Our Common Life

Blackall Range Uniting Churches

Kenilworth | Maleny | Montville | Palmwoods

March 17 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 Barbara Bailey
Maleny	9.45am	Mr Peter Uhlmann
Palmwoods	10.00am	Rev George Woodward
	1.00pm	Tongan Service

Services Next Week March 24 2019

Montville	8.15am	Rev Barbara Bailey
Maleny	9.45am	Mr Murray Robertson
Palmwoods	10.00am	Rev Barbara Bailey
	1.00pm	Tongan Service

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Lectionary Readings This Week

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18, Psalm 27
Philippians 3:17-4:1 Luke 13:31-35

Lectionary Readings Next Week

Isaiah 55:1-9, 17-18, Psalm 63:1-8
1 Corinthians 10:1-13 Luke 13:1-9

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The Week Ahead

Reflection Gallery Montville Open Daily (See Over)

Tuesday March 19

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

Wednesday March 20

8.30am Christian Meditation 5435 8152

Thursday March 21

9am-3pm Church Office open 5429 6995
9.30am Ladies Friendship Group 54942961

Friday March 22

1.30pm Know Your Bible (KYB) 5494 2486

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Enemies of the Cross

Philippians 3:17 – 4:1

All parts of the Uniting Church are being asked to contribute to the National Redress Scheme for people who have experienced institutional child sexual abuse. This adds a cost to our budgets. But the cost of this abuse to the church is much greater than that.

The church which was already falling out of favour with the general community has suffered much more due to the publicity being given to this serious failure by church leaders, members and employees. Mind you, we did not need a Royal Commission to tell us that there are professed Christians who live as enemies of the cross of Christ.

It has been so from the earliest times (Philippians 3:18). What does it mean to live as enemies of the cross? For some, it has been sexually abusing children under the cover of position held within the organization of the church, but there are other even more pervasive ways in which we live as enemies of the cross of Christ. Accepting Christ's salvation without taking up the cross and following him in his love-filled way is one example.

Continuing to live self-dominated lives under the cloak of Christianity. Living as enemies of the cross of Christ means letting personal desires and ambition crowd out a willing desire to live the way of Jesus. It means self-love drowning out love for God and for neighbour. It means using the church or one's position in the church to boost one's own ego. It's not other people, those over there, it is us. It is in ourselves.

There is always that temptation within us to let selfish desire dominate. So, the need for constant vigilance and repentance. We may stumble, but we live in the assurance of God's grace, resolved to live, not just as citizens of Australia, but as citizens of God's heavenly kingdom. Let God's Spirit of love guide and move us in humility and gratitude.

- Describe a life in which self dominates.
- What are some of the ways in which people rationalize their selfishness?
- If some are enemies of the cross of Christ, who are the friends of the cross of Christ?
- What problems arise when we try to live as citizens of heaven while living as citizens of a country?

Rev Ron Potter ***Piula Publications***

MALENY LADIES FRIENDSHIP GROUP
9.30am Thursday 21st March. All are welcome for an informative morning with Physio Mary Bagshaw as our speaker. Come one come all. Enquiries 54942961

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.

LENT APPEAL FOR 2019 at MALENY
Our Lent Appeal this year is a little different because we are supporting the SHARED HOUSE PROJECT of the Maleny Neighbourhood Centre. This will provide emergency accommodation for women and women with children.
Please put your donation in the marked envelopes that have been provided at the back of the church and place in collection bags. *Thank You*

REFLECTION GALLERY
The Lenten display in the Montville Church, 152 Main Street, comprises reproductions of eleven drawings by Annette Ireland. They were originally done for her own church, Kirwan Uniting in Townsville, under the title of Easter Reflections. Call in between 10 and 3 any day and take time to reflect on what you see.

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

FIRST AID OFFICER
Firstly, as a Church we acknowledge the great service Faye Gledhill has provided to our congregations as volunteer First Aid Officer. Faye resigned from the role at the end of last year.
Thank you so much Faye for your service over the years.
This leaves a vacant position available for a First Aid Officer. If you are or are willing to be a First Aid Officer, Peter Callaghan would like to hear from you

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

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. Please advise Peter Callaghan.

ADVANCE NOTICE

This year the Christmas Tree festival will be held on 19th to 24th December. The theme is "The Old Becomes New at Christmas". We are hoping for a number of trees to be supplied from individuals, groups and families in our congregation. Start early in working on your ideas. This year we are supporting the Maleny Hospital Auxillary. If you want more details, please see Nancy, Malcolm or Murray.

LENTEN TAIZE
The Taize Prayer service has ecumenical origins in France. Its short mantra-like songs create a relaxing style of prayer well suited to Lent. The simplicity and repetition become a way of listening to God in a church dimly lit with candle light.
Come along with other Christians to the Catholic Church in Maleny on Wednesday evening 27th March at 7pm to experience a Lenten Taize service.
(For more info: Judy 5478 6271)

The latest edition of *The New Vine* is available today.

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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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