



**Uniting Church  
in Australia**

**Uniting in Christ**  
**acting with love**  
**living with hope**  
**witnessing in faith**  
**working for justice**

## **Maryborough Parish Maryborough & Country Congregations**

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**Our Vision**

**“Making Christ Visible”**

### **DECEMBER**

#### **SERVICES SUNDAY 5<sup>th</sup> December**

**9.00am** St. Stephen's Church - Rev Delma

**7.00pm** UCA Tiaro Hall; Remembrance – Rev Delma

**READINGS:** Mal 3:1-4 Lk 1:68-79  
Phil 1:3-11 Lk 3:1-6

#### **SERVICE SUNDAY 12<sup>th</sup> December**

**9.00am** St. Stephen's Church; Remembrance – Rev Delma

**2.00pm** Bauple Home Group– Rev Delma

**READINGS:** Zep 3:14-20 Is 12:2-6  
Phil 4:4-7 Lk 3:7-18

#### **SERVICES SUNDAY 19<sup>th</sup> December**

**9.00am** St. Stephen's Church

**7.00pm** UCA Tiaro Hall\_ **Christmas Service**

**READINGS:** Mic 5:2-5a Lk 1:46b-55 or Ps 80:1-7  
Heb 10:5-10 Lk 1:39-45, (46-55)

#### **SERVICE SATURDAY 25<sup>th</sup> December**

**8.00am** St. Stephen's Church

**READINGS:** Is 9:2-7 Ps 96  
Tit 2:11-14 Lk 2:1-14, (15-20)

### **JANUARY**

#### **SUNDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> January**

**9.00am** St. Stephen's Auditorium - Rev Delma

**7.00pm** UCA Tiaro Hall – Rev Delma

**READINGS:** Jeremiah 31:7-14 Ps 147:12-20  
Ephesians 1:3-14 John 1:(1-9), 10-18

#### **SERVICE SUNDAY 9<sup>th</sup> January**

**9.00am** St. Stephen's Auditorium – Rev Delma

**2.00pm** Bauple Home Group– Rev Delma

**READINGS:** Is 43:1-7 Ps 29  
Acts 8:14-17 Lk 3:15-17, 21-22

#### **SERVICES SUNDAY 16<sup>th</sup> January**

**9.00am** St. Stephen's Auditorium

**7.00pm** UCA Tiaro Hall

**READINGS:** Is 62:1-5 Ps 36:5-10 1  
Cor 12:1-11 Jn 2:1-11

#### **SERVICE SUNDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> January**

**8.00am** St. Stephen's Auditorium

**Simply All Age Worship**

**6.00pm** St. Stephen's Auditorium

**READINGS:** Neh 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10 Ps 19 1  
Cor 12:12-31a Lk 4:14-21 G

#### **SERVICE SUNDAY 30<sup>th</sup> January**

**PARISH SERVICE Commissioning of Leaders**

**8.00am** St. Stephen's Auditorium

**READINGS:** Jer 1:4-10 Ps 71:1-6 1  
Cor 13:1-13 Lk 4:21-30

### **WEEKLY PRAYER**

Loving God,

As we encounter the crowds of people in shopping centres, in community spaces we hear the voice of wisdom speaking out to be heard. The voice of wisdom is calling out for justice for those disadvantaged. It cries out for those who are silenced. Your wisdom God calls for us to respond to the human cries we hear around us. Help us listen to the call upon our lives to be a loving neighbour, the call upon our lives to be your hands and your feet.

Help us Lord to respond to the cry of wisdom this Christmas season. Amen.

Rev Russell Reynoldson, minister at Forrest Lake Uniting Church.



## MINISTER'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends

*I'm not saying that I have this altogether, that I have it made. But I am well on my way, reaching out for Christ, who has so wondrously reached out for me. Friends, don't get me wrong: By no means do I count myself an expert in all of this but I've got my eye on the goal, where God is beckoning us onward – to Jesus. I'm off and running, and I'm not turning back. (Philippians 3:12-14 Message)*

As one year draws to a close and a new one begins, it can be a good time to dwell for a while in the year that was before leaping into a new year that draws us onwards into an unknown future, where only one thing is certain – God is there with us urging us on. 2021 was not the year we thought it would be, but it is the year we were given. There is nothing we can do to change the impact of COVID or any of the other circumstances we faced this year. We can't go back and change things, but it is not always easy to accept where we are at this stage of our lives. One minute life is travelling along reasonably nicely when suddenly something happens that changes our lives forever. This year you may have lost someone you love or you may have welcomed someone new into your life. Maybe your health isn't all you would like it to be, or your finances may be a bit low. Life has so many bumps and obstacles along the way and it is never smooth sailing. How well have you coped with the changes that happened to you this year?

When you read Paul's letter to the Philippians he is so upbeat – he is not giving up, he is forging ahead into the unknown and he is not looking back. He keeps his eye on the goal where God is beckoning him onwards towards Jesus. He seems so happy, full of joy even though he is writing the letter from prison. His joy and happiness are found in Christ Jesus. I wonder what it would take for us to be so focused on Jesus that we don't look back to the past and dream of how life was back then and instead keep our eyes fixed, with hope and joy, on the future. Is your goal heading you towards Jesus? Or are your goals focussed on your needs so much that you have lost sight of Jesus altogether?

Loving God, forgive us when we become so focussed on ourselves that we lose sight of you. Help us Jesus to fix our eyes on you and draw us into what you are doing in our world. Open our eyes to new possibilities, hopes and dreams for a future we cannot see or imagine. Be with us, strengthen and guide us into the future, drawing us away from the past. Open our heart to your hope, peace, joy and love through this advent and Christmas season and into a new year full of promise for your kingdom here on Earth. Amen.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you and yours!

Rev Delma Lovell

### Annual Reports for 2021 due in March



It is time for our groups to reflect on what has happened or not happened over the year. All secretary/leaders of all Church groups need to prepare and forward annual reports and signed audited financial statement (where applicable) to the Church office by 9.00am **Wednesday 2nd March 2022** for publication and presentation at the UCA Maryborough Parish annual meeting that will be held at the end of **MARCH 2022** (@ 9.00am- St. Stephen's Church). Leaders Council still to decide the date.

Preferably emailed (as a word document) to [ucamaryborough@gmail.com](mailto:ucamaryborough@gmail.com)



## EMPTY CHRISTMAS TREE

For three Sundays in December (5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>) members of the congregation are invited to once again support YOORANA WOMEN'S SHELTER with material gifts & BREAKFAST MINISTRY with much needed money.

No toiletry items are required this year.

**No candles, incense or other such flammable items are permitted.**

Please do not wrap your gift.

Simply place gifts under the tree and hang your money-containing envelopes from the branches.

For more information contact Marion on 0437 297 761

## CAROLS IN THE Country

+FAIR+FIREWORKS

TIARO REC GROUNDS • SAT 4 DEC • 3PM-9PM

### ANNUAL PARISH OFFICE CLOSURE

**From Friday 24<sup>th</sup> December @ 12pm until 9am on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> January.**

If you require support or information during this time, please contact your pastoral carer or Rev Delma.



The office is also closed Friday December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021, as Brodie is away to fulfil her volunteer duties at the **Mary Christmas CBD Street Party**

## Christmas Services

- 2<sup>nd</sup> December **Fair Haven** @ 10.30am
- 12<sup>th</sup> December **Bauple Home Group** @ 2pm
- 16<sup>th</sup> December **Petrie Gardens Fellowship** @ 9am
- 16<sup>th</sup> December **Chelsea Service** @ 3pm
- 19<sup>th</sup> December **Tiaro** @ 7pm
- 25<sup>th</sup> December **Maryborough** @ 8am

*Due to Christmas falling on a Saturday this year there will not be any church services held on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> December.*

**If planning to attend Fair Haven, Petrie Gardens or Chelsea please contact Rev Delma – re numbers for COVID**



## SIMPLY ALL AGE WORSHIP

A service with a relaxed table and chairs setting in the Wesley Auditorium. A cuppa and biscuits will be provided

**Do you know someone who would like to know more about church, who would be more comfortable coming to a low key, contemporary service?**

4th Sunday of every month (except December).





## Fellowship Morning Tea

**Saturday 29 January 2022**

Time: 9am for 9.30am sit down – till 11am

Venue: **Homewares from Everywhere,**  
Biggenden Road, Maryborough

*Bookings essential by Sunday, 23 January: To  
Diana Collins phone 41213870 or email  
dscollins2@bigpond.com*

The **Annual Tombola** to raise funds for the church will be held on **Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2022** in the **Pensioners Hall in Adelaide Street.**

*Now is the time to start collecting those “specials” which may be prizes.*

*Please remember the goods need to be new and have good “used by” dates.*



***Come celebrate  
the birth of Christ***

***The Uniting Church***

*invites you to our*

## ***Christmas Carol Service and Fellowship Tea***

**at the Uniting Church Hall,  
Mungar Road, Tiaro**

***on Sunday, 19th December 2021***

**Fellowship Tea ~ arrive 5.30 pm for 5.45 pm start**

**followed by the Carol Service at 7.00 pm**

***\*\* Everyone Welcome \*\****

**Please bring .....**

- **savoury and/or sweet finger food to share**



*You are welcome to attend the Tiaro Uniting Church  
Services which are held at 7.00 pm as follows:*

**1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month at Tiaro (Mungar Road)**



**STAY COOL  
FOR SUMMER**

From Sunday 1<sup>st</sup>  
January until  
further notice,  
Sunday Services  
will be held in  
the Wesley  
Auditorium, not  
St Stephen's  
Church.

**PARISH TEA**



***Come dressed  
in your  
Christmas  
Best!***

*Please RSVP your  
attendance to Nalda  
Brett on 4121 3529:  
0407 628 072 or  
email  
Nalda.brett@bigpond.com  
by 10.00am Monday  
6<sup>th</sup> December.*





**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> November @ 6pm.**  
**Maryborough Tree Lighting ceremony.** Maryborough Town Hall.

## Date Claimers DECEMBER 2021



**Thursday 2nd @ 10.30am** – Fairhaven Church Service (if planning to attend please contact Rev Delma – re numbers for COVID)

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 9.30am \_ Exploring our Faith & Discipleship bible study**

Part of a 4week Advent Bible Study using Christopher C Walker's *"Jesus Christ: The Same Yesterday, Today and Forever: Finding Hope and Strength in Trying Times."*  
 Morning tea will be provided.



**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> @ 3pm.**  
**Carols in the Country.** Tiaro Recreation Grounds.  
 Don't forget your picnic blanket or folding chair



**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> @ 5pm** Pastoral Carers meeting\_ St Stephens Vestry

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> @ 6.30** Leaders Council meeting\_ St Stephens Vestry



**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> @ 6.00am** Breakfast Ministry St. Pauls Anglican Hall



**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> @ 9.30am \_ Exploring our Faith & Discipleship bible study**

Part of a 4week Advent Bible Study using Christopher C Walker's *"Jesus Christ: The Same Yesterday, Today and Forever: Finding Hope and Strength in Trying Times."*  
 Morning tea will be provided.



**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> @ 5pm – 9pm.** Mary Christmas CBD Street Party.  
*Bring the whole family, including the fur baby, for a selfie with Santa*



**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> @ 5pm.**  
**Bauple Community Christmas Party.** Bauple Recreation Grounds.  
 Don't forget your picnic blanket or folding chair.



**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> @ 5.30pm-** Parish Tea at Maryborough RSL.  
*Come dressed in your Christmas Best!*

Please RSVP your attendance to Nalda Brett on 4121 3529: 0407 628 072 or email [Nalda.brett@bigpond.com](mailto:Nalda.brett@bigpond.com) by 10.00am Monday 13<sup>th</sup> December.



**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> @ 6.00am** Breakfast Ministry St. Pauls Anglican Hall



**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> @ 9.00am** – Petrie Gardens Fellowship  
 (if planning to attend please contact Rev Delma – re numbers for COVID)



**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> @ 3.00pm** – Chelsea Church Service in Chelsea Bolton Clarke Community Hall. (if planning to attend please contact Rev Delma – re numbers for COVID)



**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> @ 9.30am \_ Exploring our Faith & Discipleship bible study**

Part of a 4week Advent Bible Study using Christopher C Walker's *"Jesus Christ: The Same Yesterday, Today and Forever: Finding Hope and Strength in Trying Times."*  
 Morning tea will be provided.



**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> @ 5:30pm \_ Carols in the Park.** Don't forget your picnic blanket, carols begin from 6.30pm, Queens Park Corner Bazaar Street and Sussex Street



**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> @ 5.30pm**  
**Christmas Carol Service and Fellowship Tea**  
 Uniting Church Hall, Mungar Road, Tiaro



**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> @ 6.00am** Breakfast Ministry St. Paul Anglican Hall



**Friday 31<sup>st</sup> @ 5pm – 9pm**  
**New Year's Eve @** Maryborough Cricket Club. Fireworks from 9pm

*Date Claimers JANUARY 2022*



**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> @ 10.30am** – Fairhaven Church Service (if planning to attend please contact Rev Delma – re numbers for COVID)



**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> @ 6.00am** Breakfast Ministry St. Paul Anglican Hall



**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> @ 5.30pm** – Management Committee Meeting, St Stephen's Vestry



**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> @ 6.00am** Breakfast Ministry St. Paul Anglican Hall



**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> @ 9.00am** – Petrie Gardens Fellowship (if planning to attend please contact Rev Delma – re numbers for COVID)



**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> @ 3.00pm** – Chelsea Church Service in Chelsea Bolton Clarke Community Hall. (if planning to attend please contact Rev Delma – re numbers for COVID)



**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> @ 6pm** Simply all age worship.  
*A service with a relaxed table and chairs setting in the Wesley Auditorium. A cuppa and biscuits will be provided*



**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> @ 6.00am** Breakfast Ministry St. Paul Anglican Hall



**Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> @ 9am** (for 9.30am) – 11am. Homewares from Everywhere.  
 Bookings essential by Sunday, 23 January: To Diana Collins phone 41213870 or email [dscollins2@bigpond.com](mailto:dscollins2@bigpond.com)

If you would like to direct deposit, the details are:

Branch: **BSB 014010**

Account: **Uniting Church Maryborough**

Account number: **3873 956 67**

*Thank you for prayerfully considering these options to support the work of the Church*

