



**Uniting Church
in Australia**

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

Maryborough Parish Maryborough & Country Congregations

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Our Vision

“Making Christ Visible”

SERVICES Sunday 7th MAY

9.00am St. Stephen's Church - Rev Delma

7.00pm UCA Tiaro Hall - Rev Delma

READINGS: Acts 7:55-60 Ps 31:1-5, 15-16
1 Pt 2:2-10 Jn 14:1-14

SERVICES Sunday 14th MAY

9.00am St. Stephen's Church - Rev Delma

2.00pm Bauple Home Group – Rev Delma

6.00pm **SIMPLY WORSHIP.** Wesley Auditorium

READINGS: Acts 17:22-31 Ps 66:8-20
1 Pt 3:13-22 Jn 14:15-21

SERVICES Sunday 21st MAY

9.00am St. Stephen's Church - Rev Delma

7.00pm UCA Tiaro Hall - Rev Delma

READINGS: Acts 1:6-14 Ps 68:1-10, 32-35
1 Pt 4:12-14, 5:6-11 Jn 17:1-11

SERVICES Sunday 28th MAY *Pentecost*

9.00am St. Stephen's Church – Irene Leegwater

READINGS: Acts 2:1-21 Ps 104:24- 34, 35b
or Num 11:24-30 Jn 20:19-23
1 Cor 12:3b-13 or Acts 2:1-21 or Jn 7:37-39

Minister's Message



Dear Friends

There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same Spirit gives them. There are different ways of serving, but the same Lord is served. There are different abilities to perform service, but the same God gives ability to all for their particular service. The Spirit's presence is shown in some way in each person for the good of all.

(1 Corinthians 12:4-7 GNT)

We all have spiritual gifts. God has gifted each of us with different abilities that are to be used for the good of all. Often we can be blind to what our gifts are. We think we know ourselves well but we don't really. We can have blind spots to our gifts and to our weaknesses. I knew someone once who had decided that she must have been hiding when spiritual gifts were



SUNDAY
A CELEBRATION OF
OUR GLOBAL NEIGHBOURS

UnitingWorld
**End of Financial Year Appeal &
UnitingWorld Sunday:**

Did you know you can help create up to six times the impact helping to end poverty? UnitingWorld partners with churches in Asia, Africa and the Pacific, and is a valued partner of the Australian Government. The government has committed to contribute \$1 for every \$5 they receive from a designated Australian Aid grant – thus 'up to six times the impact'. You can give online <https://unitingworld.org.au/telefund/> or at UnitingWorld Sunday on 4 June at Maryborough and Tiaro.

handed out as she thought she only had one. Those who knew her well could see that she had a few more than one. It is easy to be down on ourselves, especially if we start comparing ourselves to others whose gifts may be so exceptional that they shine brightly out into the world. Perhaps we may think that our gifts aren't anything special, although the Bible tells us that each gift is important. Not everyone has the gift of hospitality, or preaching, or caring for others pastorally. Some do what others may consider the boring tasks of administration, attending meetings, making decisions, writing emails and reports, paying the bills, and do it willingly as they enjoy this type of work.

It is amazing that when you are using your spiritual gifts your heart will sing as you enjoy doing it so much, whereas when you are doing tasks just because they need to be done and nobody else wants to do them, you may not feel joyful at all and actually complain and grumble your way through, zapping the joy right out of you. What are the things you do in life that put a zing in your step, a smile on your face, and joy in your heart? These are the things that are lifegiving and fill your spiritual cup to overflowing. Just be warned though that when it overflows, there is the risk that it will spill into the lives of the people you spend time with, whether for a moment or a lifetime. This is the Holy Spirit breaking into the world, changing it forever.

We have left Lent behind for another year and by the end of May we will leave the Easter season behind. On 28 May Pentecost will once again burst into our lives. This can be a time of renewal if we let it. Jesus' disciples stood huddled in the locked room when he suddenly appeared to them, *took a deep breath and breathed into them*, "Receive the Holy Spirit" (John 20: 23 The Message) and their lives were changed forever. Will you let Pentecost pass you by, or will you risk letting the Holy Spirit enter into your life, beckoning you to use those God given gifts? Perhaps someone who knows you well might be able to point out to you what some of your gifts are so you can share them with the world for the common good, helping to create a piece of heaven right here on Earth.

Blessings * Rev Delma Lovell



UNITING CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA
Maryborough Parish

REPORT ON 23 JANUARY 2023 MEETING OF LEADERS COUNCIL

Approval was given for the following:

- A friendship and activities group to be set up as a sub-group of MUCAF to meet weekly commencing from 2 May 2023.
- Key lock boxes to be located at the Church and Wesley Auditorium for use, as required, by one-off hirers of the building.
- From next year, the presentation of offering envelopes to be altered to save on printing costs.
- Pest control treatment to occur at the Tiaro Hall.
- Irene Leegwater to be the internal auditor of church group financial records for the six months' ending June 2023. Thereafter financial records will be audited on a financial year basis.
- An appeal for items for the Yoorana Women's Shelter to be conducted during May 2023.

Diana Collins. Leaders Council Secretary

**Submissions for inclusion in the
June Bulletin close 24th May.**

REPORTS for ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

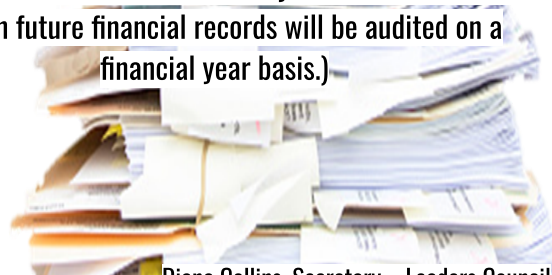
Due 18 JUNE 2023

It is time for our groups to reflect on what has happened or not happened over the past 18 months.

All secretaries/leaders of all Church groups need to prepare and forward **reports for the period January 2022 – June 2023** to the Church Office by 18 June 2023 for publication and presentation at the UCA Maryborough Parish annual meeting to be held on 23 July 2023.

Reports should preferably be emailed as a Word document to ucamaryborough@gmail.com.

Relevant groups must also have their financial records ready for auditing for the period 1 January –30 June 2023 as soon as possible after the end of June, for review by Leaders Council. (Their financial records have already been audited and found to be satisfactory for the 2022 calendar year. In future financial records will be audited on a financial year basis.)



Diana Collins. Secretary – Leaders Council

Bring along your Craft projects to work on.

Drop in Anytime between 9:30am & 12 noon.

Initial morning tea provided; can bring a plate.

Learn a new card game.

Stay as long as you like.

Explore new ideas & hobbies

Play Scrabble, Crib, Cluedo & other Games

Join us for a chat! Make some new friends.

Have fun with Jigsaws, puzzles, colouring etc.

"Chatty Tuesdays"
Commencing on **Tuesday 2nd May.**
in **Wesley Auditorium**
St. Stephens Uniting Church,
Sussex Street, Maryborough
From: 9:30am to 12 noon.

"Making Christ Visible"

All Welcome!

For more information contact
Irene Leegwater on 0408 068 194 or
Fay Blackshaw on 0407 812 914.



UnitingCare Connect100

Have you ever wondered what part you can play in reconnecting our church with UnitingCare in your local community? It may be as simple as considering Lifeline Retail shops when you have items you no longer require or exploring Blue Care day respite or community services in your home. There are so many ways we can individually support UnitingCare and their staff and volunteers. Perhaps next time you see someone in a Blue Care uniform you can give them a smile, say hello and let them know what a valuable difference they make to our community.



Save the Date

2nd Maryborough Girls' Brigade Company

MONSTER CHRISTMAS TOMBOLA

Nov 18th 2023 from 11.30am
Wesley Auditorium

Maryborough Regional **ARTS** Council Inc.

Maryborough Regional Arts Council Inc. presents
A Harp & Flute Recital
in St Stephens Church
Thursday 21st May @ 2pm
\$35pp, or \$30 for members, or \$20 for students.
Tickets at the door.

YOORANA WOMEN'S SHELTER VOLUNTEER POSITION

Yoorana Women's Shelter are looking for a volunteer for about **10 hours a week to assist in the coordination and organization of donations** for the families.

For further information, contact Tanya Sanders, Service Manager, ph 41222218 or 0407221280, or email manager@yoorana.com.au

With thanks
Diana Collins

APPEAL FOR YOORANA WOMEN'S SHELTER

During the month of May, an Appeal will be conducted to collect the following items that members of the congregations may wish to donate to the Yoorana Women's Shelter in Maryborough.

The Shelter has new families arriving and there is a need for:

- Face washers
- New or good condition Single/double bed blankets & doonas
- Shampoo & Conditioner – suitable for mothers or for children.

Note: They have adequate supplies of other types of toiletries.

Donations can be placed in a large plastic box located in the Library in Wesley Auditorium, or delivered to the Church Office.



With thanks
Diana Collins





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



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 May 2023

BREAKFAST MINISTRY	Tuesday 2nd @ 6.00am Breakfast Ministry St. Paul's Anglican Hall
	Tuesday 2nd @ 9.30am Come along to our <u>new group</u> "Chatty Tuesdays" in the Wesley Auditorium. See p3 for details.
GIRLS BRIGADE 	Tuesday 2nd Girls Brigade Cadets 4pm–5.30pm / Upper Section 6pm-8pm. Wesley Auditorium
	Monday 8th @ 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 9th @ 6.00am Breakfast Ministry St. Paul's Anglican Hall
	Tuesday 9th @ 9.30am "Chatty Tuesdays". Wesley Auditorium. See p3 for details.
GIRLS BRIGADE 	Tuesday 9th Girls Brigade Cadets 4pm–5.30pm / Upper Section 6pm-8pm. Wesley Auditorium
GIRLS BRIGADE LEADERS 	Monday 15th @ 7.30pm Girls Brigade Leaders Meeting _ Wesley Auditorium
BREAKFAST MINISTRY	Tuesday 16th @ 6.00am Breakfast Ministry St. Paul's Anglican Hall
	Tuesday 16th @ 9.30am "Chatty Tuesdays". Wesley Auditorium. See p3 for details.
	Tuesday 16th @ 9.30am BOOKS 'n COFFEE _ Wesley Auditorium <i>Join us as we share a cuppa with "Chatty Tuesdays" before discussions on our reading.</i>
GIRLS BRIGADE 	Tuesday 16th Girls Brigade Cadets 4pm–5.30pm / Upper Section 6pm-8pm. Wesley Auditorium
CHURCHES of CHRIST 	Thursday 18th @ 9am Petrie Gardens Fellowship (Tiara)
BOLTON CLARKE 	Thursday 18th @ 3pm Chelsea Retirement Village Church Service
	Saturday 20th @ 9am for a 9.30am start FUN, FRIENDSHIP, FOOD at our Fellowship Morning Tea @ Homewares from Everywhere. RSVP by 14th May. Contact Robyn Lowe Ph: 0457 916 258 or email: robyn109@tpg.com.au
	Monday 22nd @ 4.30pm – Leaders Council Meeting in Wesley Auditorium.
BREAKFAST MINISTRY	Tuesday 23rd @ 6.00am Breakfast Ministry St. Paul's Anglican Hall
	Tuesday 23rd @ 9.30am "Chatty Tuesdays". Wesley Auditorium. See p3 for details.
GIRLS BRIGADE 	Tuesday 23rd Girls Brigade Cadets 4pm–5.30pm / Upper Section 6pm-8pm. Wesley Auditorium
Submissions	Wednesday 24th @ 12 noon Bulletin and Roster submissions close (Parish Office Secretary)
BREAKFAST MINISTRY	Tuesday 30th @ 6.00am Breakfast Ministry St. Paul's Anglican Hall
	Tuesday 30th @ 9.30am "Chatty Tuesdays". Wesley Auditorium. See p3 for details.
GIRLS BRIGADE 	Tuesday 30th Girls Brigade Cadets 4pm–5.30pm / Upper Section 6pm-8pm. Wesley Auditorium

Community Notices and Events

	On now until 4 th June Simply Stitches an exhibition by the Maryborough Heritage City Embroiderers @ Gatakers Artspace
	Thursday 4 th May @ 9.30am - 11 am St Paul's Anglican Parish presents OPEN CHURCH WITH MUSIC
	Thursday 11 th (to 13 th) May from 7.30am-4pm Lifeline Bookfest @ Maryborough Showgrounds
	Thursday 21 st May @ 2pm Maryborough Regional Arts Council Inc. A Harp & Flute Recital in St Stephens Church. \$35pp, or \$30 for members, or \$20 for students. Tickets at the door.
	Thursday 25 th & Friday 26 th May from 6am - 10pm Fraser Coast Agriculture Show 2023 @ Maryborough Showgrounds
	Saturday 3 rd June The 10th annual Relish Food & Wine Festival Portside Precinct & Queen's Park. Go to https://relishfrasercoast.com.au/ for details

