



**Uniting Church
in Australia**

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

September 2022

Maryborough Parish Maryborough & Country Congregations

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Our Vision

“Making Christ Visible”

SERVICES SUNDAY 4th September

9.00am St. Stephen's Church - Rev Delma

7.00pm UCA Tiaro Hall - Rev Delma

READINGS: Jer 18:1-11 Ps 139:1-6, 13-18
Phlm 1-21 Lk 14:25-33

SERVICES SUNDAY 11th September

9.00am St. Stephen's Church - Marion Tappenden

Breakfast Ministry service & Maryan McGown

2.00pm Bauple Home Group – Rev Delma

READINGS: Jer 4:11-12, 22-28 Ps 14
1 Tim 1:12-17 Lk 15:1-10

SERVICES SUNDAY 18st September

9.00am St. Stephen's Church - Rev Delma

7.00pm UCA Tiaro Hall - Rev Delma

READINGS: Jer 8:18 - 9:1 Ps 79:1-9
1 Tim 2:1-7 Lk 16:1-13

SERVICES SUNDAY 25th September

9.00am St. Stephen's Church – Rev Delma

6.00pm SIMPLY ALL AGE WORSHIP.

‘New Beginnings’ Wesley Auditorium

READINGS: Jer 32:1-3a, 6-15 Ps 91:1-6, 14-16
1 Tim 6:6-19 Lk 16:19-31

Supporting Breakfast Ministry in September

The month of September will be devoted to support for the Breakfast Ministry.

Members of the congregation will be able to donate money each Sunday with a retiring offering or donations of baked beans and rolled oats (not quick oats) are appreciated.

The service Sunday 11th will be dedicated to Breakfast Ministry.

Minister's Message



Dear Friends

“Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland.” (Isaiah 43:19 NIV)

Spring is here and with it comes warmer weather and the promise of new life. Plants will flower and put out new shoots bringing with it a promise of new life just as they do every year. This is the cycle of life that sets the rhythms of our lives, but the thing is that each Spring is never the same as it was the year before. Even though it is Spring there will be variations with the weather, the temperature will vary sometimes quite dramatically, there may be lots of rain, some rain, or no rain. Isaiah reminds the Israelites that they are to forget the former things that have happened to their people over thousands of years, and they are not to dwell on the past.

It is so easy to dwell on the past and all its glory. As a church we have many stories to tell of the vision of past generations who have contributed to our communities through the beginnings of Blue Care, Lifeline and St Stephen's Hospital. This is the story of our past, but this is not our future. In saying that, these organisations that are now part of UnitingCare will still be in our future but in a different way. Where once we provided the volunteers who worked tirelessly behind the scenes to ensure their survival through committees, boards, and auxiliaries, now we can rebuild a relationship with no set goal posts. We can pray and discern where the Holy Spirit may be leading us together into the future for the flourishing of our communities. We are in this together and only God knows where this might lead us as a church when we embrace the whole of the Uniting Church, not just our Parish.

God is doing a new thing in us. It is early days, and it is hard for us to see what that might be. Are we up for the challenge? Or are we wanting to go back to the past, to the good old days, the way we did things in the past? Stepping out on a new unknown path can be scary. Isaiah told the Israelites that they would get frustrated with the life they were leading and cry out to God for help. God would hear them and rescue them. They would go on another journey for God would bring them out of their Babylonian exile. What had happened in the past when their ancestors fled Egypt would not match what would happen in the future. God would lead them out of their wilderness and in God's time a Messiah would be born who would bring the promise of a new life of hope for the world. Let us put our trust in a God who loves us who has the power to lead us out of our wilderness into a new life because anything is possible with God.

Thank you for your support during August as we have trialed a different seating arrangement in St Stephens Church, sitting in every second row (marked by a rose), so we can take up the offering and serve communion whilst you are seated. This also assists our cleaners who are doing a wonderful job each week as they now only need to clean half of the pews each week. Thank you for your patience and understanding as we try this new way.

Blessings

Rev Delma Lovell

UNITING CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA
MARYBOROUGH PARISH

The Secretary's report on the upcoming 29 August 2022 meeting of the LEADERS COUNCIL shall be forwarded via email next week. If you are unable to access email please feel free to contact Brodie during office hours.

Diana Collins
Secretary – Leaders Council

SYNOD PRAYER

God of community, you call us to be in community just as you are in community to love, support and care for our neighbours.

Help us to see that our neighbours are both those whom we meet every day, the members of our family, church, school and work communities, those people who we are called to walk with in their journey through life, but remind us that as part of your global community you call us to care for people whom we will never meet in distant lands, please help us as we engage with them in their trials and tribulations.

Forgive us, God of grace, when we fail our neighbours, ignoring their pleas for help and failing to help them to live out their life as people loved by you. Help us to listen more carefully to our neighbour's cries for help and stir us into action so that we might engage with them in ways that bring about a return to health and wholeness.

Strengthen us by your Spirit-loving God that we might continue to go forward with renewed energy to be your community of neighbours who reach out with your love and care so that all people might have life in all its fullness.

Amen

Rev. Andrew Gunton, Moderator

Synod prayers are updated frequently on the QLD Synod website. Go to <https://ucaql.com.au/> each week for more Synod prayers.



BREAKFAST MINISTRY NEEDS YOU

Could spare some time as
a reserve to help the
Breakfast Ministry on
Tuesday mornings?

If so, please contact
Marion Tappenden
(phone 0437 297 761).

UnitingCare

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St Stephen's Hospital

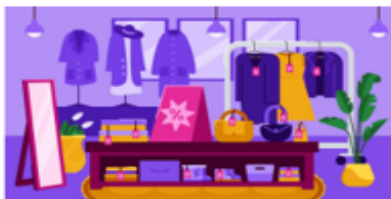
16 September marks the 76th anniversary since our church purchased St Mary's Hospital and renamed it St Stephens Church Hospital. This is our heritage, and we are thankful that this hospital has flourished through the years to be the modern hospital it is today providing first class medical care on the Fraser Coast. If you or a loved one is a patient in the hospital, pastoral care can be arranged through the Pastoral Care Manager, Rev Keren Seto.

Second Chance Fashion Affair



Saturday 3rd September, 2022—4pm

MADCOTA—333 Alice Street, Maryborough



*Ticket sales on Eventbrite—
find the link on our Facebook
event.*

\$25 per person 

*Including a complimentary
bubbly or juice on arrival and*

Enjoy a fashion show with a difference
giving great pre-loved clothing, jewellery,
and accessories a second chance.

Refreshments available for purchase (incl. beer & wine).

Eftpos available

Got a question?

Call Ann on 0428370286



Raising funds to assist 2nd Maryborough Girls' Brigade Company -
-- a Christian Youth Group for girls aged Prep to Year 12

MONSTER CHRISTMAS TOMBOLA

SATURDAY 19th NOVEMBER 2022

NEW LOCATION

UNITING CHURCH HALL - WESLEY AUDITORIUM

It's time to begin preparations.

Can you assist by donating prizes, funds or your
own time and talents towards the day's success?

If so, contact Nalda Brett on 0407 628 072



A big Thank you to all
who supported the
Tombola on August 13th either by
donating their time or with prizes.

It was a very successful event adding
around \$4000 to the church funds.

Without your support such an event
would not be possible and it was putting
the church into the community.

Thank you again

Dawn & Elizabeth

Help us keep St Stephens Spic'n'Span

If you can spare less than an hour and a
half each month to help with the cleaning
of the church on Friday mornings, please
contact Diana (phone 41213870) for more
information.

We need more helpers!






**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 September 2022

BREAKFAST MINISTRY	Tuesday 6th @ 6.00am Breakfast Ministry St. Paul's Anglican Hall
GIRLS BRIGADE 	Tuesday 6th @ 4.00pm Girls Brigade. Wesley Auditorium Cadets 4.00pm – 5.30pm. Upper Section 6.00 – 8.00 p.m.
	Monday 12th @ 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.
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	Thursday 15th @ 9am Petrie Gardens Fellowship (Tiaro) (if planning to attend please contact Rev Delma – re numbers for COVID)
	Thursday 15th @ 3pm Chelsea Retirement Village Church Service (if planning to attend please contact Rev Delma – re numbers for COVID)
	Monday 19th @ 5.30pm Management Committee Meeting _ St Stephens church
GIRLS BRIGADE LEADERS 	Monday 19th @ 6.30pm Girls Brigade Leaders Meeting _ Wesley Auditorium
BREAKFAST MINISTRY	Tuesday 20th @ 6.00am Breakfast Ministry St. Paul's Anglican Hall
	Tuesday 20th @ 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>
BREAKFAST MINISTRY	Tuesday 27th @ 6.00am Breakfast Ministry St. Paul's Anglican Hall

Community Notices and Events

	Saturday 3rd @ 4pm Zonta Club of Maryborough's <i>Second Chance Fashion Affair</i> @ MADCOTA Community Hub, 333 Alice St. \$25pp. See Page3 for more info.
	Thursday 6th @ 9am - 11am St Paul's Anglican Parish presents OPEN CHURCH WITH MUSIC
	Friday 16th Last day of Term 3 (school holidays commence)

October advance Date Claimers

	Monday 3rd Queen's Birthday Public Holiday (Queensland)
GIRLS BRIGADE 	Tuesday 4th @ 4.00pm Girls Brigade. Wesley Auditorium Cadets 4.00pm – 5.30pm. Upper Section 6.00 – 8.00 p.m (recommencing).
	Saturday 8th @ 9am for a 9.30am start FUN, FRIENDSHIP, FOOD at our Fellowship Morning Tea @ Homewares from Everywhere. RSVP by 2nd October. Contact Diana Collins ph.: 4121 3870 or email: dscollins2@bigpond.com

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

