



**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 3rd July

9.00am St. Stephen's Church - Rev Delma

7.00pm UCA Tiaro Hall - Rev Delma

READINGS: 2 Kgs 5:1-14 Ps 30
Gal 6:(1-6), 7-16 Lk 10:1-11, 16-20

SERVICES SUNDAY 10th July

9.00am St. Stephen's Church - Dawn Jenkinson

2.00pm Bauple Home Group – Rev Delma

READINGS: Am 7:7-17 Ps 82
Col 1:1-14 Lk 10: 25-37

SERVICES SUNDAY 17th July

9.00am St. Stephen's Church - Rev Delma

7.00pm UCA Tiaro Hall - Rev Delma

READINGS: Am 8:1-12 Ps 52
Col 1:15-28 Lk 10: 38-42

SERVICES SUNDAY 24th July

9.00am St. Stephen's Church – Rev Delma

6.00pm SIMPLY ALL AGE WORSHIP. Wesley Auditorium

'Meditation, Relaxing the Faith'

READINGS: Hos 1:2-10 Ps 85
Col 2:6-15 (16-19) Lk 11:1-13

SERVICES SUNDAY 31st July

PARISH SERVICE

9.00am St. Stephens Church - Irene Leegwater

READINGS: Hos 11:1-11 Ps 107:1-9, 43
Col 3:1-11 Lk 12:13-21

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 14, 21 & 28 July, 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.

Minister's Message



Dear Friends

The thief comes only in order to steal, kill, and destroy. I have come in order that you might have life—life in all its fullness.

(John 10:10 GNT)

Over the past couple of months, you may have noticed that I am not preaching every week like I was last year. Taking some time out from preaching each month is part of the memorandum of understanding between our parish and UnitingCare as it frees up some time for me to focus on Connect100. I am thankful for Maryan, Irene and Dawn J for their support in the worship services. I have heard good comments about what they have been doing and about how supportive you have all been. It is wonderful when people feel encouraged to use the gifts God has given them for the work of God's kingdom.

Some of you may have heard me talk about Connect100 and you may still be wondering what it's all about and what it means for our parish. For the past three months I have been the UnitingCare Connect100 coordinator in Maryborough. Essentially, this means that I now work four days a week as your minister and one day a week in the Connect100 initiative.

When change happens, it means that something has ended. What has ended for now is that I am no longer fulltime as your minister as I have other commitments. This other commitment does not take me away from the church but enables us to build a relationship with the UnitingCare agencies in our local area. It takes time to transition to what the new might look like for all of us and it is still early days. Some of you may remember the times when these local agencies were an outreach of our parish, and it may feel strange that they are now an outreach of the Uniting Church. You may still feel a little bereft when you think nostalgically of how things were in the past as the parish and the agencies were so deeply connected and interrelated. As you can imagine there have been many changes through the years since they became their own entities, now coming under the banner of UnitingCare Qld, but wanting to feel connected to us once again.

Part of my role is to visit the local Lifeline, UnitingCare and Blue Care offices, Blue Care's Respite Centre, and the Lifeline Shops to meet and get to know the staff and volunteers. Even though St Stephen's Hospital is now in Hervey Bay I have been working on that relationship since I started here last year, becoming a representative on their Consumer Advisory Group. More recently I have joined the new state-wide UnitingCare Customer Advisory Committee Hospital as the St Stephen's Hospital representative. This committee will meet on Zoom about four times a year with representatives from our four hospitals, The Wesley, St Andrews, St Stephens and Buderim Private, as well as members of the governing Board to discuss matters to improve health outcomes for patients.

UnitingCare's Purpose is to enable people to "live life in all its fullness" (John 10:10). UnitingCare states: We are committed to upholding and respecting the human rights of all people in everything that we do. We believe that a valued culture of freedom, respect, equality, and dignity for every person, is foundational to enabling all persons to live life in all its fullness. The Mission of UnitingCare is to improve the health and wellbeing of individuals, families, and communities as we:

- Reach out to people in need
- Speak out for fairness and justice
- Care with compassion, innovation, and wisdom

If you would like to know more about Connect100 or UnitingCare, feel free to ask me. In the meantime, please pray for this new outreach of our parish and UnitingCare, working together to enable all persons to live life in all its fullness as we 'make Christ visible' in our communities.

God bless
Rev Delma

UNITING CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA MARYBOROUGH PARISH

REPORT ON 27 JUNE 2022 MEETING OF LEADERS COUNCIL

- Approval was given for the Girls Brigade Tombola to be held in Wesley Auditorium on 19th November.
- A review is underway into the flexibility for use of existing bequests held by the Parish. This matter was raised at the Special Parish Meeting in May.
- Sadly, our Verger and Pastoral Carer – Shirley Ramsay – has had to give up these roles due to personal circumstances. Leaders Council recognizes the valuable contribution Shirley has quietly and lovingly made to the Church family over many years.
- \$3500 has been allocated from Synod flood relief funds to needy people in our area.
- Planning and promotion for the Hymn Festival on 9 July are well underway.
- Leaders met with Presbytery Minister Graham Huth on 25 June to prayerfully consider future directions for our Parish. Further meetings will be held.

Diana Collins. Secretary – Leaders Council

SYNOD PRAYER

Prayer - Doubt and belief...

Life-giving God, we thank you for all life and for your ongoing creation of life. As we look across our world we are saddened by the ways that humanity has determined to misuse your creation.

As we see the ongoing horror of war in the Ukraine, gun violence across the world, the degradation of your good creation we cannot help but cry out in our doubt and fear about the future of our world.

We lament the loss of certainty as we battle the ongoing effects of the Covid Pandemic, the battle with ongoing illness and we wonder what next.

Compassionate God come to us in our doubts and uncertainty, sit with us as we lament, gather us close to you in our fears and remind us again of your promises made true in your son who demonstrates your unfailing love on the cross of Calvary. Help us to hold onto that love in the midst of our suffering and fear, surround us with that love in the midst of our doubt and unbelief so that we can go forward assured of your ongoing hope for the world.

We pray this in Christ's name
Amen

Rev. Andrew Gunton, Moderator

Synod prayers are updated weekly on the QLD Synod website.

Go to
<https://ucaqld.com.au/>
each week for more
Synod prayers.



Hymn Festival

"Rejoice, Praise, Sing!"

**Saturday 9th July @ 2pm @ St Stephen's Church,
Sussex St, Maryborough**

Featuring Melville Memorial Organ

Guest organists; Jason Pelcher

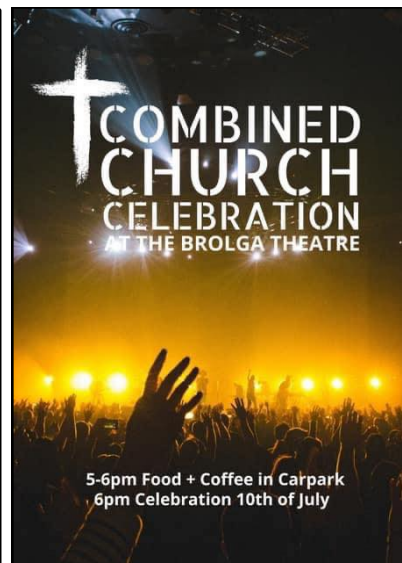


Featuring; Soprano Soloist, Maryborough Brass
Ensemble & Cellists

VOLUNTEERS WANTED

If you can spare 1¼ hours a month to help with cleaning of the church OR you could spare some time as a reserve to help the Breakfast Ministry on Tuesday mornings, please contact Diana (phone 41213870) for more information.

We need more helpers!



UnitingCare Connect100

Have you visited our Lifeline shops at

216 Adelaide St, Maryborough

&

196 Gympie Road, Tinana

recently?

They are a great place to pick up some bargains.

The funds raised from these shops help support the Lifeline Telephone Crisis Support 131114 service. We give thanks to their wonderful volunteers for the work they do.

UnitingWorld – 7 Days of Solidarity – A Celebration of our Global Neighbours

As a flow on from opening our church for prayer on a Thursday morning in conjunction with the Friday 8 week Prayer Course at its completion,

**UnitingWorld's 7 Days of Solidarity, will commence on
Monday 1 August, concluding with a celebration service on
Sunday 7 August.**

You will be provided with booklets that will assist you to join in this time of prayer for our global neighbours from your home or in the church each day 7:30-8:30am from 1 – 7 August.



The annual
Tombola
for church funds
will be held on

**Saturday 13th August 2022
in the Pensioners' Hall in
Adelaide Street.**

Please mark this date in your diaries and now is the time to start collecting those specials that can be prizes. Just a reminder that all goods need to be New and have a good "use by".



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



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

Date Claimers July 2022

PRAYER COURSE	Friday 1st @ 9.30am Exploring our Faith and Discipleship 'Prayer Course' Wesley Auditorium.
BREAKFAST MINISTRY	Tuesday 5th @ 6.00am Breakfast Ministry St. Paul's Anglican Hall
	Thursday 7th @ 10.30am Fairhaven Church Service (if planning to attend please contact Rev Delma – re numbers for COVID)
OPEN FOR PRAYER	Thursday 7th @ 7.30am - 8.30am St Stephen's Church open for prayer
PRAYER COURSE	Friday 8th @ 9.30am Exploring our Faith and Discipleship 'Prayer Course' Wesley Auditorium
HYMN FESTIVAL	Saturday 9th @ 2pm @ St Stephens Church. Join us and Rejoice, Praise, Sing! <i>See pg.3 for more information.</i>
	Sunday 10 July @ 5:00pm food & coffee, 6:00pm Combined Churches Celebration – Brolga Theatre. See page 3 for more information
	Monday 11th @ 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 9 th May.
BREAKFAST MINISTRY	Tuesday 12th @ 6.00am Breakfast Ministry St. Paul's Anglican Hall
	Tuesday 12th @ 4.00pm Girls Brigade. Wesley Auditorium Cadets 4.00pm – 5.30pm. Upper Section 6.00 – 8.00 p.m.
OPEN FOR PRAYER	Thursday 14th @ 7.30am - 8.30am St Stephen's Church open for prayer
PRAYER COURSE	Friday 15th @ 9.30am Exploring our Faith and Discipleship 'Prayer Course' Wesley Auditorium
	Monday 18th @ 5.30pm Management Committee Meeting _ St Stephens church
LEADERS 	Monday 18th @ 7.30pm Girls Brigade Leaders Meeting _ Wesley Auditorium
BREAKFAST MINISTRY	Tuesday 19th @ 6.00am Breakfast Ministry St. Paul's Anglican Hall
	Tuesday 19th @ 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 19th @ 4.00pm Girls Brigade. Wesley Auditorium Cadets 4.00pm – 5.30pm. Upper Section 6.00 – 8.00 p.m.
OPEN FOR PRAYER	Thursday 21st @ 7.30am - 8.30am St Stephen's Church open for prayer
	Thursday 21st @ 9am Petrie Gardens Worship (Tiara) (if planning to attend please contact Rev Delma – re numbers for COVID)
	Thursday 21st @ 3pm Chelsea Church Service (if planning to attend please contact Rev Delma – re numbers for COVID)
PRAYER COURSE	Friday 22nd @ 9.30am Exploring our Faith and Discipleship 'Prayer Course' Wesley Auditorium
	Saturday 23 July @ 8:30am Mary Burnett Presbytery meeting Wesley Auditorium
BREAKFAST MINISTRY	Tuesday 26th @ 6.00am Breakfast Ministry St. Paul's Anglican Hall
	Tuesday 26th @ 4.00pm Girls Brigade. Wesley Auditorium Cadets 4.00pm – 5.30pm. Upper Section 6.00 – 8.00 p.m.
OPEN FOR PRAYER	Thursday 28th @ 7.30am - 8.30am St Stephen's Church open for prayer
PRAYER COURSE	Friday 29th @ 9.30am Exploring our Faith and Discipleship 'Prayer Course' Wesley Auditorium
	Saturday 30th @ 9am FUN, FRIENDSHIP, FOOD at our Fellowship Morning Tea @ Homewares from Everywhere. RSVP by 25 th July. Contact Diana Collins _ ph.: 4121 3870 or email: dscollins2@bigpond.com
Community Notices and Events	
	Thursday 7th @ 9am - 11am St Paul's Anglican Parish presents OPEN CHURCH WITH MUSIC

August advance Date Claimers

	Monday 1 August - Sunday 7th August @ 7:30-8:30am UnitingWorld 7 Days of Solidarity commences. The church will be open for prayer. See page3 for more information.
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