

Uniting Church in Australia

Maryborough Parish

Maryborough, Tiaro & Bauple Congregations

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Uniting in Christ
Acting with Love
Living with Hope
Witnessing in Faith
Working for Justice



June 2023

Making Christ Visible

SERVICES SUNDAY 4th June

UnitingWorld Sunday

9.00am St. Stephen's Church - Don & Sylvia Wright
& Rev Delma

7.00pm UCA Tiaro Hall - Don & Sylvia Wright
& Rev Delma

READINGS: Gn 1:1 – 2:4a Ps 8
2 Cor 13:11-13 Mt 28:16-20

SERVICES SUNDAY 11th June

9.00am St. Stephen's Church - Rev Delma

2.00pm Bauple Home Group – Rev Delma

6.00pm **SIMPLY WORSHIP.** Wesley Auditorium
Simply for Love'

READINGS: Gn 12:1-9, Ps 33:1-12
Rom 4:13-25 Mt 9:9-13, 18-26

SERVICES SUNDAY 18th June

9.00am St. Stephen's Church - Rev Delma

7.00pm UCA Tiaro Hall - Rev Delma

READINGS: Gn 18:1-15, Ps 116:1-2, 12-19
(21:1-7) Mt 9:35-10:8, (9-23)
Rom 5:1-8

SERVICES SUNDAY 25th June

9.00am St. Stephen's Church – Rev Delma

READINGS: Gn 21:8-21 or Ps 86: 1-10, 16-17
Rom 6:1b-11 Mt 10:24-39



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.

Have you got a notice to share?

Submissions for inclusion in the
July Bulletin end 28th June.

Minister's Message



Dear Friends

Call me "the Quester." I've been king over Israel in Jerusalem. I looked most carefully into everything, searched out all that is done on this earth. And let me tell you, there's not much to write home about. God hasn't made it easy for us. I've seen it all and it's nothing but smoke - smoke, and spitting into the wind. Life's a corkscrew that can't be straightened, A minus that won't add up. I said to myself, "I know more and I'm wiser than anyone before me in Jerusalem. I've stockpiled wisdom and knowledge." What I've finally concluded is that so-called wisdom and knowledge are mindless and witless - nothing but spitting into the wind. Much learning earns you much trouble. The more you know, the more you hurt." (Ecclesiastes 1:12-18 The Message)

I have been reminded lately about a song my Dad would sometimes sing when things kept happening that impacted his life and the world around him called 'Life gets tee-jus (tedious) don't it?' (Written by Carson Robison, also sung by Hank Williams and Tex Morton.) Sometimes life throws some curve balls or as the author of Ecclesiastes terms it in Eugene Peterson's translation: Life's a corkscrew that can't be straightened. Perhaps, just perhaps, life isn't meant to be something that we traverse easily or smoothly. We are always going to have times of

turmoil and upheaval, rough seas, when all we want are smooth seas with plain sailing. Life is meant to live and when we live we will have times of sorrow and pain.

I am reminded in the Quester's moaning's that when we read the paper or Facebook posts or watch the news on TV it can be that *'The more you know, the more you hurt.'* The news has been filled of late with tragic car accidents, youth crime, stealing of property and cars and even Police being injured in their line of duty. It may seem that the world around us is in chaos and there is nothing good in it. It has been questioned through the ages as to whether this book should have been included in the Bible with its focus on the meaning of life, motives for behaviour and where God fits in our personal lives and the Church's mission in the world. What I like about the book of is that when I read the above passage, I can very much relate to it as it could have been written by someone today. When we read a passage such as this we may relate it to our own lives, but Eugene Peterson points out that the Quester is pastorally evaluating the state of religion in his time. He sums it up by using the Hebrew word translated to *smoke*. The Hebrew word connotes what is visible but unsubstantial, momentary, but without meaning whilst the word *smoke* can mean futility, spuriousness, illusion, or fraud.

When we get caught up in what we see as the state of the world around us, we can miss those everyday moments that show us that the world is a wonderful place to live. God has created an awesome world and we are blessed to be able to spend time in it. It is in the small everyday things that, if we have the eyes to see, we can see God working in the world. James 1:17 says: *Every desirable and beneficial gift comes out of heaven. The gifts are rivers of light cascading down from the Father of Light.* Every good thing, if traced back far enough, leads to the generous hand of God. It is good to give thanks and praise to a God who loves us through the tough times when we might forget that we are loved, we are forgiven and God is with us.

*God bless
Rev Delma*



UNITING CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA
MARYBOROUGH PARISH

REPORT ON 22 MAY 2023 MEETING OF LEADERS COUNCIL

Approval was given for the following:

- **Rev Delma to take annual leave from Tuesday, 27 June to Monday, 3 July 2023.**
- **Installation of wall fans in Tiaro Hall.**
- **Annual Congregation Meetings to be held on 19 November 2023.**

Diana Collins
Leaders Council Secretary

Congregation News

A message from the Puller Family

The time has come for us to say goodbye to Maryborough.

We are relocating to Kureelpa which is in the mountain range heading into Mapleton from Nambour. A stunning location.

Our new address is:

*24 Murray Grey Drive
Kureelpa. 4560*

Email: njpuller2@bigpond.com

If you are in this region at any time, please contact us for a catch up.

Noel and Julaine Puller



*You are Invited to a
Special Presentation.*

**The Combined
Brisbane & Bundaberg
Male Voice Choir**

**PERFORMING SATURDAY
17TH JUNE 2023, 2.30PM
AT ST STEPHENS
UNITING CHURCH
25 SUSSEX STREET
MARYBOROUGH**

Hosted by UCA Maryborough Parish
Contact for information-
Office Secretary: ucamaryborough@gmail.com
0402 425 340
Office Hours: 9am-12pm, Wednesday – Friday

FREE ADMISSION
Donations will be taken to cover Expenses

Reminder

REPORTS for ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
Due 18 JUNE 2023

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.

Diana Collins, Secretary – Leaders Council



Our church is a drop off point for your bottles and cans, with 10c / item contributed to support the work of the church.



Seniors' Expo 2023

Expressions of Interest

The MADCOTA Community Hub is seeking commitment from interested clubs, groups and organisations serving Seniors in our Community, for their Senior Services Expo

October 10th 2023

as part of QLD Seniors' Month.

To secure a space for your organization, contact secretary@madcota.com.au using the subject line "SSE2023"



Save the Date

2nd Maryborough Girls' Brigade Company
MONSTER CHRISTMAS TOMBOLA

Nov 18th 2023 from 11.30am, Wesley Auditorium



UnitingCare Connect100

Blue Care 70 years celebrations Date Claimers:

This year we join with UnitingCare and Blue Care to celebrate and reflect on the origin of Blue Care. Rev Arthur Preston, superintendent minister of the West End Methodist Mission, and Sister Olive Crombie, the first nurse for the Blue Nursing Service started the Blue Nurses in 1953.

Our local celebration activities are as follows:

Blue Care 70 Years Celebration Church Service:

Date: Sunday 27 August 2023

Time: 9:00am

Venue: St Stephens Church

Blue Care 70 Years Celebration Community Morning Tea:

Date: Wednesday 30 August 2023

Time: 9:30am to 11:30am

Venue: Wesley Auditorium

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 June 2023

BREAKFAST MINISTRY	Tuesday 6th @ 6.00am Breakfast Ministry St. Paul's Anglican Hall
	Tuesday 6th @ 9.30am "Chatty Tuesdays". Wesley Auditorium.
GIRLS BRIGADE 	Tuesday 6th @ 4.00pm Girls Brigade. Wesley Auditorium Cadets 4.00pm – 5.30pm. Upper Section 6.00 – 8.00 p.m.
	Thursday 8th @ 1.30pm – 3pm MUCAF (Maryborough Uniting Church Adult Fellowship) Meeting
	Monday 12th @ 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.
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CHURCHES of CHRIST  Petrie Gardens Tiaro	Thursday 15th @ 9am Petrie Gardens Worship (Tiaro)
	Thursday 15th @ 3pm Chelsea Church Service with Irene Leegwater
GIRLS BRIGADE LEADERS 	Monday 19th @ 6.30pm Girls Brigade Leaders Meeting _ Wesley Auditorium
BREAKFAST MINISTRY	Tuesday 20th @ 6.00am Breakfast Ministry St. Paul's Anglican Hall
	Tuesday 20th @ 9.30am "Chatty Tuesdays". Wesley Auditorium.
	Tuesday 20th @ 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 20th @ 4.00pm Girls Brigade. Wesley Auditorium Cadets 4.00pm – 5.30pm. Upper Section 6.00 – 8.00 p.m.
LEADERS COUNCIL	Monday 26th @ 4.30pm – Leaders Council Meeting in Wesley Auditorium.
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Community Notices and Events

	Thursday 1st @ 9.30am - 11am St Paul's Anglican Parish presents OPEN CHURCH WITH MUSIC
	Saturday 3rd June 10th annual Relish Food & Wine Festival Portside Precinct & Queen's Park. Go to https://relishfrasercoast.com.au/ for details
	From Friday 9th June to 23rd July @ Gatakers Art Space 150th Anniversary of Maryborough Trains
	Saturday 17th @ 2.30pm The Brisbane Festival Male Voice Choir Inc. performing in St Stephen's Church

July advance Date Claimers

	Sunday 2nd July from 9am Mary Poppins Festival . Free Entry. For more information go to www.marypoppinsfestival.com.au .
	2nd - 9th July NAIDOC Week This year's theme is FOR OUR ELDERS! For more details go to https://www.facebook.com/naidocfrasercoast/?view_public_for=177946129262565
ANNUAL MEETING	23rd July Annual Parish Meeting following church service

UnitingCare Connect100 Celebrating 70 yrs of Blue Care in August

	Sunday 27th August from 9am Blue Care 70 Years Celebration Church Service in St Stephens Church
	Wednesday 30th August 9:30am - 11:30am Blue Care 70 Years Celebration Community Morning Tea in Wesley Auditorium. Contact ucamaryborough@gmail.com for more information.

