



Uniting Church in Australia

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

April 2023

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Our Vision

“Making Christ Visible”

SERVICES SUNDAY 2nd APRIL

Holy Communion

9.00am St. Stephen's Church - Rev. Delma

7.00pm UCA Tiaro Hall - Rev. Delma

READINGS:

Is 50:4-9a

Ps 31:9-16

Phil 2:5-11

Mt 26:14 – 27:66

or Mt 27:11-54

SERVICES GOOD FRIDAY (7th APRIL)

8.00am St. Stephen's Church - Rev. Delma

10.00am UCA Tiaro Hall - Rev. Delma

SERVICES EASTER SUNDAY (9th APRIL)

Holy Communion

9.00am St. Stephen's Church - Rev. Delma

READINGS:

Acts 10:34-43 or Jer 31:1-6

Ps 118:1-2,14-24

Col 3:1-4 or Acts 10:34-43

Jn 20:1-18

or Mt 28:1-10

SERVICES SUNDAY 16th APRIL

9.00am St. Stephen's Church - Rev. Delma

7.00pm UCA Tiaro Hall - Rev. Delma

READINGS:

Acts 2:14a, 22-32

Ps 16

1 Pt 1:3-9

Jn 20:19-31

SERVICES SUNDAY 23th APRIL

ANZAC Day Service

9.00am St. Stephen's Church – Maryan McGown

READINGS:

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

Ps 116:1-4, 12-19

1 Pt 1:17-23

Lk 24:13-35

SERVICE SUNDAY 30th APRIL

*** REJOICE * PRAISE * SING ***

9.00am St. Stephen's Church - Parish Service

READINGS:

Acts 2:42-47

Ps 23

1 Pt 2:19-25

Jn 10:1-10

Minister's Message



Dear Friends

Just as our bodies have many parts and each part has a special function, so it is with Christ's body. We are many parts of one body, and we all belong to each other. (Romans 12:4-5 NLT)

Have you ever heard the story of the minister who arrived at church on Sunday morning and said: "my apologies everyone, so much has happened this week and I just didn't have time to prepare a sermon." Well I'm feeling a bit like that this week, except I haven't quite run out of time to write my sermon...yet. It's Thursday night and I have almost run out of time to write something for the Bulletin. This can happen when it is one of my busier weeks and then there are extras like preparing to host Presbytery, writing something for the Bulletin, knowing I still must prepare three reports, write a sermon and read the Presbytery reports... Throw into the mix spending a few hours preparing a church service because no one else wants to do it, then having to spend time finding people to help lead the service whilst I'm away and things start going pear shaped.

Have you got a notice to share?

**Submissions for inclusion in the
May Bulletin end 25/4/23**

Welcome to a very small snapshot of my week. Sometimes there just aren't enough hours in the week to do all the things that need to be done to keep the wheels turning. Let's face facts: I have not been a fulltime minister for the past year. I now work one day a week in the UnitingCare Connect100 space, which means one day less to do all those other tasks for the Parish.

The thing is that when we can't get enough helpers, even for the smaller less time consuming, less physical things, it's the parish that suffers and God's kingdom diminishes. The light on the hill dims and fades away. We are many parts that make up the whole of the Parish and when we work together, all using our spiritual gifts, amazing things can happen as we work together under the command and authority of Jesus Christ. If you don't believe me, come and visit our Breakfast Ministry on a Tuesday morning and see our volunteers (most 60 to 80+) in action, cooking, serving, talking, cleaning and washing dishes in the heat, in the early morning and see the people who leave with a full stomach and a satisfied look on their faces. This is how discipleship can extend beyond the walls of the church into our community, 'making Christ visible.' Let us give thanks for all our volunteers who give of their time willingly and in so many ways and with a glad heart shining a light into the world. We are looking for more helpers for the roster on Sunday mornings and at Breakfast Ministry. Is there something you can do to help, even in a small way, that will lighten the load? Now... it's past my bedtime!

*God bless
Rev Delma*

Creator God,

As we continue this busy season of Lent, help us to make the time to be in thoughtful prayer,

For the world in which we live as we work together to make the planet a healthier place for all people,

For the people of the world as we raise our voices with people across the world in the world day of prayer,

For those we love that they may be made whole in all their brokenness,

For ourselves as we re-examine our own faith journey in light of the reconciling action of Christ on the cross.

May our Lenten journey be a journey of renewal in our ongoing relationship with our Redeemer and Sustainer,

Synod prayers are updated monthly on the QLD Synod website.

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

Amen



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.



Rev Delma will be taking annual leave from
17th April to 23rd April

*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; Denise Wilschut or Secretary; Diana
Collins.

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

Commemorating ANZAC Day

Chelsea Retirement Village,
Thursday 20th April at 3pm
&
St Stephens Church,
Sunday 23rd April at 9am

Do you have any Christian
BOOKS in BIG Print
(other than bibles and
children's books) that you
could donate to the Church
Library?

Some of our readers at the Chelsea
Retirement Village have been asking
for them. If you can help, please
talk to **Marie Gilmore, Ros Martin**
or **Diana Collins**.

Easter Services

6 April, Thursday

3:00pm Chelsea Retirement Village

7 April, Good Friday

8:00am St Stephen's Maryborough

10:00am UCA Tiaro Hall

9 April, Easter Sunday

9:00am St Stephen's Maryborough



1st April 2023

*Celebrating 1 year as part of the
UnitingCare Connect100 network!*

Did you know that our Parish committed to Rev
Delma's hours changing from fulltime for the
Parish to 4 days for the Parish and 1 day for
Connect100?

Connect100 focusses on strengthened connections
between the Parish and the UnitingCare entities in
Maryborough. To assist her with this change, the
Parish agreed in the Memorandum of
Understanding that Rev Delma will be released
from leading worship one Sunday a month.

As we enter into the second year, may the
relationships continue to grow and be
strengthened as we explore what God might be
doing in this space.



*** REJOICE * PRAISE * SING ***

April 30th 2023 from 9am
St Stephens Church





*A service of hymns and readings featuring the Organ,
Maryborough Brass & Helen. You are asked to bring a
friend or extra family Member.*

Date Claimers April 2023

BREAKFAST MINISTRY	Tuesday 4th @ 6.00am Breakfast Ministry St. Paul's Anglican Hall
	Thursday 6th @ 3pm Chelsea Easter Church Service (if planning to attend please contact Rev Delma – re numbers for COVID)
	Friday 7th Good Friday Services 8am @ St Stehpen's Maryborough & 10am @ UCA Tiaro Hall
	Sunday 9th @ 8am Easter Sunday Service 9am @ St Stehpen's Maryborough
	NO Parish Tea this month. Save the date; May 8th.
BREAKFAST MINISTRY	Tuesday 11th @ 6.00am Breakfast Ministry St. Paul's Anglican Hall
	Thursday 13th @ 1.30pm – 3pm MUCAF (Maryborough Uniting Church Adult Fellowship) Meeting
	Monday 17th @ 7.30pm Girls Brigade Leaders Meeting _ Wesley Auditorium
BREAKFAST MINISTRY	Tuesday 18th @ 6.00am Breakfast Ministry St. Paul's Anglican Hall
	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>
	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 ANZAC Day Church Service (with Maryan McGown) (if planning to attend please contact Rev Delma – re numbers for COVID)
	Monday 24th @ 4.30pm – Leaders Council Meeting in Wesley Auditorium.
BREAKFAST MINISTRY	Tuesday 25th @ 6.00am Breakfast Ministry St. Paul's Anglican Hall
	Wednesday 26th @ 12noon Submissions close with the Parish Office Secretary for inclusions to the May Bulletin, and for roster requests.
*REJOICE * PRAISE * SING *	Sunday 30th @ 9am A service of hymns and readings featuring the Organ, Maryborough Brass & Helen. You are asked to bring a friend or extra family Member.

Community Notices and Events

	Thursday 6th @ 9am - 11am St Paul's Anglican Parish presents OPEN CHURCH WITH MUSIC
	Wednesday 25th ANZAC DAY Dawn services throughout the region or Light up the Dawn at home. Go to https://www.frasercoast.qld.gov.au/anzac-day for more info.

School Holiday Fun for

Queensland Youth Week

In 2023 Fraser Coast Regional Council is collaborating with local youth services and agencies to host a jam-packed week of free fun activities!

DJ Pool Party - Maryborough Aquatic Centre,
Tuesday 11 April from noon - 4pm

Borough Beats - Anzac Park, Maryborough,
Friday 14 April from 4pm - 7pm

Day in the Park - Anzac Park, Maryborough,
Saturday 15 April from 10am - 2pm

Please note: Events are open for 12 to 25-year-olds. Parents and guardians are welcome to attend.
For full list of Fraser Coast events go to www.frasercoast.qld.gov.au/events/event/558/youth-week-2023



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