



Uniting Church in Australia

Uniting in Christ
acting with love
living with hope
witnessing in faith
working for justice
February 2023

Maryborough Parish Maryborough & Country Congregations

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Our Vision

“Making Christ Visible”

SERVICES SUNDAY 5th FEBRUARY

9.00am St. Stephen's Church - Rev Delma

7.00pm UCA Tiaro Hall - Rev Delma

READINGS: Is 58:1-9a (9b-12) Ps 112:1-9 (10)
1 Cor 2:1-12 (13-16) Mt 5:13-20

SERVICES SUNDAY 12th FEBRUARY

9.00am St. Stephen's Church - Rev Delma

2.00pm Bauple Home Group – Rev Delma

6.00pm SIMPLY WORSHIP. Wesley Auditorium

Obstacles to Faith

READINGS: Deut 30:15-20 Ps 119:1-8
1 Cor 3:1-9 Mt 5:21-37

SERVICES SUNDAY 19th FEBRUARY

9.00am St. Stephen's Church - Rev Delma

7.00pm UCA Tiaro Hall - Rev Delma

READINGS: Ex 24:12-18 Ps 2 or Ps 99
2 Pt 1:16-21 Mt 17:1-9

SERVICES SUNDAY 26th FEBRUARY

9.00am St. Stephen's Church – Lent 1 -

Marion Tappenden

READINGS: Gn 2:15-17; 3:1-7 Ps 32
Rom 5:12-19 Mt 4:1-11

Minister's Message



Dear Friends

Now listen, you who say, “Today or tomorrow we will go to this or that city, spend a year there, carry on business and make money.” Why, you do not even know what will happen tomorrow. What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes. Instead, you ought to say, “If it is the Lord’s will, we will live and do this or that.” (James 4:13-15 NIV)

The first month of the year is gone. I’m not sure where to though. It would seem in the blink of an eye the days have just gone on by and disappeared with only memories and photos to remind us. James tells us that our lives are like the morning fog here for a little time and then disappearing. Our



World Day of Prayer

3rd March 2023 @ Tiaro Hall

The World Day of Prayer is an international ecumenical Christian laywomen’s initiative celebrated annually in over 170 countries on the first Friday in March.

The movement aims to bring together women of various races, cultures and traditions in closer fellowship, understanding and action throughout the year.

“Informed Prayer and Prayerful Action,”

life is only fleeting moments in time, which can be a rather depressing thought. But if you think about all the years that have gone by since God created the world, this puts our time here on Earth into some perspective.

The important thing is not the length of time but what we do with our time while we are here. We can make plans for the future but there is no certainty that we will achieve them, especially if we leave God out of the equation. Even when we do make plans and try to follow them through if we are listening for the lead of the Holy Spirit we may find that we need to do a total change of direction. This can make life challenging and interesting at the same time when we give up what we want and do what God wants us to do.

We can make so many plans for the future, but it doesn't mean that they will happen as we expect and want them to. Some of you may be familiar with plans that had to be cancelled because of the sudden impact of COVID, or an illness or a life changing event that popped up when you least expected it. Our plans can change in an instant. No plans we make are set in concrete, but more like set in shifting sands. We just like to think we can be confident knowing what we will be doing tomorrow, or in six months' time.

I wonder what plans God has in store for us in 2023 personally and as a church. Will we live the year as though we were going to live forever or will we embrace every day knowing that our lives are precious and short when compared to eternity? In 2023 let us live for God every day, looking for the work of the Holy Spirit in our communities so we are encouraged to go forth and 'make Christ visible.'

God bless
Rev Delma



UNITING CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA
Maryborough Parish

REPORT ON 23 JANUARY 2023 MEETING OF LEADERS COUNCIL

Denise Wilschut was elected Chairperson, and Diana Collins Secretary, of the Leaders Council.

Leaders Council reaffirmed its commitment to the Queensland Synod Safe Ministry with Children policy.

Approval was given for the following:

- Maryan McGown, Marion Tappenden, Irene Leegwater and Dawn Jenkinson to preach/lead worship in the Parish during 2023. This team will invite members of the congregation to participate in the delivery of services from time to time.
- Country Congregation to host the Tiaro World Day of Prayer on 3 March 2023.
- A revised Structures document for leadership of the Parish was finalised, based on the Structure approved by the Congregations last year.
- Members of the Finance Subcommittee for 2023 will include the Chair of Leaders Council – Denise Wilschut; Rev Delma; Julaine Puller (currently inputting finance data) and Noel Puller. Leaders Council may also appoint other persons with the relevant financial experience to the Sub-Committee.
- Girls Brigade leaders for 2023 were approved.
- The Parish Annual Meeting has been scheduled for 23 July 2023 and Church groups will be reminded during May to submit their reports for the period 1.1.22 – 31.5.23 to the Church Office by mid June. These reports will be compiled and distributed prior to the Parish Annual Meeting.

It was noted that MUCAF will cater for the 18 March 2023 meeting of Mary Burnett Presbytery which will be held in Wesley Auditorium.

Diana Collins. Leaders Council Secretary

On 16 March 2023 Lifeline celebrates 60 years since the first phone call was answered! Lifeline was founded by Rev Alan Walker at Methodist Central Mission in Sydney to ensure no person in Australia has to face their darkest moments alone. Over this time, Lifeline has answered millions of calls to their 13 11 14 Crisis Line from Australians in crisis and at risk of suicide. Their service now also includes text messaging and online chats.

TOMBO LA

Saturday 25th February 2023

Maryborough Pensioners' Hall
84 Adelaide St, Maryborough

**Over 200 prizes including craft, home baked goodies,
groceries, toiletries, plants & much more....**

Raffle and Lucky door Prizes

Doors open _ 11:30am

Frist draw _ 1:00pm



**Light Lunch
available for
purchase**

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

THANK YOU

To members of the congregations, and to Rebecca
who dropped off about a dozen parcels to the
office, for your generous support of

*Yoranna Women's Shelter
&*

The Breakfast Ministry

which received

\$250.00

to help feed the disadvantaged of our community.

**Simply
Worship
Now on
2nd Sundays**

Please join us once a month for a relaxed
worship service with modern songs in our
Wesley Auditorium, 21 Sussex St. This
worship will now be held on 2nd Sundays of
the month (previously 4th Sundays) at 6pm.
Light refreshments provided before the
service. Seating at tables. Families most
welcome.

We need you!
**Cleaners wanted for
St Stephen's complex**

If you have some spare
time and would like to
form part of a roster
team, please contact
Leaders Council
Secretary Diana Collins
on 4121 3870.

**The Garage Sale in November
raised a total profit of \$1920.04**



Safe Ministry with Children training

Saturday, 11 February 2023

9am – 11am

Venue: Wesley Auditorium



Date Claimers February 2022

	Saturday 4th @ 9am - 5pm Volunteers CARE Essentials Day 1, Hervey Bay Uniting Church
BREAKFAST MINISTRY	Tuesday 7th @ 6.00am Breakfast Ministry St. Paul's Anglican Hall
	Tuesday 7th @ 4.00pm Girls Brigade. Wesley Auditorium Cadets 4.00pm – 5.30pm. Upper Section 6.00 – 8.00 p.m.
	Thursday 9th @ 1.30pm – 3pm MUCAF (Maryborough Uniting Church Adult Fellowship) Meeting
	Saturday 11th from 9am. Safe Ministry with Children Training
	Monday 13th @ 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 9 th May.
BREAKFAST MINISTRY	Tuesday 14th @ 6.00am Breakfast Ministry St. Paul's Anglican Hall
	Tuesday 14th @ 4.00pm Girls Brigade. Wesley Auditorium Cadets 4.00pm – 5.30pm. Upper Section 6.00 – 8.00 p.m.
	Thursday 16th @ 9am Petrie Gardens Worship (Tiara) (if planning to attend please contact Rev Delma – re numbers for COVID)
	Thursday 16th @ 3pm Chelsea Church Service (if planning to attend please contact Rev Delma – re numbers for COVID)
	Saturday 18th @ 9am - 5pm Volunteers CARE Essentials Day 2, Hervey Bay Uniting Church
	Monday 20th @ 6.30pm Girls Brigade Leaders Meeting _ Wesley Auditorium
BREAKFAST MINISTRY	Tuesday 21st* @ 6.00am Breakfast Ministry St. Paul's Anglican Hall
	Tuesday 21st @ 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 21st @ 4.00pm Girls Brigade. Wesley Auditorium Cadets 4.00pm – 5.30pm. Upper Section 6.00 – 8.00 p.m.
TOMBOLA	Saturday 25th Church Tombola_ Maryborough Pensioners Hall, 84 Adelaide St. Doors open 11:30, First Draw from 1pm.
	Monday 27th @ 4.30pm – Leaders Council Meeting in St. Stephen's Church
BREAKFAST MINISTRY	Tuesday 28th @ 6.00am Breakfast Ministry St. Paul's Anglican Hall
	Tuesday 28th @ 4.00pm Girls Brigade. Wesley Auditorium Cadets 4.00pm – 5.30pm. Upper Section 6.00 – 8.00 p.m.
Community Notices and Events	
	Thursday 2nd @ 9am - 11am St Paul's Anglican Parish presents OPEN CHURCH WITH MUSIC featuring Kay Vollerhouse

March Advance Date Claimers

	Friday 3rd MARCH World Day of Prayer @ Tiara Hall (time, and further details to be decided)
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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.

