



Uniting Church in Australia

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

March 2023

Maryborough Parish Maryborough & Country Congregations

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Our Vision

“Making Christ Visible”

SERVICES SUNDAY 5th March

9.00am St. Stephen's Church - Rev Delma

7.00pm UCA Tiaro Hall - Rev Delma

READINGS: Gn 12:1-4a Ps 121
Rom 4:1-5, 13-17 Jn 3:1-17 or Mt 17: 1-9

SERVICES SUNDAY 12th March

9.00am St. Stephen's Church - Rev Delma

2.00pm Bauple Home Group – Rev Delma

6.00pm **SIMPLY WORSHIP**, Wesley Auditorium

'Obstacles to Grace'

READINGS: Ex 17:1-7 Ps 95
Rom 5:1-11 Jn 4:5-42

SERVICES SUNDAY 19th March

9.00am St. Stephen's Church - Rev Delma

7.00pm UCA Tiaro Hall - Rev Delma

READINGS: 1 Sm 16:1-13 Ps 23
Eph 5:8-14 Jn 9:1-41

SERVICES SUNDAY 26th March

9.00am St. Stephen's Church –

READINGS: Ez 37:1-14 Ps 130
Rom 8:6-11 Jn 11:1-45

Minister's Message



Dear Friends

God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging. He says, “Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth.” The Lord Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress. (Psalm 46:1-3, 10-11 NIV)

Can you believe Lent began on Wednesday 22 February? It seems only yesterday that we were journeying towards Christmas and now we are journeying with Jesus through Lent to Easter. Jesus was continually journeying through the towns and countryside, meeting people along the way who he either helped or taught about God's mission in the world.

Easter Services 2023

CHELSEA SERVICE

Thursday 6th April @ 3pm

GOOD FRIDAY

Friday 7th April

8am @ St Stephens, Maryborough

10am @ UCA Tiaro

EASTER SUNDAY

Sunday 9th April

9am @ St Stephens, Maryborough

Have you got a notice to share?

Submissions for inclusion in the April Bulletin end 22nd March 2023.

Minister's Message cont'd

For all his busyness, the Bible tells of how Jesus often took time out to climb a mountain or find a quiet place to spend time with God. It is in the quiet times with God, whether in stillness or in prayer that we may understand what a gift the Psalmist gives in his "Be still, and know that I am God." This is God reminding us that being still, connecting with God is important for us as we journey through the ups and downs of life. Being still with God is spiritual food for the soul.

There are many ups and downs in our world at the moment. People are dying unexpectedly, whether through an accident, at the hands of another, in a storm, or an earthquake. We may worry about all that we hear, see and read as the news is saturated with these events. It is at these times we may be comforted knowing that 'the Lord Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.' God protects us when we are struggling with what is happening in our lives, within our families, our communities or the world. God may not change our circumstances no matter how much we pray, but God can give us comfort so that we may feel more at peace with our circumstances. God lives in our hearts, helping protect us in our emotional struggles. This can give us strength to move forward no matter how slowly, safe in God's comforting love. For some of us surrendering to God can be a challenge, as can being still when there is quietness. There are many ways we can be still and spend time with God. Stillness doesn't necessarily mean no movement. We seek stillness of the mind. For some it may be playing a musical instrument and for others it may be listening to music, whilst some of us love the quietness of gardening or walking in nature.

What are your expectations as you journey with Jesus through Lent to Easter? We have a choice to make in this season. We can choose to join in the journey with Jesus, maybe spend some quiet time with God or, we can let the season pass us by and not participate in the journey at all. What will you do?

Blessings

Rev Delma Lovell

SYNOD PRAYER

Father God we are your pilgrim people, and we give thanks that you are with us as we travel- in every circumstance, in the light and in the shadow.

We pray for those who have been impacted by the tragic earthquakes in Syria and Turkey- the people who have died, their families and loved ones, emergency responders who are doing all they can in unimaginable difficulty, those who have survived and will need to grieve and rebuild and find a way forward.

We pray for leaders and aid agencies across the globe that they work with these communities to find the best ways to help and support.

Jesus, guide us today to do what we can- may we journey humbly and obediently and trust the path you place before us.

Synod prayer for February 2023

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

Note: stock image only

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.

Theme: 'Obstacles to Grace'

Christian Meditation Community Hervey Bay

invites you to a Quiet Day of reflection, meditation and discussion on

THE PATH TO PEACE; Peace that the World Cannot Give

on Saturday 11 March 2023 presented by

Kathryn Houston, *Director of the World Community for Christian Meditation.*



Time: 9am for 9.30am start - 3pm
Cost: Suggested donation \$10
Lunch: Please BYO snack lunch, thankyou
Where: Fraser Coast Anglican College Library
Doolong South Road, Wondunna QLD 4655

RSVP: and for further information please contact:

Sylvia Wright 0498 264 254 or
(07) 4125 6590 or
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LOOKING BACK:

From the Blue Nurses to BlueCare

On 24 August 1953 West End Methodist Mission in Brisbane started a Blue Nursing Service with just one nurse, Olive Crombie, who took a tram to visit a patient in their own home. From this small beginning, the service quickly spread across Queensland.

In 1977 Blue Nurses came under the umbrella of the newly formed Uniting Church in Australia. In 1999 the organisation was renamed 'Blue Care,' reflecting the expansion of the services they provided.

Today their people make more than three million visits each year, in 80 communities throughout Queensland. Along the way, their services have expanded to include aged care homes, disability supports, cleaning, transport, day respite and retirement living. What a wonderful milestone in 2023, celebrating 70 years of supporting people to live life in all its fullness.

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.



Date Claimers March 2023

World Day of Prayer 	Friday 3rd @ 9:30am World Day of Prayer Service – Salvation Army Maryborough
	Friday 3rd @ 3pm World Day of Prayer Service – Tiaro Uniting Church Hall
BREAKFAST MINISTRY	Tuesday 7th @ 6.00am Breakfast Ministry St. Paul's Anglican Hall
GIRLS BRIGADE 	Tuesday 7th @ 4.00pm Girls Brigade. Wesley Auditorium Cadets 4.00pm – 5.30pm. Upper Section 6.00 – 8.00 p.m.
	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 on that day.
BREAKFAST MINISTRY	Tuesday 14th @ 6.00am Breakfast Ministry St. Paul's Anglican Hall
GIRLS BRIGADE 	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 (Tiaro)
	Thursday 16th @ 3pm Chelsea Church Service
	To Be Advised – Leaders Council Meeting in St. Stephen's Church
GIRLS BRIGADE LEADERS 	To Be Advised - 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>
GIRLS BRIGADE 	Tuesday 21st @ 4.00pm Girls Brigade. Wesley Auditorium Cadets 4.00pm – 5.30pm. Upper Section 6.00 – 8.00 p.m.
BREAKFAST MINISTRY	Tuesday 28th @ 6.00am Breakfast Ministry St. Paul's Anglican Hall
GIRLS BRIGADE 	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
	Wednesday 8th @ 9:30am - 11:30am The Maryborough Neighbourhood Centre presents International Women's Day Morning Tea . FREE TO ATTEND. Bookings essential, call 4121 2141.
	Saturday 11th @ 9am - 3pm Christian Meditation Community Hervey Bay's quiet day reflecting on THE PATH TO PEACE; Peace that the World Cannot Give . See pg3 for details.
	Tuesday 28th @ 10:30 am Madcota Community Hub Brunch . Gold Coin Entry. Enjoy Tea, Coffee, Cakes and Sandwiches served by local high school students in air conditioned comfort.

WHAT'S ON

Do you know about an upcoming event which might belong in this community notice section?

Send your marketing request to ucamaryborough@gmail.com and it may be included if space allows.



Heritage Handmade Charity Market
3pm - 7pm
2nd Sunday of each month
333 Alice St.

All proceeds support the Madcota Community Hub
& Forever Safe Pet Rescue Inc.
For more information contact:
heritagehandmademarket@gmail.com



Free family fun @
GATAKERS CREATIVE SPACE

Take part in interactive projects by four Australian Artists as part of 'Superpowered on Tour', fun and engaging interactive projects for kids, developed by First Nations Australian artists in collaboration with the Queensland Art Gallery.

'QAGOMA's annual 'Kids on Tour' program provides this content free of charge to communities throughout Queensland.

Drop-in sessions, no bookings required