



**Uniting Church
in Australia**
Uniting in Christ
acting with love
living with hope
witnessing in faith
working for justice
August 2022

**Maryborough Parish
Maryborough & Country
Congregations**

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Our Vision

“Making Christ Visible”

SERVICES SUNDAY 7th August

9.00am St. Stephen's Church - Rev Delma

7.00pm UCA Tiaro Hall - Rev Delma

READINGS: Is 1:1, 10-20 Ps 50:1-8, 22-23
Heb 11:1-3, 8-16 Lk 12:32-40

SERVICES SUNDAY 14th August

9.00am St. Stephen's Church - Rev Delma

2.00pm Bauple Home Group – Rev Delma

READINGS: Is 5:1-7 Ps 80:1-2, 8-19
Heb 11:29-12:2 Lk 12:49-56

SERVICES SUNDAY 21st August

9.00am St. Stephen's Church - Rev Delma

7.00pm UCA Tiaro Hall - Rev Delma

READINGS: Jer 1:4-10 Ps 71:1-6
Heb 12:18-29 Lk 13:10-17

SERVICES SUNDAY 28th August

9.00am St. Stephen's Church – Rev Delma

6.00pm SIMPLY ALL AGE WORSHIP. Wesley Auditorium
"Coming Together"

READINGS: Jer 2:4-13 Ps 81:1, 10-16
Heb 13:1-8, 15-16 Lk 14:1, 7-14



UnitingWorld
connecting communities for life

7 Days of Solidarity

A Celebration of our Global Neighbours
commences, 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 7:30-8:30 am from 1 – 7 August.

Minister's Message

Dear Friends

Do you see what this means—all these pioneers who blazed the way, all these veterans cheering us on? It means we'd better get on with it. Strip down, start running—and never quit! No extra spiritual fat, no parasitic sins. Keep your eyes on Jesus, who both began and finished this race we're in. Study how he did it. Because he never lost sight of where he was headed—that exhilarating finish in and with God—he could put up with anything along the way: Cross, shame, whatever. And now he's there, in the place of honour, right alongside God. When you find yourselves flagging in your faith, go over that story again, item by item, that long litany of hostility he ploughed through. That will shoot adrenaline into your souls! (Hebrews 12:1-3 The Message).

"What does your church do?" That's a good question that sometimes we might struggle to answer: "Well, we do church services and um, we have Breakfast Ministry and Girls' Brigade..." Perhaps when we answer like this, we may even feel a little embarrassed if we know how much some of the other churches do here in the region. I wonder if those 'pioneers who blazed the way' through the past nearly 160 years would groan and throw their hands up in disbelief? Maybe they would

say: "What about Blue Care, Lifeline Telephone Crisis Support, Lifeline retail, Lifeline Community Recovery, St Stephen's Hospital, UnitingCare prison chaplains, UnitingCare counselling services? Isn't UnitingCare part of what our church does in our communities? Oh, and don't forget Head Space, they may be Wesley Mission Qld, but they are part of Brisbane's Albert St Uniting Church so still count as the work of the Uniting Church?"

When we answer in the former, we are viewing our church through a narrow vision, often forgetting that our churches aren't the only presence of the Uniting Church in Maryborough, Tiaro and Bauple. If we were to broaden our vision, we would answer in the latter and acknowledge what is done in our region in the name of the Uniting Church. Our church is not just our buildings or we the people who attend church each week. Our church has hundreds of people who work and volunteer each week and yes, some of us go to church. Our Mission Statement is: "Making Christ Visible." Our church is "making Christ visible" in so many ways each day that help support people in many different ways, such as; visiting them in prison, feeding those who are hungry, caring for people in their homes as they age, providing respite for the aged and those with a disability, providing face to face counselling for gambling, financial difficulties and family situations, telephone crisis support, mental health and medical care. This is our church in our region!

Paul, in his letter to the Hebrews, implores us to keep running the race, to persevere, never give up. Paul said: "Keep your eyes on Jesus... Study how he did it." By doing this, we will lift our flagging spirits and turn towards Him for our strength and courage to plough ahead through any difficulties we may encounter. Our spirits can lag when we remember the things we have done in the past, because what the church does today started locally as activities of our church. We might even deeply yearn to go back to our golden years. Paul doesn't tell us to look back, he tells us to look towards the finish line – "that exhilarating finish in and with God." Let us now begin a journey of looking towards the finish line and feel the presence of those "pioneers who blazed the way, all these veterans cheering us." We are not finished. Maybe we have been having a little rest along the way, taking a leisurely stroll instead of running and maybe we are feeling a little weary. I wonder what may happen if we look to the future by keeping our eyes fixed on Christ and that finish line if it will shoot adrenaline into our souls?

Blessings,
Rev Delma Lovell



First Prayers of Thanksgiving

Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good:

Response: For His mercy endures for ever.

Holy Father, eternal God, whom we confess the only true and living one, creator, preserver and ruler of all things, in whom alone we put our trust: With the whole Church in heaven and on earth we worship and praise you. We thank you for having brought us to this hour guarded by your gracious hand.

Response: We praise you, O God; we acknowledge you to be the Lord.

We thank you for your love made known in Jesus Christ, who became man and dwelt among us in perfect love and obedience, who was lifted up on the cross and died for our sins, who rose again from the dead and is alive for evermore. We praise you that He is gathering into one your scattered children.

Response: You are the King of Glory, O Christ; the Eternal Son of the Father

We thank you for the gift of the Holy Spirit by whom we are brought to faith in Christ, through whom the gospel is preached in all the world, who gives life to your people and binds us together in the fellowship of your Church. In Him, we worship in spirit and in truth.

Flashback

From the 1977 Service of Inauguration of the Uniting Church in Australia, these Prayers of Thanksgiving represent the first united prayer of the many who came together to form our church.

Image taken from the June 2007 edition of *Journey* magazine, celebrating 30 years. To read the whole article go to:
<https://journeyonline.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2014/01/jny0706.pdf>

UnitingCare Connect100

I am excited to announce that we have a new St Stephen's Hospital chaplain, Rev Keren Seto and a new Blue Care chaplain, Rev Craig Allen.

An induction service will be held for Keren and Craig at the Hervey Bay Uniting Church, Cnr Tavistock & Exeter Streets, Torquay on Thursday 4 August 2022 at 11am.

If you wish to attend this service you can contact the church on 4125 5233 for catering purposes.

UnitingCare Connect100

Have you visited our Lifeline shops at recently?

216 Adelaide St
Maryborough



196 Gympie Rd
Tinana

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.



UNITING CHURCH MARYBOROUGH PARISH

TOMBOLA

Saturday – 13th August 2022

Pensioners Hall – Adelaide Street, Maryborough

Light Lunch available for purchase

Over 200 prizes – Craft, home baked goodies, groceries, toiletries, plants & much more

Raffle & Lucky Door prizes



Doors open at 11.30am – First Draw 1.00pm

If you are available to help at the tombola please contact Elizabeth Booth (ph. 4121 3735 / 0427 845 033) or Dawn Jenkinson (ph. 0427 654 119)

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*



CONTAINERS FOR CHANGE

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 August 2022

	ALL WEEK UnitingWorld 7 Days of Solidarity. Monday 1 August - Sunday 7th August @ 7:30-8:30am The church will be open for prayer every morning from Monday to Sunday. See page 1 for more information.
BREAKFAST MINISTRY 	Tuesday 2nd @ 6.00am Breakfast Ministry St. Paul's Anglican Hall
	Tuesday 2nd @ 4.00pm Girls Brigade. Wesley Auditorium Cadets 4.00pm – 5.30pm. Upper Section 6.00 – 8.00 p.m.
	Thursday 4th @ 11am Induction service for Rev Keren Seto, St Stephen's Hospital Chaplain, and Rev Craig Allen, Blue Care Chaplain, at Hervey Bay Uniting Church. See p.3 for more information.
	Monday 8th @ 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 on the day.
BREAKFAST MINISTRY 	Tuesday 9th @ 6.00am Breakfast Ministry St. Paul's Anglican Hall
	Tuesday 9th @ 4.00pm Girls Brigade. Wesley Auditorium. Cadets 4.00pm – 5.30pm. Upper Section 6.00 – 8.00 p.m.
	Thursday 11th @ 1.30pm – 3pm MUCAF (Maryborough Uniting Church Adult Fellowship) Meeting
	Saturday 13th @ 11.30am St Stephens Tombola @ Pensioners Hall, Adelaide Street. <i>Light lunch available for purchase. Raffle, Lucky Door Prizes and over 200 prizes to be won!</i>
LEADERS 	Monday 15th @ 7.30pm Girls Brigade Leaders Meeting _ Wesley Auditorium
BREAKFAST MINISTRY 	Tuesday 16th @ 6.00am Breakfast Ministry St. Paul's Anglican Hall
	Tuesday 16th @ 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 16th @ 4.00pm Girls Brigade. Wesley Auditorium Cadets 4.00pm – 5.30pm. Upper Section 6.00 – 8.00 p.m.
	Thursday 18th @ 9am Petrie Gardens Worship (Tiara) (if planning to attend please contact Rev Delma – re numbers for COVID)
	Thursday 18th @ 3pm Chelsea Church Service (if planning to attend please contact Rev Delma – re numbers for COVID)
BREAKFAST MINISTRY 	Tuesday 23rd @ 6.00am Breakfast Ministry St. Paul's Anglican Hall
	Tuesday 23rd @ 4.00pm Girls Brigade. Wesley Auditorium Cadets 4.00pm – 5.30pm. Upper Section 6.00 – 8.00 p.m.
	Monday 29th @ 5.30pm – Leaders Council Meeting in St. Stephen's Church (now incorporating Pastoral Carers from earlier time of 5.30pm)
BREAKFAST MINISTRY 	Tuesday 30th @ 6.00am Breakfast Ministry St. Paul's Anglican Hall
	Tuesday 30th @ 4.00pm Girls Brigade. Wesley Auditorium Cadets 4.00pm – 5.30pm. Upper Section 6.00 – 8.00 p.m.
<h2 style="text-align: center;">Community Notices and Events</h2>	
	Thursday 4th @ 9am - 11am St Paul's Anglican Parish presents OPEN CHURCH WITH MUSIC
<h2 style="text-align: center;">September advance Date Claimers</h2>	
	Thursday 1st @ 10.30am Fairhaven Church Service (if planning to attend please contact Rev Delma – re numbers for COVID)