



## 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”**

### **SERVICES SUNDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> April**

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

**7.00pm** UCA Tiaro Hall - Rev Delma

**READINGS:** Is 43:16-21 Ps 126  
Phil 3:4b-14 Jn 12:1-8

### **SERVICE SUNDAY 10<sup>th</sup> April**

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

**2.00pm** Bauple Home Group

**READINGS:** Is 50:4-9a Ps 118:1-2,  
19-29  
Phil 2:5-11 Lk 19:28-40 19-29

### **GOOD FRIDAY SERVICES 15<sup>th</sup> April**

**8.00am** St Stephens Church

**10.00am** UCA Tiaro Hall

**READINGS:** Is 52:13 - 53:12 Ps 22  
Heb 10:16-25 Jn 18:1 - 19:42

### **EASTER SUNDAY SERVICES 17<sup>th</sup> April**

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

**READINGS:** Is 65:17-25 Ps 118:1-2, 14-24  
Acts 10:34-43 Lk 24:1-12

### **SERVICE SUNDAY 24<sup>th</sup> April**

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

**READINGS:** Acts 5:27-32 Ps 118:14-29 or  
Ps 150  
Rev 1:4-8 Jn 20:19-31

**6.00pm** Simply All Age Worship. Wesley Auditorium.

## Minister's Message



Dear Friends

*“Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.” (John 14:1, 27 NIV)*

If there is one thing we yearn for in life it is peace. Peace in the world, our country, our state, our church, our families and in our hearts. Most of the situations and circumstances that we find ourselves in we have no control over, but still, we worry and feel afraid. So where can we find peace amidst the storms and turbulence of life? It is Jesus who can bring calm to our lives. He calmed the stormy seas for his disciples who were afraid in their boat by standing up, rebuking the wind, and saying to the waves, *“Quiet! Be still!”* Then the wind died down and it was completely calm (Mark 4:39 NIV).

When our TV screens or Facebook bombard us with images of war or the impact of COVID and major flooding we can feel overwhelmed and switch off to what else is happening around us. Our world, our communities, need us to step out and offer love and support in their time of need. It may be as a listening ear, financially supporting or physically helping when we can.

After two years of a world pandemic and more recently natural disasters of floods, volcanoes and earthquakes and a war between Russia and Ukraine we may lose sight of the other things that are happening in people's lives. Amidst all this turmoil and uncertainty people are still having accidents, diagnosed with illnesses, or dying. Life still goes on amidst the storms. How do we stop focussing on the world events and pinpoint the areas of need within our communities and circle of family, friends, neighbours, and fellow church members? During the storm, it is time to listen, to hear what is happening for others and offer our loving support.

It was in the midst of the storm that Jesus offered his support by calming the storm and bringing peace. It was in the lead up to his death on the cross that Jesus reminded his disciples that when he died, he would not leave them lost and alone, he would leave them the gift of the Holy Spirit. We enter April with the last couple of weeks of Lent by continuing with our series on Discipleship Backyard Cricket, as we journey with Jesus to the cross where we once again will be confronted by the reality of the Easter story. In his time of pain and suffering Jesus looked beyond himself and offered his disciples and us a peace that the world cannot give and that there is no need to be afraid. He has not left us alone to travel through the difficulties of life. He is with us, loving and encouraging us to step out in faith into an unknown future.

Let us pray: *Lord, sometimes we feel overwhelmed and don't know how we can help a hurting world. Open our hearts and minds to your concerns for our world. Lead us to places where we can still the storms of life for people who are hurting. Give us the courage to step out, 'making Christ visible' in our communities. Amen.*

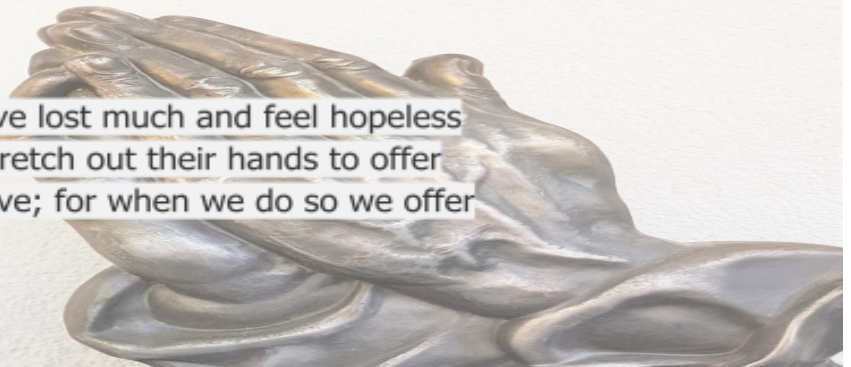
God bless.

Rev Delma

## WEEKLY PRAYER

Loving God, be with those who have lost much and feel hopeless and helpless, be with those who stretch out their hands to offer your hope, your peace and your love; for when we do so we offer our lives in service to you. Amen.

**Rev Andrew Gunton**  
Moderator



**MEN'S SHELTER APPEAL:-** Following the suggestion at the November Congregation Meeting, Leaders' Council has decided that the collection of these items would be our focus for the month of April. The Men's Shelter are delighted to receive our support. Containers to receive these goods will be available in Wesley Auditorium

Suggested donations include:

- NEW THONGS (mainly sizes 8 to 12)
- BLANKETS (Second hand ones are acceptable so long as they are in good condition and clean),
- MEN'S TOILETRIES, DRAWSTRING TOILETRY BAGS (a job for our sewers)
- CANNED (non-perishable) FOOD

Marion Tappenden – Appeal Coordinator



## BAKELESS CAKE SALE

A bit of news  
we have  
today...

A Bakeless  
Cake Sale is on  
the way...

Please help  
make a success  
of our...  
**BAKELESS  
CAKE SALE!**

All proceeds  
go towards our  
church and  
Wesley  
Auditorium.

For more  
information  
contact Dawn  
Jenkinson on  
0427 654 119

Bring Your  
Bakeless Cake  
Sale Envelope

In person: To Dawn  
Jenkinson

In church: Add it to  
the collection plate

Via post: PO Box  
1066, Maryborough  
4650

ENDS  
SUNDAY  
APRIL 10th

### ANZAC Service – 24 April @ 9:00am

Our service on Sunday 24 April will be ANZAC Day focused. You are welcome to invite others who may be interested in attending an ANZAC service.

**POSITIONS VACANT:-** Breakfast Ministry is urgently in need of people to fill two vacancies on the Washup Roster on the second Tuesday of the month and one on the first and third Tuesday. At the moment these would be temporary positions but could become permanent. This is a 7.00 a.m. start. Relief workers to fill in when regular volunteers are unable to work their regular rosters are also needed. For more information or to offer your services, please phone Marion Tappenden – 0437297761.



## Easter Services in April

**14 April @ 3:00pm at**

Chelsea Retirement Village Community Hall

**15 April @ 8:00am at**

St Stephen's Church Maryborough

**15 April @ 10:00am at**

Tiaro Hall

**17 April @ 9:00am at**

St Stephen's Church Maryborough

**Blue Cards-** For use in UCA Maryborough Parish, if you are need to apply, renew or link a Blue Card, could you please only apply by completing a paper application of the relevant form by emailing it into the Church office [ucamaryborough@gmail.com](mailto:ucamaryborough@gmail.com) or taking it in to the Church Office. As part of your application a number of details need to be added to the Safe Ministry with Children Workers Register which is a mandatory requirement of the Uniting Church. Please do not submit an application through the portal. The Office will complete the Organisation details of the Blue Card application and forward your application to Blue Card Services.



### Report

Leaders' Council Meeting on March 7th  
UCA Maryborough Parish

- Noel Puller elected Chair and Diana Collins elected Secretary.
- Internal audit of financial records of Girls Brigade, MUCAF, Breakfast Ministry and Country fellowship revealed the records were correctly completed.
- The draft budget for the Parish was discussed and agreed that it be presented to the 2022 Annual Parish Meeting for adoption.
- Approval was given for MUCAF to conduct a Bakeless Cake Stall.
- As no nominations were received for the positions of Chairman and Secretary of the Pastoral Care Committee, it was agreed that pastoral care matters will be dealt with during Leaders Council Meetings.
- Girls Brigade matters were approved: Girls Brigade Leaders; Yearly Program planning; Safe Ministry of Children statements by the Church, Girls Brigade Leaders and Leaders Council Leaders.
- Approval was given for the following preachers/speakers for the Parish during 2022: Rev Delma Lovell; Dawn Jenkinson; Maryan McGown; Irene Leegwater; Marion Tappenden.
- Approval was given for the Book Club to be renamed *Books & Coffee*.
- Approval was given for a drive to be conducted during April to address some identified needs of the Maryborough Men's Shelter.

*Diana Collins. Leaders Council Secretary.*

## Date Claimers in April 2022

	<b>Friday 1st @ 9.30am.</b> Exploring our Faith and Discipleship Lenten Bible Study. Wesley Auditorium
	<b>Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> @ 6.00am</b> Breakfast Ministry St. Paul's Anglican Hall
	<b>Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> @ 10.30am</b> Fairhaven Church Service (if planning to attend please contact Rev Delma – re numbers for COVID)
	<b>Friday 8th @ 9.30am.</b> Exploring our Faith and Discipleship Lenten Bible Study. Wesley Auditorium
	<b>Monday 11<sup>th</sup> @ 5.30pm</b> Parish Tea at Maryborough RSL 47 <sup>th</sup> Battalion Room. Please RSVP your attendance to Nalda Brett on 4121 3529: 0407 628 072 or email <a href="mailto:Nalda.brett@bigpond.com">Nalda.brett@bigpond.com</a> by 10.00am Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> April
	<b>Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> @ 6.00am</b> Breakfast Ministry St. Paul's Anglican Hall
	<b>Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> @ 2.00pm</b> Management Committee Meeting _ St Stephens church
	<b>Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> @ 6.00am</b> Breakfast Ministry St. Paul's Anglican Hall
	<b>Thursday 14th @ 9.00am</b> Chelsea Easter Church Service (if planning to attend please contact Rev Delma – re numbers for COVID)
	<b>Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> @ 9.30am</b> <i>BOOKS &amp; COFFEE_ Wesley Auditorium</i> <i>Introducing BOOKS &amp; COFFEE, our book club. Join us every 3rd Tuesday for a chat, a cuppa and to share discussions on the books we've read or are reading.</i> Want to attend but can't make it on Tuesdays? Let us know! Still not sure...? Talk to Dawn Greenhalgh, Marie Gilmore, Ros Martin or Diana Collins for more information.
	<b>Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> @ 4.00pm</b> Girls Brigade. Wesley Auditorium Cadets 4.00pm – 5.30pm. Upper Section 6.00 – 8.00 p.m.
	<b>Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> @ 9am</b> Petrie Gardens Worship (Tiara) (if planning to attend please contact Rev Delma – re numbers for COVID)
	<b>Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> @ 3pm</b> Chelsea ANZAC Church Service (if planning to attend please contact Rev Delma – re numbers for COVID)
	<b>Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> @ 6.00am</b> Breakfast Ministry St. Paul's Anglican Hall
	<b>Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> @ 4.00pm</b> Girls Brigade. Wesley Auditorium Cadets 4.00pm – 5.30pm. Upper Section 6.00 – 8.00 p.m.
	<b>Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> @ 5.30pm</b> – Leaders Council Meeting in St. Stephen's Church (now incorporating Pastoral Carers from earlier time of 5.30pm)

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*