



Uniting Church in Australia

Uniting in **Christ**
acting with love
 living with **hope**
 witnessing in **faith**
 working for **justice**
December 2022 & January 2023

Maryborough Parish Maryborough & Country Congregations

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Our Vision

“Making Christ Visible”

December

SERVICES SUNDAY 4th December

Holy Communion

9.00am St. Stephen's Church - Rev Delma

7.00pm UCA Tiaro Hall - Rev Delma

READINGS: Is 11:1-10 Ps 72:1-7, 18-19
 Rom 15:4-13 Mt 3:1-12

SERVICES SUNDAY 11th December

9.00am St. Stephen's Church - Rev Delma

2.00pm Bauple Home Group Christmas – Rev Delma

READINGS: Is 35:1-10 Ps 146:5-10 or
 Lk 1:46b-55
 Jas 5:7-10 Mt 11:2-11

SERVICES SUNDAY 18th December

9.00am St. Stephen's Church - Rev Delma

7.00pm UCA Tiaro Hall Christmas - Rev Delma

READINGS: Is 7:10-16 Ps 80:1-7, 17-19
 Rom 1:1-7 Mt 1:18-25

SERVICES SUNDAY 25th December

8.00am St. Stephen's Church – Rev Delma

READINGS: Is 62:6-12 Ps 97
 Tit 3:4-7 Lk 2:(1-7), 8-20

January

SERVICES SUNDAY 1st January

9.00am Wesley Auditorium - Rev Delma

READINGS: Eccl 3: 1-13 Ps 8
 Rev 21: 1-6a Matt 25: 31-46

SERVICES SUNDAY 8th January

Holy Communion

9.00am Wesley Auditorium - Rev Delma

2.00pm Bauple Home Group – Rev Delma

READINGS: Is 42:1-9 Ps 29
 Acts 10:34-43 Mt 3:13-17

SERVICES SUNDAY 15th January

9.00am Wesley Auditorium - Rev Delma

7.00pm UCA Tiaro Hall - Holy Communion_ Rev Delma

READINGS: Is 49:1-7 Ps 40:1-11 1
 Cor 1:1-9 Jn 1:29-42

SERVICES SUNDAY 22nd January

9.00am Wesley Auditorium – Rev Delma

6.00pm SIMPLY ALL AGE WORSHIP. Wesley Auditorium

READINGS: Is 9:1-4 Ps 27:1, 4-9 1
 Cor 1:10-18 Mt 4:12-23

SERVICES SUNDAY 29th January

Parish Service

9.00am Wesley Auditorium – Rev Delma

READINGS: Mic 6:1-8 Ps 15 1
 Cor 1:18-31 Mt 5:1-12



Dear Friends

“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.” (Jeremiah 29:11-13 NIV)

Minister's Message

Wow! What a year we had in 2022! Perhaps for you 2022 was a year full of wonderful memories. I know it was for me, but it was also a year of great challenges. If you remember the year started with a bang! On 1 January the Qld government announced the mandated wearing of masks. There was another COVID wave that would impact us like none of the other waves as this brought our first

community transmission. A week later our city was inundated with a major flood event followed six weeks later by an even bigger major flood event. I think this set the scene for our year as we navigated cancellations and postponements of church services, meetings, community events and medical appointments. Through all of the continual upheaval we had one constant, a faithful God who was with us every step of the way. God has plans to give us hope and a future.

This well-known and loved passage from Jeremiah is a favourite of mine. At the start of chapter 29 Jeremiah sends a message from God (v8) in the form of a letter, from Jerusalem to what was left of the elders exiled in Babylon (v1-2). The people were the remnants of the last surviving tribe of Israel, Judah, had been captured and dispersed throughout Babylon in 587 BC. The letter tells them that God is with them. God has plans for their lives and has not deserted them in their suffering. God's message was that they were to settle where they were, build homes, and gardens, bear children and they would prosper in this land. God would show up after seventy years in exile and they would eventually be free people once again. Jeremiah's letter rebuked and challenged the exiles: Quit sitting around feeling sorry for yourselves. The aim of people of faith isn't to be as comfortable as possible but to live as fully as possible. Don't just survive, thrive.

In looking back at the year that was, we too can see that we have not sat still feeling sorry for ourselves. On 1 April we began a journey forming a new relationship with UnitingCare through Connect100. In our region UnitingCare has a large footprint within the wider community with Lifeline shops, Lifeline Crisis Support 131114, Lifeline Community Recovery, UnitingCare counselling services (family, gambling and financial), Blue Care community care and respite centre and St Stephen's Hospital. I look forward to seeing where God might be leading us in this space next year.

For our Parish, we have also been through a time of prayer and discernment and next year will enter into a new phase with the change to our leadership structure. Congratulations to Robyn (Maryborough congregational Secretary) and the members of our new structured Leaders Council, Linda, Sybil, Marion, Diana, Denise, Ros and Bruce who will meet every month next year starting in January. I appreciate your accepting God's call on your lives and the commitment you have made to the Parish and to God's mission in the world.

Let us continue to call on God and pray for God's leading in our discernment in 2023 as we 'make Christ visible' in the communities of Maryborough, Tiaro and Bauple. May you all be blessed as we celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ and may you feel God's presence throughout the Christmas season and into the New Year.

Blessings
Rev Delma Lovell

SYNOD PRAYER

**God,
Bring peace to our minds today –
So that we can understand your will**

**God,
Bring peace to our eyes today –
So that we may see the path you set before us**

**God,
Bring peace to our words today –
So that in all circumstances we can be kind**

In Jesus' name – Amen

Synod prayers
are updated
weekly on the
QLD Synod
website.

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

Christmas Services

1 December Fair Haven @ 10:30am

11 December Bauple Home Group @ 2:00pm

15 December Petrie Gardens Fellowship @ 9:00am

15 December Chelsea Retirement Village @ 3:00pm

18 December Tiaro @ 7:00pm

25 December Maryborough @ 8:00am

CAN YOU HELP?

Reserve volunteers are needed to help with church cleaning from time to time. Please talk to Diana Collins if you have an hour to spare to help with vacuuming or dusting/sanitizing.

Thank You!

to



Who donated their time and materials to repair and improve lighting around the Church, in time for the November Noel.

Do keep them in mind if you need any electrical work done in the future.

WANTED

If you have any unwanted larger pressure pack lids, please give them to Marion Tappenden or Denise Hoffmann for use in making floral table arrangements for the bi-monthly Morning Teas.

EMPTY CHRISTMAS TREE

The Empty Christmas Tree will be in the church for three Sundays,

4th, 11th & 18th of December

allowing members of the congregation to once again support YOORANA WOMEN'S SHELTER with material gifts and the BREAKFAST MINISTRY with much needed money.

Money for Breakfast Ministry should be placed in an envelope and hung on the tree. These envelopes will be collected each Sunday.

What to gift?

FOR WOMEN

- ✓ Christmas Treats
- ✓ Movie Vouchers
- ✓ Toiletries i.e. Shampoo & Conditioner; Body Soap; etc
- ✗ No Candles, Incense, or other ignitable items

FOR CHILDREN

- ✓ Movie Vouchers
- ✓ Books
- ✓ Toys
- ✗ No musical instruments
- ✗ No toy weapons i.e. toys guns, a bow and arrow set

PLEASE DO NOT WRAP YOUR GIFT but simply leave it under the base of the tree.

Contact Marion Tappenden- 0437 297 761, if you have any queries




Volunteers CARE

Lend a hand ... become a pastoral care volunteer.

Do you want to become equipped with the skills to provide pastoral care and support to people in your church and local community?

The **Volunteers CARE Essentials Course** is a basic introduction to Christian pastoral care where you will learn the foundational skills needed to get started on your pastoral care journey.

Volunteers CARE Essentials is also ideal as a refresher course for Church leaders.

Venue	Hervey Bay Uniting Church 56 Exeter St, Torquay QLD 4655
Date	4th & 18th February 2023
Time	9am - 5pm each day
Contact	Rev Keren Seto keren.seto@uchealth.com.au

Register now

ucaqlld.com.au/volunteerscare

VISION CHRISTIAN MEDIA

Please save up your small change (containers are available from the Church) and on

SUNDAY, 19 FEBRUARY 2023

it will be collected to support Vision Christian Media for the publication of their Daily Devotionals –

Vision180



&



The Word for Today

Complimentary copies of these Devotionals are sent to the Parish each quarter and are distributed to members of the Congregations.

Queries to Diana Collins



Recognise. Respond. Refer.

The Disaster Community Care and Recovery workshops held on 3 & 4 November was a wonderful success with collaboration for the organising, venue and training shared between UnitingCare, Lifeline and the Uniting Church (including our church).

33 people completed day 1;
Strengthening Connections.

13 also completed day 2;
Disaster Recovery Chaplaincy.



Save the Date

Safe Ministry with Children training

Saturday, 11 February 2023
9am – 11am
Venue: Wesley Auditorium

Attendees: All members of Leaders Council; All leaders, helpers and co-captains of Maryborough Girls Brigade.




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



The Uniting Church in Australia's Maryborough Parish congregation
invites you to our

Christmas Carol

Service &

Fellowship Tea

at the

Uniting Church Hall, Mungar Road, Tiaro

On Sunday 18th December 2021

Fellowship Tea: Please arrive at 5.30pm for 5.45pm start.

Followed by the Carol Service at 7.00pm.

EVERYONE'S WELCOME



You are welcome to attend the Tiaro Uniting Church Services which are held at 7pm, 1st & 3rd Sundays of each month at Mungar Rd, Tiaro.

Want a great read over the Christmas period?

Then borrow a new addition to our Church Library...

John MacArthur's TWELVE UNLIKELY HEROES

...& read how God used unexpected people in the Bible to achieve his will.

Some examples:

- **ONESIMUS**, a runaway slave, who became a leader of the Ephesian church and was instrumental in gathering in one place the writings of the apostle Paul.
- **GIDEON**, the timid judge, who tested God before he obeyed and eventually delivered his people from oppression.

This well-researched work explains the culture and times in which each of these unexpected heroes lived.

Find it in the Men and Women of the Bible section of the library – look for a blue sticker with a dot.

Anyone interested can
chat to Diana Collins.



Join us for Books'n'Coffee every 3rd Tuesday of the month from 9.30am, recommencing February 21st, 2023.

What's on this weekend

	Saturday 26th November from 7am - St Stephen's Church Garage Sale in Wesley Auditorium.
	Saturday 26th November from 3pm Tiaro carols in the Country at the Tiaro Recreation Grounds (Inman St, Tiaro)
	Sunday 27th November @ 5.30pm Maryborough town Christmas Tree Lighting ceremony. Maryborough Town Hall, Kent Street, Maryborough.

Date Claimers December 2022



	Thursday 1st December @ 10.30am Fairhaven Church Service (if planning to attend please contact Rev Delma – re numbers for COVID)
	Thursday 1st December @ 11.30am Annual Parish Christmas Lunch @ Homewares from Everywhere. \$18pp. RSVP and pre-pay by Sunday November 27 th
	Friday 2nd December @ 4pm Hervey Bay Christmas Tree Lighting ceremony. City Park, Pialba.
	Saturday 3rd December from 6.30pm Maryborough Ministers Fellowship presents Carols in the Park Maryborough. Queens Park and Sussex St.
	Saturday 3rd December from 5pm Carols in the Village. Hervey Bay historical Village and Museum, Zephyr St, Scarness.
	Saturday 3rd December from 3pm Burrum Heads Progress Association presents a Community Christmas Party. Burrum District Community Hall, Howard Street, Burrum heads.
	Tuesday 6th December @ 6.00am Breakfast Ministry St. Paul's Anglican Hall

	Friday 9th December from 5pm. Poona Christmas Party. Poona Hall, Snapper Drive, Poona.
	Saturday 10th December from 5pm. Hervey Bay RSL Carols by Candlelight. Seafront Oval, Hervey Bay.
	Sunday 11th December from 3pm. Glenwood Community Christmas Party. Glenwood Community Hall, Pepper Rd, Glenwood.
	Monday 12th December @ 5.30pm – Leaders Council Meeting in St. Stephen's Church
	Monday 12th December @ 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 12th December.
BREAKFAST MINISTRY	Tuesday 13th December @ 6.00am Breakfast Ministry St. Paul's Anglican Hall
	Thursday 15th December @ 9am Petrie Gardens Worship (Tiaro) (if planning to attend please contact Rev Delma – re numbers for COVID)
	Thursday 15th December @ 3pm Chelsea Church Service (if planning to attend please contact Rev Delma – re numbers for COVID)
	Saturday 17th December @ 5pm Mary Christmas; Maryborough CBD Street Party. Maryborough Town Hall and Kent St.
	Sunday 18th December from 5.30pm Tiaro Christmas Carol Service & Fellowship Tea. Please bring a plate of finger food to share.
BREAKFAST MINISTRY	Tuesday 20th December @ 6.00am Breakfast Ministry St. Paul's Anglican Hall
	Tuesday 20th December @ 6.15pm. Burrum Heads Community Carols. Burrum Heads Community Hall, Howard Street, Burrum Heads.
	Friday 23rd December. Last Parish Office opening day for 2022.
	Saturday 31st December @ 5pm. Maryborough Cricket Club Family Fun Fair. fireworks at 9pm. Ariadne St, Maryborough.

Date Claimers January 2023

	Sunday 8th January. Summer Services commence (in the air conditioned auditorium)
BREAKFAST MINISTRY	Tuesday 10th @ 6.00am Breakfast Ministry St. Paul's Anglican Hall
BREAKFAST MINISTRY	Tuesday 17th @ 6.00am Breakfast Ministry St. Paul's Anglican Hall
	Wednesday 18th January. Parish Office reopening in 2023.
	Thursday 19th January @ 9am Petrie Gardens Worship (Tiaro) (if planning to attend please contact Rev Delma – re numbers for COVID)
	Thursday 19th January @ 3pm Chelsea Church Service (if planning to attend please contact Rev Delma – re numbers for COVID)
	Monday 23rd January @ 5.30pm First Leaders Council Meeting of 2023 in St. Stephen's Church. Note; Leaders Council now meets monthly.
BREAKFAST MINISTRY	Tuesday 24th @ 6.00am Breakfast Ministry St. Paul's Anglican Hall
	Saturday 28th January @ 9am FUN, FRIENDSHIP, FOOD at our Fellowship Morning Tea @ Homewares from Everywhere. RSVP by the Sunday prior (January 22 nd). Contact Diana Collins ph.: 4121 3870 or email: dscollins2@bigpond.com
BREAKFAST MINISTRY	Tuesday 31st @ 6.00am Breakfast Ministry St. Paul's Anglican Hall

Community Notices and Events

	Thursday 1st December @ 9am - 11am St Paul's Anglican Parish presents OPEN CHURCH WITH MUSIC featuring organist David McLeod on St Paul's newly refurbished pipe organ.
	Saturday 4th December @ 2pm St Paul's Anglican Parish presents SING. CAROLS. SING: A Christmas Musical Afternoon featuring the Maryborough Choral Society, Fraser Coast Chorus & You!, as you join us in song. Free Admission. Afternoon Tea Afterwards.

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