



Uniting Church in Australia

Uniting in Christ
acting with love
living with hope
witnessing in faith
working for justice
October 2022

Maryborough Parish Maryborough & Country Congregations

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Our Vision

“Making Christ Visible”

SERVICES SUNDAY 2nd October

Older Persons Sunday

9.00am St. Stephen's Church - Rev Delma

7.00pm UCA Tiaro Hall - Rev Delma

READINGS: Lam 1:1-6 Lam 3:19-26 or Ps 137
2 Tim 1:1-14 Lk 17:5-10

SERVICES SUNDAY 9th October

9.00am St. Stephen's Church - Rev Delma

2.00pm Bauple Home Group – Rev Delma

READINGS: Jer 29:1, 4-7 Ps 66:1-12
2 Tim 2:8-15 Lk 17:11-19

SERVICES SUNDAY 16th October

9.00am St. Stephen's Church - Dawn Jenkinson

7.00pm UCA Tiaro Hall - Dawn Jenkinson

READINGS: Jer 31:27-34 Ps 119:97-104
2 Tim 3:14 - 4:5 Lk 18:1-8

SERVICES SUNDAY 23rd October

9.00am St. Stephen's Church – Maryan McGown

6.00pm SIMPLY ALL AGE WORSHIP. Wesley Auditorium

“Turning a New Chapter” Frontier Services

READINGS: Jl 2:23-32 Ps 65
2 Tim 4:6-8, 16-18 Lk 18:9-14

SERVICE SUNDAY 30th October

PARISH SERVICE

9.00am St. Stephen's Church – Rev Delma

“Celebrating Girls' Brigade”

READINGS: Hab 1:1-4, 2:1-4 Ps 119:137-144
2 Thes 1:1-4, 11-12 Lk 19:1-10

Minister's Message



Dear Friends,

“Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed. (Mark 1:35 NIV)”
“When Jesus heard what had happened, he withdrew by boat privately to a solitary place. (Matthew 14:13 NIV)” *“Jesus, knowing that they intended to come and make him king by force, withdrew again to a mountain by himself. (John 6:15 NIV)”*

This year has been a time of many challenges. For some of us there has been health issues, which may or may not include colds, flu and COVID; family troubles to navigate; changes or contemplated changes in where we live; loss of loved ones or people we know; changes in our work or volunteering; so many changes to the COVID rules; as well as changes in how we do things in our Parish. Life throws many challenges at us and sometimes it can be a struggle to deal with and accept the new way of living and doing things. . Jesus also had many challenges that he faced as he travelled around healing and teaching. When things got too much and others tried to focus his attention solely on healing or they were not open to his teachings, he took himself off to a time of solitude, so he could talk to God and refocus himself on what God wanted him to do.

BREAKFAST MINISTRY APPEAL

Thank You, Thank You, Thank You, for the amazing support during the September Breakfast Ministry Appeal.

The total result is:

- \$610.00
 - 12x packets of rolled oats
 - 30x of tins baked beans
- ...for which I am so grateful.

May God bless you all for your generosity!

Marion Tappenden
Breakfast Ministry Coordinator

The world beckons to us to get caught up in its agenda of what it thinks is important – the media, printed digital and social, calls out to us everywhere we look, as does advertising. The world says earn more, do more, be more than what you are. No matter what you do or the changes you make you will never be good enough unless you buy this product, watch this YouTube clip or TV show, follow this footy team, eat these foods, or take these vitamin pills. It is way too easy to get lost in the ways of the world as it was in Jesus' time. When Jesus first started in ministry it was the devil that tempted him for forty days in the desert to live by the ways of the world. If he got caught up in the ways of the world, he would have worshipped the devil and not God. Jesus' way of resisting temptation was to spend time in solitude in prayer to God, often on a mountain top.

We all need time away from the pressures of the world to spend time with God in our daily lives to recentre ourselves with God's love in our lives so our cup will overflow into the world around us. There are many ways to spend this quiet time with God. For some of us it might be going for a walk or sitting in nature, reading the Bible, prayer, meditation, reading a book on the Christian faith, or a devotion. There is no right, or wrong way and one way is not necessarily better than the other. We are all different and you may find that you do different things at various stages of your life. Let us feel the tug of the Holy Spirit to spend time with God so that we know our God and whose we are. Let's face it, we can do this anywhere, including when we sit waiting in a doctor's surgery... *"May the Lord bless you and protect you. May the Lord smile on you and be gracious to you. May the Lord show you his favour and give you his peace (Numbers 7:24-26 NLT)."*

Blessings

Rev Delma Lovell

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

OLDER PERSONS' SUNDAY, OCT 2nd

A PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING FOR YOUNG & OLD

A younger Person:

We give thanks, O God, for a society where people can look forward to long lives, for the wisdom of older people, for their faith and experience, for the sense that older people give us of family, tradition and identity, for the leadership they offer, for the things they teach, and all the ways in which they contribute to our families, our community and our church.

Amen.

An Older Person:

We give thanks, O God, for the blessings of life, and our experience of its different seasons, for friends, family, children and grandchildren, for the experiences and opportunities of our lives, for our survival through struggles and griefs, for your presence throughout our lives and for the hope of the life to come.

Amen.



UnitingCare Australia is encouraging Uniting Church congregations to recognise the human rights and dignity of older people in worship on **Older Persons Sunday**, 2nd of October 2022, the first Sunday after the United Nations' International day of Older Persons (IDOP).

Join **Uniting Friends of Ageing**: a national network of engaged Uniting Church members, passionate about the future of every Australian, determined to contribute to giving our older citizens the rights and care that they deserve.

Go to <https://unitingcare.org.au/uniting-friends-of-ageing/> to join the conversation

Maryborough Region Disaster Community Care and Recovery

FREE 2-day Training Workshops

Day 1 – Strengthening Connections

Counselling by Chance / Psychological First Aid / Suicide Intervention

Day 2 - Disaster Recovery Chaplaincy

Provide pastoral presence and support to people and communities following disasters.

Who would benefit from this training?

Day 1

Community Workers, Service Leaders & Managers, Volunteers & other frontline responders

Day 1 & 2

Pastoral Carers, Community Workers, Chaplains, Youth Leaders, Pastors & Ministers



These free training workshops are brought to you by Connect100. Day 1 will be helpful for those wanting to add to their pastoral care skills or when volunteering at breakfast ministry. Morning & afternoon tea and lunch provided. Venue: Wesley Auditorium.



Thurs 3 Nov & Fri 4 Nov 2022

9am – 4pm

Uniting Church Maryborough Parish

View and register today:



<https://DisasterRecovery.eventbrite.com>

Rev Delma Leave/Absences

Rev Delma will be at the Connect100 retreat/conference at Redcliffe on **Thurs 6 & Fri 7 October.**

Rev Delma will be on annual leave from **Mon 10 – Sun 23 Oct.**

If you have any pastoral matters during this time, please contact your pastoral carer or the office. For other church matters please contact Leaders Council Chair, Noel Puller or Secretary, Diana Collins.

Parish Office: ph. 0402 425 340, 9am and 12pm, Wed – Friday.

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 (ph: 0437 297 761).

ANNUAL CONGREGATION MEETINGS

The Annual Congregation Meetings for both City and Country Congregations will be held on **SUNDAY, 20 NOVEMBER 2022**, at the conclusion of their services. Congregations will be asked to fill vacant positions for Leaders to serve on Leaders Council from 2023 (in accordance with the Leadership Structure adopted by the Congregations on 18/9/22).

COUNTRY CONGREGATION –

Positions to be voted on are:

- Chair of Congregation
- Secretary of Congregation
- Presbytery Representative

CITY CONGREGATION –

Positions to be voted on are:

- Chair of Congregation
- Secretary of Congregation
- Elders (4 positions)
- Presbytery Representative

NOMINATION FORMS

- Available from next Sunday or email copies can be requested from the Church Office.
- Must be returned to the Church Office no later than **MONDAY, 31ST OCTOBER 2022.**

Please prayerfully consider these roles and if you have queries, please talk to Leaders Council Chair, Noel Puller; Leaders Council Secretary, Diana Collins; or Rev Delma Lovell.
(Please note that Rev Delma will be on holidays from 10-23 October 2022.)

Preparations for a very busy November are underway!

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

Can you assist by donating;

- Tombola prizes
- Sellable second hand items
- Monetary funds
- Your own time & talents

...towards either days' success?

If so, please contact that event's coordinator.

Contact coordinator
Nalda Brett on 0407 628 072

GARAGE SALE



St. Stephen's Hall - 21 Sussex Street

SATURDAY 26th NOVEMBER




7.00am - 12.30pm

Contact coordinator
Dawn Jenkinson on 0427 654 199




Date Claimers October 2022

	Monday 3rd Queen's Birthday Public Holiday (Queensland)
BREAKFAST MINISTRY	Tuesday 4th @ 6.00am Breakfast Ministry St. Paul's Anglican Hall
GIRLS BRIGADE 	Tuesday 4th @ 4.00pm Girls Brigade. Wesley Auditorium Cadets 4.00pm – 5.30pm. Upper Section 6.00 – 8.00 p.m.
	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
	Monday 10th @ 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 11th @ 6.00am Breakfast Ministry St. Paul's Anglican Hall
GIRLS BRIGADE 	Tuesday 11th @ 4.00pm Girls Brigade. Wesley Auditorium Cadets 4.00pm – 5.30pm. Upper Section 6.00 – 8.00 p.m.
Fellowship 	Thursday 13th @ 1.30pm – 3pm MUCAF (Maryborough Uniting Church Adult Fellowship) Meeting
GIRLS BRIGADE LEADERS 	Monday 17th @ 6.30pm Girls Brigade Leaders Meeting _ Wesley Auditorium
BREAKFAST MINISTRY	Tuesday 18th @ 6.00am Breakfast Ministry St. Paul's Anglican Hall
BOOK CLUB 	Tuesday 18th @ 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>
GIRLS BRIGADE 	Tuesday 18th @ 4.00pm Girls Brigade. Wesley Auditorium Cadets 4.00pm – 5.30pm. Upper Section 6.00 – 8.00 p.m.
	Thursday 20th @ 9am Petrie Gardens Worship (Tiaro) (if planning to attend please contact Rev Delma – re numbers for COVID)
	Thursday 20th @ 3pm Chelsea Church Service (if planning to attend please contact Rev Delma – re numbers for COVID)
CHURCH LEADERSHIP 	Monday 24th @ 5.30pm – Leaders Council Meeting in St. Stephen's Church (now incorporating Pastoral Carers from earlier time of 5.30pm)
BREAKFAST MINISTRY	Tuesday 25th @ 6.00am Breakfast Ministry St. Paul's Anglican Hall
GIRLS BRIGADE 	Tuesday 25th @ 4.00pm Girls Brigade. Wesley Auditorium Cadets 4.00pm – 5.30pm. Upper Section 6.00 – 8.00 p.m.

Community Notices and Events

	Saturday 1st @ 10am St Mary's Church invites you to their Blessing of the animals. Bring along your furry, feathered or scaly baby for a blessing.
	Thursday 6th @ 9am - 11am St Paul's Anglican Parish presents OPEN CHURCH WITH MUSIC
	Sunday 23rd @ 10am St Mary's Parish invites you to celebrate a Multicultural Mass with the theme of "Let us Pray Together as Children of God". Come dressed in your traditional national dress and bring a plate to share after service.

November advance Date Claimers

	Saturday 19th @ 10am – Girls Brigade Monster Christmas Tombola @ Wesley Auditorium, 21-25 Sussex St. Doors open at 11.30 am First Call at 1pm. Snacks, Light Lunch & Sausage Sizzle from 11.30am
	Saturday 19th from 6pm - November Noël in St Stephen's Church.
	Saturday 26th from 7am - St Stephen's Church Garage Sale in Wesley Auditorium.



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