



Uniting Church in Australia

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

Maryborough Parish Maryborough & Country Congregations

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Our Vision
“Making Christ Visible”

Temporary Change of Parish Office Hours

On **Wednesday** November 2nd the office will be open in the afternoon from **1pm until 4pm**.

On **Thursday** November 3rd the office will be **closed** all day, reopening Friday 4th at 9am until 12 noon.

SERVICES SUNDAY 6th November

9.00am St. Stephen's Church - Rev Delma

7.00pm UCA Tiaro Hall - Rev Delma

READINGS: Hag 1:15b - 2:9 Ps 145:1-5
17-21 or Ps 98
2 Thes 2:1-5, 13-17 Lk 20:27-38

SERVICES SUNDAY 13th November

9.00am St. Stephen's Church - **Remembrance Service** - Rev Delma

2.00pm Bauple Home Group – **Remembrance Service** - Rev Delma

READINGS: Is 65:17-25 Is 12:2
Thes 3:6-13 Lk 21:5-19

SERVICES SUNDAY 20th November

9.00am St. Stephen's Church - Rev Delma

7.00pm UCA Tiaro Hall - **Remembrance Service** - Rev Delma

READINGS: Jer 23:1-6 Lk 1:68-79
Col 1:11-20 Lk 23:33-43

SERVICES SUNDAY 27th November

9.00am St. Stephen's Church – Rev Delma

6.00pm SIMPLY ALL AGE WORSHIP. Wesley Auditorium
‘Advent’

READINGS: Is 2:1-5 Ps 122
Rom 13:11-14 Mt 24:36-44

Remembrance Services

St Stephen's church Maryborough	13 th November @ 9am
Bauple Home Group	13 th November @ 2pm
UCA Tiaro Hall	20 th November @ 7pm
Chelsea Retirement Village	17 th November @ 3pm

Minister's Message



Dear Friends

“We’re not giving up. How could we! Even though on the outside it often looks like things are falling apart on us, on the inside, where God is making new life, not a day goes by without his unfolding grace.... There’s far more here than meets the eye. The things we see now are here today, gone tomorrow. But the things we can’t see now will last forever.” (2 Corinthians 4:16, 18 The Message)

“If it’s frustrating you, put it away and do it another day when you are in a better frame of mind.” These words (or something similar) were what my Mum would tell me when I was growing up if I was getting frustrated with something (most often attempting to sew an item of clothing). My Mum was right, if you aren’t in the right frame of mind, things often don’t go well. If we are tired, unwell, upset, or worried about something we usually aren’t at our best. We can get distracted making it hard to focus on what’s important. It is part of our human condition to want to give up when things get difficult. We can settle on what may seem to be an easier path. It is hard to climb a mountain if we stand at the bottom and look up to the summit instead of focussing on climbing it one step at a time.

If you have ever tried to lose weight you will know how we usually focus on the external instead of

looking at what is happening on the internal workings of our minds. It is the same with our Christian faith, if we concentrate only on the external and how we live in the world we can get so focussed on this that we may overlook feeding our spirit which is how God works on making new life within us. Paul faced so much suffering, but he did not lose heart and give up. What things have you given up on because it was difficult, or you didn't think it was working out? Is there something in your life now that is causing you grief and you just want to give up? We all know people who have lost heart and have fallen by the wayside with their faith. Perhaps the journey was harder than they thought it should be. Not everyone enjoys a challenge, even if the end result will give us a joy beyond imagining. It is through God's grace and an outpouring of the Holy Spirit seeping into our soul that transforms us day by day little by little if we only open ourselves up to God.

Churches too can lose heart. When we lose heart, we lose our way. In our Uniting Church founding document the Basis of Union it says that:

"The Church lives between the time of Christ's death and resurrection and the final consummation of all things which Christ will bring; the Church is a pilgrim people, always on the way towards a promised goal; here the Church does not have a continuing city but seeks one to come. On the way Christ feeds the Church with Word and Sacraments, and it has the gift of the Spirit in order that it may not lose the way. (Paragraph 3)" Let us not lose heart, but keep our focus on Jesus Christ who beckons us onwards on a path we haven't been on before so we can 'make Christ visible' in the world.

Blessings
Rev Delma Lovell



UNITING CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA MARYBOROUGH PARISH

REPORT ON 24 OCTOBER 2022 MEETING OF LEADERS COUNCIL

- Peter Niesler has accepted the role of verger at St Stephen's Church.
- The sale of our Bauple Church was settled on 26 November 2022.
- A Parish Christmas lunch will be held on 1 December.
- Church Office hours on 2/11/22 will be 1-4pm.
- Church Office will close over the Christmas period from noon 23/12/22 and reopen 9am 18/1/23.
- The Empty Christmas Tree will be placed in the Church on the first three Sundays in December for donations of gifts for Yoorana Women's Refuge residents, and cash donations for our Breakfast Ministry.
- Summer services will commence in Wesley Auditorium from 1 January. Communion will be held on 8 January.
- Fellowship Morning Teas will continue in 2023 with the first for the year to be held on 28 January.
- Now that we are required to manage our finances on a financial year basis, rather than calendar year, in future Annual Parish Meetings will be held in July (instead of March). In 2023, Church groups will present 18-month reports at the Annual Parish Meeting, and thereafter 12-monthly reports will be required.
- Given current government approaches to COVID that require individuals to manage their own health, it has been decided that, in Wesley Auditorium kitchen, crockery and cutlery can be used but must be washed in the dishwasher, and helpers will not be required to wear gloves or masks but may choose to do so.

Diana Collins . Leaders Council Secretary

Check out our new UnitingCare pop-up banners



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SYNOD PRAYER

"We pray for all people impacted by the recent floods and those who are coming alongside them to provide immediate relief and care"

Rev Hollis.



Uniting Church President Rev Sharon Hollis has launched a national appeal to support communities across Australia impacted by flooding.

To Donate:

Direct Deposit

Bank Name: Westpac . BSB: 032 003 . Ac No: 269941

By Cheque

Payable to: "UCA Assembly - National Disaster Relief Fund"
. Post to: UCA Assembly - National Disaster Relief Fund . PO Box A2266 Sydney South NSW 1235

Please email us when you make a donation, including your name and or congregation and we will provide a receipt.

Parish Christmas Lunch

Thursday December 1st @ 11.30am
at *Homewares from Everywhere*

\$18 one course meal

includes refreshing fruit punch.

Lunch options:

- Fish & Chips with Salad
- Zucchini Slice with Chips & Salad (GF)
- Chicken Open Melt with Chips & Salad

To **RSVP**, please pre-order & pre-pay your menu selection by
Sunday November 27th, 2022 with
(Maryborough) Dawn Jenkinson_0427 654 119 or
(Bauple/Tiara) Linda James _07 4129 2663

Those wishing to order dessert may do so on the day following
lunch service.

Bring a small Christmas decoration for the table.



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
21 SUSSEX STREET MARYBOROUGH

Doors open at 11.30am
First Call at 1pm
Snacks, Light Lunch & drinks from 11.30am

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Prior to the day:

- Strong hands for Friday setup (from 4pm)

On the day:

- Ticket rippers
- Spotters

Call Nalda Brett on 0407 628 072

MARYBOROUGH UNITING CHURCH

IS HAVING A

**GARAGE
SALE**

St. Stephen's Hall - 21 Sussex
Street

SATURDAY 26th NOVEMBER

7.00am - 12.30pm



**November
Noël**

As Yuletide nears
with
**Carols, Prayer &
Cheers**

We gather to bring
Peace, Love & Joy!
So now let us all
**"REJOICE,
PRAISE &
SING!"**

Featuring:



**Maryborough Brass
&**

Soprano Soloist - Helen Drew

St. Stephen's Uniting Church

Sussex St. Maryborough

Saturday 19th November @ 6.00pm



**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.

CHURCH ROSTER AVAILABILITIES

With the holiday season upon us, many of you will be traveling &/or otherwise engaged.
Please be sure to advise Brodie in the parish office of any changes to your ability to fill duties
on the church roster through December and January with as much notice as possible.



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 November 2022

BREAKFAST MINISTRY	Tuesday 1st @ 6.00am Breakfast Ministry St. Paul's Anglican Hall
GIRLS BRIGADE 	Tuesday 1st @ 4.00pm Girls Brigade. Wesley Auditorium Cadets 4.00pm – 5.30pm. Upper Section 6.00 – 8.00 p.m.
TRAINING 	Thursday 3rd & Friday 4th Day 1 & 2 of Connect100 Maryborough Region Disaster Community Care and Recovery FREE 2-day Training Workshops. 9am - 4pm. Wesley Auditorium. Morning & Afternoon Tea and Lunch provided.
BREAKFAST MINISTRY	Tuesday 8th @ 6.00am Breakfast Ministry St. Paul's Anglican Hall
GIRLS BRIGADE 	Tuesday 8th @ 4.00pm Girls Brigade. Wesley Auditorium Cadets 4.00pm – 5.30pm. Upper Section 6.00 – 8.00 p.m.
	Monday 14th @ 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 prior (7th November).
BREAKFAST MINISTRY	Tuesday 15th @ 6.00am Breakfast Ministry St. Paul's Anglican Hall
BOOK CLUB 	Tuesday 15th @ 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 15th @ 4.00pm Girls Brigade. Wesley Auditorium Cadets 4.00pm – 5.30pm. Upper Section 6.00 – 8.00 p.m.
	Thursday 17th @ 9am Petrie Gardens Worship (Tiara) (if planning to attend please contact Rev Delma – re numbers for COVID)
	Thursday 17th @ 3pm Chelsea Church Service (if planning to attend please contact Rev Delma – re numbers for COVID)
	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.
	Sunday 20th ANNUAL CONGREGATION MEETINGS. Held at the conclusions of each service for City & Country. Congregations will be asked to vote 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).
	Monday 21st @ 5.30pm Management Committee Meeting _ St Stephens church
GIRLS BRIGADE LEADERS 	Monday 21st @ 6.30pm Girls Brigade Leaders Meeting _ Wesley Auditorium
BREAKFAST MINISTRY	Tuesday 22nd @ 6.00am Breakfast Ministry St. Paul's Anglican Hall
GIRLS BRIGADE 	Tuesday 22nd @ 4.00pm Girls Brigade. Wesley Auditorium Cadets 4.00pm – 5.30pm. Upper Section 6.00 – 8.00 p.m.
GARAGE SALE 	Saturday 26th from 7am - St Stephen's Church Garage Sale in Wesley Auditorium.

Community Notices and Events

	Thursday 3rd @ 9am - 11am St Paul's Anglican Parish presents OPEN CHURCH WITH MUSIC
	Sunday 13th @ 2pm Maryborough Choral Society final concert for 2022. \$15pp. Federation Room of the Brolga Theatre. <i>ALL MIXED UP; Revisiting music of decades gone by and exploring music of now..</i>

December & January Advance Date Claimers

	Thursday 1st December @ 11.30am Annual Parish Christmas Lunch @ Homewares from Everywhere. \$18pp. RSVP and pre-pay by Sunday November 27th (See notice on page 3 for more details)
Summer Services	Sunday 1st January Summer Services (in the air-conditioned Wesley Auditorium) commence.
	Saturday 28th January @ 9am FUN, FRIENDSHIP, FOOD at our Fellowship Morning Tea @ Homewares from Everywhere. RSVP by the Monday prior. Contact Diana Collins ph.: 4121 3870 or email: dscollins2@bigpond.com

