:1-11, Psalm 91:1-2,9-16
Romans 10:8b-13 Luke 4:1-13

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The Week Ahead

Reflection Gallery Montville Open Daily (See Over)

Tuesday March 5
7.00am Prayers at Moyra's 5494 2661
9am-3pm Church Office open 5429 6995

Wednesday March 6
8.30am Christian Meditation 5435 8152

Thursday March 7
9am-3pm Church Office open 5429 6995

Friday March 8
1.30pm Know Your Bible (KYB) 5494 2486

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Transfiguration

Luke 9:28-36,

Alan always knew that his manager was efficient but he saw her as distant, cold and abrupt, until he worked closely with her on a major project. He then came to see her in a new light: a woman with a severely handicapped child and a sick husband, and a person with a generous heart, really concerned for the wellbeing of her staff.

One day when Jesus took Peter, James and John with him up on a mountain to pray their eyes were open so that they saw him in a new light. It was the light of God. Have you ever had experiences when you came to see things in the light of God? Maybe it was the environment. In God's light the environment looks different. Nature is not simply there to be exploited, but to be respected.

The dark-skinned family up the road who always seem to have extra people staying with them, making a noise and leaving the front garden untendered. To see them in the light of God's love and embrace is to see them differently, and seeing them differently to relate to them differently. Through Jesus, we see God differently. Not as the judge and executioner, but as the parent who loves us through all our childish tantrums and stupid mistakes. In the light of God reflected in Jesus, we see people differently, even those that threaten us.

We see people that God is reaching out to in love. We see potential for good. In God's light we view life differently. It is not there just for me to get all I can in money, health and happiness. It is an opportunity to live God's kind of love which means respect and acceptance of others, compassion and help for the needy, release for the oppressed, and the giving of hope to the depressed.

God is, in Scripture, sometimes represented as brilliant, blinding light and in God's light, Christ's light, everything is different. So, come on, let's join in the Zulu song, Siyahamba, "We are marching in the light of God,"(TIS 666) and let's do it.

- When have you come to see something in a new light?
- There is more to the Transfiguration story than thee people seeing Jesus in a new light. What else do you see in the story?
- Give instances of what it means to see things in the light of Jesus?
- Why should blinding light be a suitable image for God? What does it suggest about God?

Rev Ron Potter ***Piula Publications***

SUPPLY MINISTRY FOR MARCH 2019
Rev Bruce Johnson is on holidays from 4 March until 12 April 2019. While Bruce is away Rev. Barbara Bailey is our Supply Minister.until 31 March 2019. Barbara can be contacted on Mobile 0407 633 086
and email rbrbailey@optusnet.com.au

TODAY - BLACKALL RANGE CHURCHES COMBINED SERVICE
After the Service we have the first Combined AGM of the Blackall Range Uniting Churches to elect to the Church Council, the Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer. Today is 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.

MALENY CHURCH BUILDING AND GROUNDS
From March, we are trialling a working bee on the last Saturday of each month from 8am to 10am. All Welcome.
Duties to include edging, mowing, roof and gutter inspections, tree/shrub pruning, painting yellow safety lines and other minor painting, high pressure hosing (external), brush cutting long grass areas, safety inspections & general maintenance.
We will maintain a smaller mowing roster through the summer months for incidental, additional mowing eg. Special events. If you are available for the summer mowing roster, please advise Peter Callaghan.

PASTORAL CARE / FROZEN BANK
We have an ongoing need in our Church Family for care in this way a meal that does not need preparation is always gratefully welcomed...
If you are able to supply a meal, maybe a special cook-up or maybe an extra helping from your family meal...please contact Marnie on 54999394
Meals need to be dated please, and ingredients listed..”take-away” containers make it easier for the recipients... Thanks from Marnie Mc 54999394

SONG FEST AND ORGAN CONCERT
This chaplaincy fund raiser at Maleny at 2 00pm, Sunday 17 March has Dr Steven Nisbet, organist at St Andrew’s Church in Brisbane will entertain and inspire. He has been here before. Always a great afternoon of uplifting music. Singalong to your favourite Christian songs. Admission by donation; afternoon tea. There are flyers at the door, if you want to share with friends. The concert supports the Conondale School Chaplain, Becky Francis.

OBERAMMERGAU PASSION PLAY 2020
Malcolm & Nancy Baker are planning to attend the "once in 10 year" event in August 2020 & have secured a block booking. Please ask for an itinerary. Expressions of interest & deposits are needed by March 30th 2019. Contact : Nancy on 54942961 or nanmal@caloundra.net

LENTEN STUDY
A booklet of 4 studies has been prepared by one of the Maleny Connect Groups for use during Lent. It is suitable for either individual or group study and is available in booklet form or electronically. Please feel free to take a booklet from the back of the church today as it is meant for use in all three ministry locations if that is the wish of each location.

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL
Planning for the 2019 Christmas Tree festival is commencing. This initial planning always happens at this time of year, and then in July we really get into the work. A meeting is to be held **next Friday 8 March at 9 00 am at the Maleny Church**. Several key people have indicated that they are stepping aside from their roles: including Muriel Wilson, as minute taker and secretary, Murray Robertson as overall coordinator, Robyn Robertson as his backstop, Faith McKinnon and Lyn Baker who have had a big role in designing spaces. So, we are looking for new people to come on board: people who are willing to work as a team, offer constructive ideas, and to be involved as part of the workforce to achieve the outreach goals of this Christ-inspired event. If you have any questions please contact Murray, Robyn, Nancy or Malcolm, or indeed anyone who was involved last year. This is an **open invitation**, not just for the planning team.

FLOOD RELIEF OPTIONS
You may be considering donating to the Flood Relief Appeals in response to the recent rains and floods in the North of the State. Maleny Church will not be running a special appeal, as it is felt that there are several reliable appeals to choose from, also because Maleny congregation already has several current fund-raising projects. So here are a few options:
Uniting Church Qld Synod Flood Relief
https://ucaqld.com.au/about-us/mission-possible/people-in-crisis/disaster-relief/

BLAZE AID blazeaid.com.au

NOTCH is North Townsville Community Hub, and provides similar services to our MNC.
NOTCH is being supported by the Maleny Neighbourhood Centre. MNC aims to raise $5000 dollars by donations. Every dollar raised up to 5000 will be matched dollar for dollar by a MNC supporter. A Generous offer. Donate at this website, or donate at the Centre. https://www.malenync.org.au/crisis-support/

Please continue to uphold these recovering communities in your prayers

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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 admin@malenyuniting.com.au

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