



**Uniting Church
in Australia**

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

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Our Vision

“Making Christ Visible”

SERVICES SUNDAY 5th June

9.00am St. Stephen's Church - Rev Delma

7.00pm UCA Tiaro Hall - Rev Delma

READINGS: Acts 2:1-21 Ps 104:24-34, 35b
or Gen 11:1-9
Rom 8:14-17 Jn 14:8-17, (25-27)
or Acts 2:1-21

SERVICES SUNDAY 12th June

9.00am St. Stephen's Church – Irene Leegwater/
Don & Sylvia Wright (UnitingWorld)

2.00pm Bauple Home Group

READINGS: Prv 8:1-4, 22-31 Ps 8
Rom 5:1-5 Jn 16:12-15

SERVICES SUNDAY 19th June

9.00am St. Stephen's Church - Pastor Graham Huth
(Presbytery Minister)

7.00pm UCA Tiaro Hall - Congregation

READINGS: 1 Kgs 19:1-4, (5-7) 8-15a Ps 42 & 43
Gal 3:23-29 Lk 8:26-39

SERVICE SUNDAY 26th June

9.00am St. Stephen's Church - Rev Delma

READINGS: 2 Kgs 2:1-2, 6-14 Ps 77:1-2, 11-20
Gal 5:1, 13-25 Lk 9:51-62

6.00pm SIMPLY ALL AGE WORSHIP

Wesley Auditorium. "Let's Celebrate"



Minister's Message

Dear Friends

*How long, Lord? Will you forget me forever?
How long will you hide your face from me?
How long must I wrestle with my thoughts and
day after day have sorrow in my heart? How
long will my enemy triumph over me? Look on
me and answer, Lord my God. Give light to my
eyes, or I will sleep in death, and my enemy
will say, "I have overcome him," and my foes
will rejoice when I fall. But I trust in your
unfailing love; my heart rejoices in your
salvation. I will sing the Lord's praise, for he
has been good to me. (Psalm 13 NIV)*

As I write this, I am sitting in Queen's Park overlooking the river where the damage from the floods is still evident. It is easy to focus on the damage as we mourn how things used to be in this beautiful park that usually showcases the beauty of God's creation. What we can miss though is seeing what has changed and regenerated since the inundation

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of floodwaters, not once but twice. The park is resilient, it has been through this many times before. It is bringing forth new life despite the damage it sustained. We too can focus on our pain when life is going through a bumpy patch and may miss the things, we can give thanks for.

When life gets bumpy, as it has been this year, we can lose sight of the fact that we have been down bumpy paths before. Yes, it may have been a different bumpy path, but the thing is we survived those other bumpy paths and are still here to tell our story. Churches have bumpy paths too but continue to survive and some can regenerate and thrive. How do we get through the bumpy paths? We get through because it is in those bumpy times that we dig deeper into our faith and pray. The Psalmist reminds us of this. We continually cry out to God in our pain, God hears our cry and responds. God just may not respond as we would like. We too, like the Psalmist, can trust in God's unfailing love, we can rejoice in our salvation and sing God's praise as God has been good to us. This is the Good News we can share out in the world, in our homes, in our communities, that God hears our pain and responds.

Today as I write this, I am wearing my new UnitingCare Connect100 name tag and it reminds me that I have been down this path before, but my context in this space now is different than it was nine years ago. I can give thanks to a God who has loved me and been faithful to me through some very bumpy paths to get me to this place helping to rebuild the relationship between our parish, the UnitingCare agencies and our local communities. Let us give thanks to a faithful God as we step out in faith on this new path that will at times be bumpy, but when we place our trust in God we can embrace this time and open our hearts and minds to the work of the Holy Spirit as we follow Christ.

God bless
Rev Delma

UnitingWorld – End of Financial Year Appeal

Would you like to help end poverty in Asia, Africa and the Pacific? By donating to. UnitingWorld's end of year appeal you can create up to six times the impact. For every \$1 you give the Australian Government provides \$5 in Australian Aid grant to UnitingWorld – thus 'up to six times the impact.' Families in Zimbabwe are waiting for the opportunity to breed goats for income; the lives of children in India will be saved because of education about health and access to clean water; West Timorese people are taking control of their futures through start up loans for businesses. You can donate at church up to 13 June or online to 30 June at <https://www.unitingworld.org.au/telefund/>



Weekly Prayer

Gracious God, you call us daily into a daring hope. You give us what we need to sustain that hope. Through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus, through the presence of the Spirit, through your faithfulness to us as we gather.

Nurturing God, you call us daily to participate in the wonder of your creation. Our very presence reminds of us your continuous gift of life. Through the creative witness of your people, through the sustaining environment in which we live, through the hearts of those who long for justice.

Loving God, you call us daily into the act of thankful response. We bring the gifts of our love for you, for ourselves and for others. We do this in the knowledge that working together is your wish for us. We lovingly give of ourselves, our time and our wealth.

Inspiring God, let our hearts be on fire for you. Let all that we say and do call others to your abundant grace. Let us embrace that which you have in store for us.

For we are your children, filled with a daring hope for your creation. In the name of Christ. Amen.

Rev Heather den Houting, General Secretary.

POSITIONS VACANT

We're seeking volunteers to help with Breakfast Ministry on Tuesday mornings, and volunteers to join the Wesley Auditorium cleaning team.

Please contact Diana on 4121 3870 for more information on volunteer roles, (&/or contact Marion on 0437297761 regarding breakfast ministry only).

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.

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.

UnitingCare Connect100

Thank you to all who completed the Connect100 survey. Please pray as we rebuild our relationship with UnitingCare (Lifeline, Blue Care, Family Services).

Rev Delma's Annual / Study Leave

Rev Delma will be on study leave from 8-10 June and annual leave from 13-19 June.

If you have any pastoral matters during this time, please contact your pastoral carer or the office.
Parish Office: ph. 0402 425 340, 9am and 12pm, Wednesday – Friday

Exploring Faith and Discipleship Sessions

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

3rd June	Adoration
24th June	Petition
1st July	Intercession
8th July	Unanswered Prayer
15th July	Contemplation
22nd July	Listening
29th July	Spiritual Warfare

These sessions are stand-alone, meaning you can attend as many as you would like as circumstances allow.

Light refreshments are provided.

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 Thursdays of 2, 23 & 30 June, at 7:30am -8:30am. If you are unable to attend the church, you are encouraged to pray for our church, UnitingCare and our communities at home.



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

Date Claimers June 2022

 OPEN FOR PRAYER	Thursday 2nd @ 7.30am - 8.30am St Stephen's Church open for prayer
	Thursday 2nd @ 10.30am Fairhaven Church Service (if planning to attend please contact Rev Delma – re numbers for COVID)
PRAYER COURSE 	Friday 3rd @ 9.30am Exploring our Faith and Discipleship 'Prayer Course' Wesley Auditorium.
BREAKFAST MINISTRY	Tuesday 7th @ 6.00am Breakfast Ministry St. Paul's Anglican Hall
	Tuesday 7th @ 4.00pm Girls Brigade. Wesley Auditorium Cadets 4.00pm – 5.30pm. Upper Section 6.00 – 8.00 p.m.
 Fellowship	Thursday 9th @ 1.30pm – 3pm MUCAF (Maryborough Uniting Church Adult Fellowship) Meeting
	Monday 13th @ 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 14th @ 6.00am Breakfast Ministry St. Paul's Anglican Hall
	Tuesday 14th @ 4.00pm Girls Brigade. Wesley Auditorium Cadets 4.00pm – 5.30pm. Upper Section 6.00 – 8.00 p.m.
	Thursday 16th @ 9am Petrie Gardens Worship (Tiara) (if planning to attend please contact Rev Delma – re numbers for COVID)
	Thursday 16th @ 3pm Chelsea Church Service (if planning to attend please contact Rev Delma – re numbers for COVID)
LEADERS 	Monday 20th @ 7.30pm Girls Brigade Leaders Meeting _ Wesley Auditorium
BREAKFAST MINISTRY	Tuesday 21st @ 6.00am Breakfast Ministry St. Paul's Anglican Hall
	Tuesday 21st @ 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 21st @ 4.00pm Girls Brigade. Wesley Auditorium Cadets 4.00pm – 5.30pm. Upper Section 6.00 – 8.00 p.m.
 OPEN FOR PRAYER	Thursday 23rd @ 7.30am - 8.30am St Stephen's Church open for prayer
PRAYER COURSE 	Friday 24th @ 9.30am Exploring our Faith and Discipleship 'Prayer Course' Wesley Auditorium.
	Monday 27th @ 5.30pm – Leaders Council Meeting in St. Stephen's Church (now incorporating Pastoral Carers from earlier time of 5.30pm)
BREAKFAST MINISTRY	Tuesday 28th @ 6.00am Breakfast Ministry St. Paul's Anglican Hall
 OPEN FOR PRAYER	Thursday 30th @ 7.30am - 8.30am St Stephen's Church open for prayer
PRAYER COURSE 	Friday July 1st @ 9.30am Exploring our Faith and Discipleship 'Prayer Course' Wesley Auditorium.
Community Date Claimers June 2022	
	Thursday 2nd @ 9am - 11am OPEN CHURCH WITH MUSIC, St Paul's Anglican Parish
 CONCERT	Sunday 5th @ 2pm. Maryborough Choral Society Inc invites you to help Celebrate their 70th Year Celebration @ St Paul's Anglican Church. \$10 Admission includes afternoon tea.