



The Uniting Church in Australia  
QUEENSLAND SYNOD

## MARYBOROUGH PARISH

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# OCTOBER '23

## SERVICES SUNDAY 1st October

*Elder Persons' Sunday*

9.00am St. Stephen's Church - Rev Delma  
Tiaro- No Service

READINGS: Ex 17:1-7 Ps 78:1-4, 12-15  
Pth 2:1-13 Mt 21:23-32

## SERVICES SUNDAY 8th October

9.00am St. Stephen's Church - Rev Delma  
2.00pm Bauple Home Group – Rev Delma  
6.00pm **SIMPLY WORSHIP** Wesley Auditorium  
**SING WITH JOY TO THE LORD**

READINGS: Ex 20:1-4 Ps 19  
7:8, 12-28  
Pth 3:45-14 Mt 21:33-46

## SERVICES SUNDAY 15th October

*Mental Health Week Sunday*

9.00am St. Stephen's Church - Rev Delma  
Tiaro- Time & venue to be confirmed

READINGS: Ex 32:1-14 Ps 106:1-4, 18-23  
Pth 4:1-8 Mt 22:1-14

## SERVICES SUNDAY 22nd October

*Hymn Service*

9.00am St. Stephen's Church – Robyn Lowe

READINGS: Ex 33:12-23 Ps 99  
1 Thes 1:1-10 Mt 22:15-22

## SERVICE SUNDAY 29th October

### PARISH SERVICE

*2nd Maryborough Girls' Brigade Parade*

9.00am St. Stephen's Church -Rev Delma

READINGS: Dt 34:1-12 Ps 90:1-4; 13-17  
1 Thes 2:1-8 Mt 22:34-46

## Minister's Message

### Dear Friends

*Is anyone crying for help? God is listening, ready to rescue you.*

*If your heart is broken, you'll find God right there; if you're kicked in the gut, he'll help you catch your breath. Disciples so often get into trouble; still, God is there every time.*

(Psalm 34:17-19 The Message)

Who or what do you turn to in times of troubles or disappointment? We might turn to family or friends or fellow Christians or sometimes to some of the pleasures in life like food or drink to help us get through. We all have different ways of coping when something happens that causes us distress. When a crisis extends over many months or years, it can also impact our mental health.

Queensland's Mental Health Week runs from 7-15 October and during that week we will be 'UnitingFor Mental Health,' joining with Uniting Church agencies to have a presence at the Maryborough Markets and our church service on 15 October will have a mental health focus. You may know people who are struggling and crying out for help. Sometimes we may not even think to bring these matters before God. We can so easily forget in the busyness of life that God is listening and ready to help us through these times. We are not alone, God is beside us, encouraging us to be hopeful for the future.

At times we can be surrounded by multiple things that affect us deeply and we might struggle to catch our breath. We can feel overwhelmed with having to wait for decisions to be made, with outcomes not always what we might hope for. It is in the awfulness and painfulness of life that we draw comfort from the psalmist's: "If your heart is broken, you'll find God right there." Do you look for God in the life situations you find yourself in?

Have you got a notice to share?

Submissions for inclusion in the  
November Bulletin end 25/10/23

As a parish, we feel the pain for the members of Tiaro as their hall is temporarily closed and a discernment commenced on a path ahead for the building. Decisions will be made for a temporary place of worship. We can make life responses using the lyrics of a well-known song that says: "The church is not a building, the church is not a steeple, the church is not a resting-place, the church is a people! I am the church! You are the church! We are the church together! (TIS 467)" But this doesn't take away the pain of a decision like this. This can be seen as akin to losing our home. The church building can feel like a home. A place of welcome. A place where we belong. It's not easy to lose a building as it creates anxiety and there are lots of questions as to "What do we do next?" "Where can we go?" "How will church feel like in a different building?" Let us support each other through our times of trouble and heartache no matter what that might be for each of us. This is the church at its best when we surround those who are hurting with our love and support. This is what Jesus asks of us. God is there every time we are hurting. Let us be the presence of God in our world. We can make God's presence feel more real.

God bless  
Rev Delma



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## REPORT on Meeting of LEADERS COUNCIL 25 September 2023

Approval was given for the following:

- **Temporary closure of Tiaro Church Hall and investigation of an alternative worship venue.** Leaders Council had become aware that there may be structural issues with the Hall and a structural engineer's assessment of the building was commissioned. It recommended that before further use of the Hall, significant work needs to be carried out: jack up the building to shift it laterally to make the building square; re-level the stump supports; replace all internal Masonite wall sheets damaged by termites; replace several badly eroded steps/ramp treads. Costs incurred so far: termite treatment \$2511; structural engineer's report \$2800, making a total of \$5311 ex GST. The building is no longer considered safe and has been closed on the advice of Synod Insurance & Risk. Rev Delma will work with Tiaro members to identify a suitable location for worship. Leaders Council will enter into a period of discernment as to the path ahead.
- **Repair of a box gutter and surrounding roofing at Wesley Auditorium.**
- **Development of a Volunteer form for special events** to be completed by those volunteers who only assist at those events eg set up for a Tombola. This information is required for insurance purposes.
- **An Event Attendance database** will be maintained by the Church Office to record the attendance numbers for Parish related events (excluding meetings) that have occurred during the month, commencing from October 2023. These numbers are required for public liability insurance purposes. Co-ordinators of events will be required to provide the attendance numbers to the Church Office Secretary.
- **Study leave** for Rev Delma on 23-24 November 2023.
- **Program planning by Girls Brigade for its Tombola** to be held on 18 November in Wesley Auditorium.

Other matters discussed included:

- The use of the Blue Card Portal as an administration tool to check the status of those volunteers who are associated with the Parish's Children's Ministry, ie Girls Brigade. Volunteers can apply/reapply in paper form or on-line but must present their Blue Cards to the Church Office to check that they are linked to the Parish.
- We are awaiting the outcome of an inspection of suspected hail damage to the roof of St Stephen's Church.
- There are early positive responses to the invitation to participate in the Festival of Christmas Trees approved to be held from 30 th November to 3 rd December. Parish groups are encouraged to advise the Church Office Secretary as soon as possible regarding their participation in the Festival. Publicity for the event is planned for the start of November.

Diana Collins \* Leaders Council Secretary

## ANNUAL CONGREGATION MEETINGS

The Annual Congregation Meetings for both City and Country Congregations will be held on **SUNDAY, 19 NOVEMBER 2023**, at the conclusion of their services. Congregations will be asked to fill vacant positions for Leaders for 2024 (in accordance with the Leadership Structure adopted by the Congregations on 18/9/23). Leaders appointed by the Congregations who serve on Leaders Council are the Elders and Congregation Chairs.

### COUNTRY CONGREGATION –

Positions to be voted on are:

- Chair of Congregation
- Secretary of Congregation
- Elder

### CITY CONGREGATION –

Positions to be voted on are:

- Chair of Congregation
- Secretary of Congregation

NOTE: LEADERS whose terms will continue throughout 2024 are:

CITY CONGREGATION: Elders

Denise Wilshut,  
Marion Tappenden,  
Ros Martin,  
Diana Collins.

PARISH PRESBYTERY REPRESENTATIVE:

Maryann McGowan

### NOMINATION FORMS

- Available from Sunday 1st October or email copies can be requested from the Church Office.
- Must be returned to the Church Office no later than **Wednesday 25th October 2023**.

Please prayerfully consider these roles and if you have queries, please talk to Leaders Council Chair Denise Wilshut, Leaders Council Secretary, Diana Collins, or Rev Delma Lovell.



Raising funds to assist 2nd Maryborough Girls' Brigade Company — a Christian Youth Group for girls aged Prep to Year 12



## MONSTER

# CHRISTMAS TOMBOLA

**SATURDAY 18 NOVEMBER 2023**

**NEW LOCATION**

**UNITING CHURCH HALL - WESLEY AUDITORIUM**



**21 SUSSEX STREET MARYBOROUGH**



Doors open at 11.30am First Call at 1pm



Snacks, Light Lunch & drinks  
from 11.30am



**Rev Delma will be absent** while attending the 37th Synod in Session from

**Saturday 21 to Tuesday 24 October.**

Although she will be accessing her messages and email whilst she is away, for general church matters you can contact Leaders Council Chair, Denise Wilschut or Secretary, Dana Collins.

## Uniting Church Mental Health Forum Maryborough

(A Connect100 activity of our Parish):

When you visit the markets during Mental Health Week, please drop in, join in some activities and say hello to the representatives from UnitingCare (Family & Disability Services, Prison Ministry, StandBy, Gambling Help, Financial Counselling), Lifeline (Crisis Support, Lifeline Training, Farmer to Lifeline Farmer, DV-Alert), BlueCare, Headspace, and UCA Maryborough (2nd Maryborough Girls' Brigade) to see what the Uniting Church does to support the people of Maryborough.

When:

Thursday 12 October 2023  
from 7:00am to 12 noon



**7-15 October 2023**

Where:

Maryborough Markets  
Maryborough City Hall Green,  
Cnr Adelaide St & Kent St, Maryborough



**\*REJOICE\*PRAISE\*STING\*** on 25th November from 6pm

### AUGUST BREAKFAST MINISTRY APPEAL

Thankyou to all the congregation members for their generosity during the August Breakfast Ministry Appeal. The result has been:

- \$430.00
- 29 packets of rolled oats
- 18 tins of baked beans.

While donations of cash and baked beans were down on last year, rolled oats was way up!

**Thank You so much for your support which enables this Ministry to serve Christ through serving our community.**

Marion Tappenden, Breakfast Ministry Coordinator

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

## Introducing... The 2023 Festival of Christmas Trees

We've invited 37 of our parish groups, hall hirers and the organisations who make up the Connect100 network to display their interpretation of a Christmas Tree. Save the date and help us celebrate the Christmas Season with a festive visual representation of all the ways in UCA Maryborough parish serves and contributes to the local community.



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**2023**

## FESTIVAL OF CHRISTMAS TREES

30<sup>th</sup> November – 3<sup>rd</sup> December

A celebration of the Christmas season featuring a variety of interpretations of a Christmas Tree from the traditional to the unique.

St Stephen's Hall  
21 Sussex St, Maryborough




Thursday (Nov 30 <sup>th</sup> )	1:30pm – 4:30pm
Friday (Dec 1 <sup>st</sup> )	1:30pm – 4:30pm
Saturday (Dec 2 <sup>nd</sup> )	11am – 4pm
Sunday (Dec 3 <sup>rd</sup> )	11am – 3pm

Entry gold-coin donation  
Children 12yo & under free







Our Church is a drop off point for your cans and plastic bottles as we are already registered to recycle 32c an item.




## Date Claimers October 2023

 <b>BREAKFAST MINISTRY</b>	<b>Tuesday 3rd @ 6.00am</b> Breakfast Ministry St. Paul's Anglican Hall
 <b>Chatty Tuesdays</b>	<b>Tuesday 3rd @ 9.30am</b> "Chatty Tuesdays". Wesley Auditorium.
 <b>GIRLS BRIGADE</b>	<b>Tuesday 3rd @ 4.00pm</b> Girls Brigade. Wesley Auditorium Cadets 4.00pm – 5.30pm. Upper Section 6.00 – 8.00 p.m.
 <b>RECALLING MEMORIES</b>	<b>Recommencing Monday 9th @ 5.30pm</b> Parish Tea at Maryborough RSL 47 <sup>th</sup> 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.
 <b>BREAKFAST MINISTRY</b>	<b>Tuesday 10th @ 6.00am</b> Breakfast Ministry St. Paul's Anglican Hall
 <b>Chatty Tuesdays</b>	<b>Tuesday 10th @ 9.30am</b> "Chatty Tuesdays". Wesley Auditorium.
 <b>GIRLS BRIGADE</b>	<b>Tuesday 10th @ 4.00pm</b> Girls Brigade. Wesley Auditorium Cadets 4.00pm – 5.30pm. Upper Section 6.00 – 8.00 p.m.
 <b>GIRLS BRIGADE LEADERS</b>	<b>Monday 16th @ 6.30pm</b> Girls Brigade Leaders Meeting _ Wesley Auditorium
 <b>BREAKFAST MINISTRY</b>	<b>Tuesday 17th @ 6.00am</b> Breakfast Ministry St. Paul's Anglican Hall
 <b>Chatty Tuesdays</b>	<b>Tuesday 17th @ 9.30am</b> "Chatty Tuesdays". Wesley Auditorium.
 <b>BOOKS 'n COFFEE</b>	<b>Tuesday 17th @ 9.30am</b> BOOKS 'n COFFEE _ Wesley Auditorium <i>Join us every 3rd Tuesday for a chat, a cuppa and to share discussions on our reading.</i>
 <b>GIRLS BRIGADE</b>	<b>Tuesday 17th @ 4.00pm</b> Girls Brigade. Wesley Auditorium Cadets 4.00pm – 5.30pm. Upper Section 6.00 – 8.00 p.m.
 <b>Chelsea Church Service</b>	<b>Thursday 19th @ 3pm</b> Chelsea Church Service (if planning to attend please contact Rev Deima)
 <b>Leaders Council Meeting</b>	<b>Monday 23rd @ 4.30pm</b> – Leaders Council Meeting in Wesley Auditorium.
 <b>BREAKFAST MINISTRY</b>	<b>Tuesday 24th @ 6.00am</b> Breakfast Ministry St. Paul's Anglican Hall
 <b>Chatty Tuesdays</b>	<b>Tuesday 24th @ 9.30am</b> "Chatty Tuesdays". Wesley Auditorium.
 <b>GIRLS BRIGADE</b>	<b>Tuesday 24th @ 4.00pm</b> Girls Brigade. Wesley Auditorium Cadets 4.00pm – 5.30pm. Upper Section 6.00 – 8.00 p.m.
 <b>BREAKFAST MINISTRY</b>	<b>Tuesday 31st @ 6.00am</b> Breakfast Ministry St. Paul's Anglican Hall
 <b>Chatty Tuesdays</b>	<b>Tuesday 31st @ 9.30am</b> "Chatty Tuesdays". Wesley Auditorium.
 <b>GIRLS BRIGADE</b>	<b>Tuesday 31st @ 4.00pm</b> Girls Brigade. Wesley Auditorium Cadets 4.00pm – 5.30pm. Upper Section 6.00 – 8.00 p.m.

## Community Notices and Events

 <b>Anglican</b>	<b>Thursday 12th @ 9.30am - 11am</b> St Paul's Anglican Parish presents <b>OPEN CHURCH WITH MUSIC</b>
 <b>ST MARY'S</b>	<b>Sunday 15th @ 10am-</b> St Mary's Catholic Parish's <b>Multicultural Celebration</b> . Come dressed in the traditions of your heritage, bring your national flag &/or a plate of regional delicacies to share after the service. Photography is welcome.
 <b>Albert Street Uniting Church</b>	<b>Friday 20 October @ 7:00pm</b> at Albert Street Uniting Church – induction of Rev Bruce Moore as Moderator.
 <b>Alexandra Park Conference Centre</b>	<b>Saturday 21 October to Tuesday 24 October</b> – 37th Synod in Session at Alexandra Park Conference Centre. Theme: <b>'Renewal – faith for a new season'</b> .

## November advance Date Claimers

 <b>NOVEMBER NOEL</b>	<b>November Noel Saturday 25th November @ 6pm</b> in St Stephens Church. Join us & * REJOICE * PRAISE * SING *
 <b>CONCERT</b>	Maryborough Choral Society presents <i>Singin' Bout Love</i> . Sunday 12th November @ the Brolga Theatre @ 2pm. Admission \$20pp.
 <b>FESTIVAL OF CHRISTMAS TREES</b>	<b>2023 Festival of Christmas Trees</b> from 30th November to 3rd December_ various times. A celebration of the season showcasing UCA Maryborough, our hall hirers and the Connect100 network.