



**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 1st May

9.00am St. Stephen's Church - Rev Delma

7.00pm UCA Tiaro Hall - Rev Delma

READINGS: Acts 9:1-6, (7-20) Ps 30
Rev 5:11-14 Jn 21:1-19

SERVICES SUNDAY 8th May

9.00am St. Stephen's Church – Rev Delma

2.00pm Bauple Home Group

READINGS: Acts 9:36-43 Ps 23
Rev 7:9-17 Jn 10:22-30

SERVICES SUNDAY 15th May

9.00am St. Stephen's Church - Maryan McGown

7.00pm UCA Tiaro Hall - Congregation

READINGS: Acts 11:1-18 Ps 148
Rev 21:1-6 Jn 13:31-35

SERVICES SUNDAY 22nd May

9.00am St. Stephen's Church - Rev Delma

6.00pm SIMPLY ALL AGE WORSHIP

Wesley Auditorium. 'Be Brave. Make Change'

READINGS: Acts 16:9-15 Ps 67
Rev 21:10, 22- 22:5 Jn 14:23-29
or Jn 5:1-9

SERVICE SUNDAY 29th May

PARISH SERVICE

9.00am St. Stephen's Church - Maryan McGown

READINGS: Acts 16:16-34 Ps 97
Rev 22:12-14, Jn 17:20-26
16-17, 20-21



Dear Friends

Minister's Message

"[Jesus] led them out of the city over to Bethany. Raising his hands he blessed them, and while blessing them, took his leave, being carried up to heaven. And they were on their knees, worshipping him. They returned to Jerusalem bursting with joy. They spent all their time in the Temple praising God. Yes." (Luke 24:50-53 The Message)

In living life, we can't escape change. Throughout our lives we encounter changes in health, wealth, birth, death, communities, friendships and families. Change also happens in our church, with people coming and going and changes to what we do and how we do things. It just may be we don't always make that connection that things have changed. Those of you who attended our Parish meeting in March will remember the discussions around our participation in UnitingCare's Connect100 project and how this will change my role within the parish and the wider Uniting Church through a direct involvement with UnitingCare. For me, with

the commencement of one day a week in this role since 1 April, it has not been an easy transition as we are still putting supports in place that will lessen my workload within our parish.

Just as Jesus' disciples' lives changed after Jesus' death, resurrection and ascension into heaven the way we do church will change as others enter into the worship space. This is an evolving space and I ask for your prayer and support through this time of change. Essentially this will mean that I will be preaching a little less as I focus on rebuilding our relationship with Lifeline, Blue Care and UnitingCare in the Maryborough district. Since February last year I have been involved in St Stephen's Hospital Consumer Advisory Committee. This is a space where I hear directly from management about what is happening in the hospital as well as I am given an opportunity to let management know of any difficulties members of our congregation may have encountered as patients of the hospital. The hospital is always open to feedback, both negative and positive, from their patients so they can improve health outcomes.

Jesus' disciples were filled with joy at a time when one would think they should have been weeping, but they saw the bigger picture of their part in God's story. They knew that Jesus' resurrection was a good news story that needed to be spread throughout the world. Where will we find the joy in this time of change? For me, it is in the work of the Holy Spirit that has brought us to a space within the church where once again all entities of the church can function together within Maryborough, Tiaro and Bauple for the good of our communities.

Let us pray: ***God of love, open our hearts and minds to what this change will mean for your kingdom here on earth. Bless all who work and volunteer for UnitingCare. Help us to find ways to encourage and support them that will bless our communities. Be with us Lord Jesus and give us the strength and courage to step out into an unknown path. 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

UNITING CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA MARYBOROUGH PARISH

REPORT ON 27 APRIL 2022 MEETING OF LEADERS
COUNCIL

- Welcome Pack approved for issue to new comers considering regular church attendance.
- Donation drive approved for Yoorana Women's Refuge in May – women's warm sleepwear and slippers.
- Congregation and bible readers to be made aware of new responses to bible readings.
- Parish Tombola to be held on 13 August 2022.
- SPECIAL PARISH MEETING TO BE HELD AFTER PARISH SERVICE IN ST STEPHENS CHURCH ON 29 MAY 2022 TO ADOPT MINI BUDGET FOR JANUARY – JUNE 2022 AND FINANCIAL YEAR BUDGET FOR 2022/23.
- Helpers still required for Breakfast Ministry.
- Funds have been received from Synod for flood relief for some affected families.
- A good response has been received for donations of needed items for the Maryborough Men's Shelter.
- Annual leave has been approved for Rev Delma from 13-19 June 2022.

Diana Collins
Secretary – Leaders Council

Synod 36 - 13-17 May @ Alex Park

Rev Delma will be attending the first face to face Synod in three years.

The theme for the 36th Synod in Session is

'A Daring Hope.'

"After the challenges of the last two years, it is easy to feel burdened or overwhelmed, and yet the writer of Hebrews calls us to 'hold unswervingly to the HOPE we profess, for he who promised is faithful.'"

Please pray for the government of our church as they meet to discuss and discern where God is leading our church in Queensland.

SPECIAL PARISH MEETING

A SPECIAL PARISH MEETING will be held immediately after the Parish service in St Stephen's Church on Sunday, 29 May 2022, to discuss and adopt Parish budgets for the six-month period January – June 2022 and for the financial year July 2022 – June 2023.

All members of the Parish are encouraged to attend this meeting as our financial situation is of concern given the gap between our costs which are rising, and our income which comes primarily from offerings. For example, since January our costs have exceeded our income by \$8000.

We ask for your attendance and your prayers as we consider the seriousness of our situation.

Diana Collins
Secretary – Leaders Council.

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



TOMBOLA



Our tombola will be held Saturday 13th August

It's time to start collecting
prize donations and
coordinating volunteer roles.
Contact Elizabeth Booth to
offer your practical
assistance.

Can You help?

On 23 July, Presbytery is meeting
here.

MUCAF has been asked to provide
catering for morning tea,
afternoon tea and lunch. Anyone
who is able to contribute either
funds or food would be helping
and appreciated by MUCAF.

Please speak to Mary Dunn or
Denise Wilschut by Sunday June
6th if you are able to help.



POSITIONS VACANT:-

Breakfast Ministry is urgently in need of
people to fill vacancies:

- Washup Roster : 2nd Tuesday of the month, 7am
- Washup Roster: 1st & 3rd Tuesday of the month, 7am
- Relief workers to fill in when regular volunteers are unavailable

For more information or to offer your services, please phone:
Marion - 0437297761 or Diana - 4121 3870.



**Our Church is a drop
off point for your cans
and plastic bottles as
we are already
registered to receive
10c an item.**



United by Faith Blood Drive

Book your donation appointment before
June 30th and nominate that you are a
part of UCA (QLD Synod) team and your
donation will automatically go towards
our blood drive goal of 2000 donations.

To book, call 13 14 95 or go to
<https://my.donateblood.com.au/>

Cleaners wanted for St Stephen's Complex



If you have some spare
time and would like to
form part of a roster
team, please contact
Leaders Council
Secretary Diana Collins
on 4121 3870

St Stephen's Church Open for Prayer

In conjunction with the Exploring our Faith and Discipleship sessions, the church will be open for prayer on the Thursday of that week, commencing on 26 May, at 7:30-8:30am. If you are unable to attend the church, you are encouraged to pray for our church, UnitingCare and our communities at home.

Exploring our Faith and Discipleship Sessions

Would you like to explore different types of prayer?
If so, please join us for Pete Grieg's 'Prayer Course.'

27 th May	1. Why Pray?
3 rd June	2. Adoration.
24 th June	3. Petition.
1 st July	4. Intercession.
8 th July	5. Unanswered Prayer.
15 th July	6. Contemplation.
22 nd July	7. Listening.
29 th July	8. Spiritual Warfare.

These sessions are stand-alone which means you can attend as many as you would like as circumstances allow.
Light refreshments will be provided.

UnitingCare Connect100

Rev Delma commenced one day a week in this role on 1 April. In these early days of entering into this space of rebuilding our relationship with UnitingCare (Lifeline, Blue Care, Family Services) please pray for this process as we explore where God is leading us.

WEEK of
PRAYER
for CHRISTIAN UNITY
2022

*"We saw the star in the East,
and we came to worship him" (Mt 2:2)*



You are invited to

An Ecumenical Worship Service

To Mark the Beginning of the Week of Christian Unity

When: Sunday 29 May @ 5:30 pm

Where: St Paul's Anglican Church

A Collection will be taken up to Support School Chaplaincy.

Please bring a plate of food to share for refreshments afterwards!

Date Claimers May 2022

	Sunday 1st @ 2.00pm The Arioso Chamber Ensemble Plays in St Stephen's Church. <i>"Songs of Love and Joy"</i> from the Baroque Tickets \$28 / Students \$15 *Cash Only* Available on the Door. Proudly presented by The Maryborough Regional Arts Council
BREAKFAST MINISTRY	Tuesday 3rd @ 6.00am Breakfast Ministry St. Paul's Anglican Hall
	Tuesday 3rd @ 4.00pm Girls Brigade. Wesley Auditorium Cadets 4.00pm – 5.30pm. Upper Section 6.00 – 8.00 p.m.
	Thursday 5th @ 9am - 11am St Paul's Anglican Parish presents OPEN CHURCH WITH MUSIC This month, featuring organist Kay Vollmerhouse.
	Thursday 5th @ 10.30am Fairhaven Church Service (if planning to attend please contact Rev Delma – re numbers for COVID)
	Monday 9th @ 5.30pm Parish Tea at Maryborough RSL 47 th Battalion Room. Please RSVP your attendance to Nalda Brett on 4121 3529: 0407 628 072 or email: Nalda.brett@bigpond.com by 10.00am Monday 9th May.
BREAKFAST MINISTRY	Tuesday 10th @ 6.00am Breakfast Ministry St. Paul's Anglican Hall
	Tuesday 10th @ 4.00pm Girls Brigade. Wesley Auditorium Cadets 4.00pm – 5.30pm. Upper Section 6.00 – 8.00 p.m.
	Tuesday 10th @ 5.30pm Management Committee Meeting _ St Stephens church
LEADERS 	Tuesday 10th @ 7.30pm Girls Brigade Leaders Meeting _ Wesley Auditorium
BREAKFAST MINISTRY	Tuesday 17th @ 6.00am Breakfast Ministry St. Paul's Anglican Hall
	Tuesday 17th @ 9.30am BOOKS 'n COFFEE_ Wesley Auditorium <i>Join us every 3rd Tuesday for a chat, a cuppa and to share discussions on our reading.</i>
	Tuesday 17th @ 4.00pm Girls Brigade. Wesley Auditorium Cadets 4.00pm – 5.30pm. Upper Section 6.00 – 8.00 p.m.
	Thursday 19th @ 9am Petrie Gardens Worship (Tiara) (if planning to attend please contact Rev Delma – re numbers for COVID)
	Thursday 19st @ 3pm Chelsea Church Service (if planning to attend please contact Rev Delma – re numbers for COVID)
	Friday 20st Fraser Coast Agricultural Show Public Holiday NOTE: OFFICE IS CLOSED TODAY.
BREAKFAST MINISTRY	Tuesday 24th @ 6.00am Breakfast Ministry St. Paul's Anglican Hall
	Tuesday 24th @ 4.00pm Girls Brigade. Wesley Auditorium Cadets 4.00pm – 5.30pm. Upper Section 6.00 – 8.00 p.m.
OPEN FOR PRAYER	Thursday 26th @ 7.30am - 8.30am St Stephen's Church open for prayer
PRAYER COURSE	Friday 27th @ 9.30am Exploring our Faith and Discipleship 'Prayer Course' Wesley Auditorium. (See page 5 for more information)
	Saturday 28th @ 9am FUN, FRIENDSHIP, FOOD at our Fellowship Morning Tea @ Homewares from Everywhere. RSVP by 20th March. Contact Diana Collins_ph.: 4121 3870 or email: dscollins2@bigpond.com
SPECIAL PARISH MEETING	Sunday 29th @ immediately after parish service. Special Parish Meeting. (See page 5 for more information)
BREAKFAST MINISTRY	Tuesday 31st @ 6.00am Breakfast Ministry St. Paul's Anglican Hall
	Tuesday 31st @ 4.00pm Girls Brigade. Wesley Auditorium Cadets 4.00pm – 5.30pm. Upper Section 6.00 – 8.00 p.m.

