



Uniting Church in Australia

Maryborough Parish

Maryborough, Tiaro & Bauple Congregations

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August '23



Making Christ Visible

SERVICES SUNDAY 6th August

9.00am St. Stephen's Church - Rev Delma

7.00pm UCA Tiaro Hall - Rev Delma

READINGS: Gn 22:1-14 Ps 13
Rom 8:12-23 Mt 10:40-42

SERVICES SUNDAY 13th August

Breakfast Ministry Focus Sunday

9.00am St. Stephen's Church - Rev Delma & Marion Tappenden

2.00pm Bauple Home Group - Rev Delma

6.00pm **SIMPLY WORSHIP** Wesley Auditorium
'Accepting His Word'

READINGS: Gn 24:34-38, 42-48, 58-67 Ps 45:10-17 or Song 2:8-13
Rom 7:15-25a Mt 11:16-19, 25-30

SERVICES SUNDAY 20th August

9.00am St. Stephen's Church - Rev Delma

7.00pm UCA Tiaro Hall - Rev Delma

READINGS: Gn 25:19-34 Ps 118:105-112
Rom 8:1-11 Mt 13:1-9, 18-23

SERVICES SUNDAY 27th August

70 years of BlueCare Celebration Service

9.00am St. Stephen's Church - Rev Delma & Rev Craig Allan

READINGS: Gn 28:10-19a Ps 139:1-12, 23-24
Rom 8:12-25 Mt 13:24-30, 36-43

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Until further notice the Parish

Office is now open

Thursdays 9am - 1:30pm

Fridays 9am - 1:30pm

Have you got a notice to share?

Submissions for inclusion in the
September Bulletin end Wednesday

23/8/23



Minister's Message

Dear Friends

Do you see what this means—all these pioneers who blazed the way, all these veterans cheering us on? It means we'd better get on with it. Strip down, start running—and never quit! No extra spiritual fat, no parasitic sins. Keep your eyes on Jesus, who both began and finished this race we're in. Study how he did it. Because he never lost sight of where he was headed—that exhilarating finish in and with God—he could put up with anything along the way: Cross, shame, whatever. And now he's there, in the place of honour, right alongside God. When you find yourselves flagging in your faith, go over that story again, item by item, that long litany of hostility he plowed through. That will shoot adrenaline into your souls! (Hebrews 12:1-3 The Message)

Have you ever thought about giving up? Its too hard to do. Why do I bother? Will it make any difference whatsoever? Often, we give up even before we begin something. We let the chatter in our head, or the negative chatter of others discourage us so we throw the towel of defeat onto the ground and walk away. Jesus never gave up. He plowed on no matter what was thrown his way. You only need to read the New Testament to know that there was adversity and negativity all around him, but he didn't let it penetrate his soul or his passion for the mission God had set for him.

Just before I came to Maryborough, I had the beginnings of a vision about getting the Uniting Church agencies together so they could meet each other to find out about the work they all do to improve the mental health outcomes for the people of Maryborough and the surrounding communities. For the past year it has sat in our Connect100 Place (Mission) Plan as it has also sat at the back of my mind reminding me that I still hadn't done anything about it. Then one day I felt a pressing need to send out invitations. Yesterday there were fourteen of us sitting around tables introducing ourselves, talking about the things we do for the people of Maryborough for their mental health. From this came the commitment to form a committee so we can collaborate and support each other in the work we do. For me the Uniting Church Mental Health Forum was a combination of my two roles joining together. So begins a new chapter for our parish as we intentionally join with UnitingCare Family and Disability Support Services (counselling), Lifeline Telephone Crisis Support, Lifeline Community Recovery, Farmer to Lifeline Farmer, Blue Care, UnitingCare Prison Ministry, Lifeline DV-Alert, UnitingCare StandBy (suicide bereavement support) and Head Space. Did I procrastinate on starting this initiative? Yes, for so many reasons. But yesterday I was reminded that things happen in God's time and sometimes procrastinating and hesitating isn't a failure after all. Perhaps it was the right time to begin.

Is there something you are struggling with beginning? Perhaps that isn't such a bad thing, maybe today or even tomorrow the time will be right. It is through prayer and reminding ourselves of passages such as this one from Hebrews that there will be struggles but when we keep our eyes focussed on Christ we don't lose sight of where we are headed. Don't quit, don't give up. *When you find yourselves flagging in your faith, go over that story again, item by item, that long litany of hostility he plowed through. That will shoot adrenaline into your souls!* Christ is there beside us cheering us on no matter what. Thanks be to God!

*God bless
Rev Delma*



REPORT
24 JULY 2023
MEETING OF LEADERS COUNCIL

Approval was given for the following:

- Next year's Annual Parish Meeting to be held on 28 July.
- There will be reimbursement from the Samuel Bell bequest for the cost of bibles to be given to the 21 new girls enrolling in Girls Brigade.
- As a temporary arrangement, from 1 August the Church Office will no longer be open on Wednesdays but will open longer on Thursdays and Fridays.
- Some Hall hire charges to be increased.

Other matters discussed included:

- Start time for Sunday Services to remain at 9am. (Only a small number of the Congregation had requested a later time.)
- Sign at the Tiaro Hall has been updated.
- Pastoral care support arrangements this year are focused on members of the congregation supporting one another, regardless of ability to regularly attend church services. Any one requiring pastoral care may contact Marion Tappenden in the first instance.
- Internal audits by Irene Leegwater of the finances of Church groups – Breakfast Ministry, Girls Brigade, MUCAF, Country Fellowship – for the first six months of this year have been satisfactory. In future, internal audits will be conducted on a financial year basis. Irene's willingness to conduct these audits, and provide guidance when required, are very much appreciated.

Diana Collins * Leaders Council Secretary

Supporting Breakfast Ministry



The month of August will be devoted to support for the Breakfast Ministry.

Members of the congregation will be able to donate money each Sunday with a retiring offering or donations of baked beans and rolled oats (not quick oats) are appreciated.

The service Sunday 13th will be dedicated to Breakfast Ministry.



Memory Support Cafe

Wednesday 9th August
11:30am - 1:30pm

UCA Maryborough Auditorium
21-25 Sussex St

For More information contact
Corryn on

0438 511 681 / 4120 2700

BONZA BOOK SALE

Saturday August 12th 2023
Wesley Auditorium



Donate your
Containers for Change
to our church today.



*REJOICE * PRAISE * SING*

SAVE THE DATE

November Noel

Saturday 25th November from 6pm

MARYBOROUGH REGIONAL ARTS COUNCIL

Presents
**BOYD
MEETS
GIRL**

Worldwide Acclaimed
Classical Guitarist
Rupert Boyd
and Cellist
Laura Metcalf

Together they will create an entrancing and evocative escape into a world of exquisite music

2PM SUNDAY AUGUST 6TH 2023
ST STEPHENS UNITING CHURCH

Sussex Street, Maryborough

Tickets available at the Door: \$35 Adults, \$30 MRAC Members, \$20 Students

The Maryborough Prostate Cancer Support Group
invites all men and their partners to a

FREE INFORMATION EVENING ON MEN'S HEALTH

Thursday 24th August at 6pm
Broiga Theatre Foyer
Maryborough

Tea/Coffee available from 5.30pm to 6pm.
The Presentations will commence at 6pm sharp.

Hear what's new in the detection and treatment of Prostate Cancer

Presenters
A/Professor John Yaxley and Dr James MacKean

A/PROFESSOR JOHN YAXLEY
Urological Surgeon
Specialising in the management of prostate cancer including robotic surgery and focal therapy

DR JAMES MACKEAN
Oncologist
Specialising in Prostate Cancer, Palliative care, Colorectal and Haematological malignancies at GenesisCare

Mark this date in your diary now.

For more information, please contact the Maryborough Prostate Cancer Support Group. Phone Nalda Brett on 0407 628 072 or email nalda.brett@bigpond.com

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 August 2023

BREAKFAST MINISTRY	Tuesday 1st @ 6.00am Breakfast Ministry St. Paul's Anglican Hall
	Tuesday 1st @ 9.30am "Chatty Tuesdays". Wesley Auditorium.
GIRLS BRIGADE 	Tuesday 1st @ 4.00pm Girls Brigade. Wesley Auditorium Cadets 4.00pm – 5.30pm. Upper Section 6.00 – 8.00 p.m.
	Thursday 3rd @ 1.30pm - 3pm (Maryborough Uniting Church Adult Fellowship) MUCAF Meeting <i>note: Schedule change this month only</i>
	Parish Teas are postponed until 11 September 2023.
BREAKFAST MINISTRY	Tuesday 8th @ 6.00am Breakfast Ministry St. Paul's Anglican Hall
	Tuesday 8th @ 9.30am "Chatty Tuesdays". Wesley Auditorium.
GIRLS BRIGADE 	Tuesday 8th @ 4.00pm Girls Brigade. Wesley Auditorium Cadets 4.00pm – 5.30pm. Upper Section 6.00 – 8.00 p.m.
BREAKFAST MINISTRY	Tuesday 15th @ 6.00am Breakfast Ministry St. Paul's Anglican Hall
	Tuesday 15th @ 9.30am "Chatty Tuesdays". Wesley Auditorium.
	Tuesday 15th @ 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 15th @ 4.00pm Girls Brigade. Wesley Auditorium Cadets 4.00pm – 5.30pm. Upper Section 6.00 – 8.00 p.m.
	Thursday 17th @ 3pm Chelsea Church Service with Rev Delma
GIRLS BRIGADE LEADERS 	Monday 21st @ 6.30pm Girls Brigade Leaders Meeting _ Wesley Auditorium
BREAKFAST MINISTRY	Tuesday 22nd @ 6.00am Breakfast Ministry St. Paul's Anglican Hall
	Tuesday 22nd @ 9.30am "Chatty Tuesdays". Wesley Auditorium.
GIRLS BRIGADE 	Tuesday 22nd @ 4.00pm Girls Brigade. Wesley Auditorium Cadets 4.00pm – 5.30pm. Upper Section 6.00 – 8.00 p.m.
	Monday 28th @ 4.30pm – Leaders Council Meeting in Wesley Auditorium.
BREAKFAST MINISTRY	Tuesday 29th @ 6.00am Breakfast Ministry St. Paul's Anglican Hall
	Tuesday 29th @ 9.30am "Chatty Tuesdays". Wesley Auditorium.
GIRLS BRIGADE 	Tuesday 29th @ 4.00pm Girls Brigade. Wesley Auditorium Cadets 4.00pm – 5.30pm. Upper Section 6.00 – 8.00 p.m.
UnitingCare Connect100 - 70 years of BlueCare - local Celebrations	
	Sunday 27th @ 9am Blue Care 70 Years Celebration Church Service in St Stephens Church
	Wednesday 30th @ 9:30am - 11:30am Blue Care 70 Years Celebration Community Morning Tea in Wesley Auditorium.
Community Notices & Events	
CONCERT	Thursday 3rd @ 9.30am - 11am St Paul's Anglican Parish presents OPEN CHURCH WITH MUSIC
CONCERT	Sunday 6th from 2pm in St Stephens Church, the Maryborough Regional Arts Council presents BOYD MEETS GIRL . Tickets \$35 (members \$30 & students \$20) at the door.
CONCERT	Saturday 19th from 7:30pm @ St Paul's Anglican Church, Maryborough's Biennial Brass & Organ Spectacular. Entry by donation.
	Wednesday 9th @ 11:30 - 1:30pm BlueCare Memory Support Cafe at UCA Maryborough auditorium. For more information contact Corryn 0438 511 681 / 41202700
	Thursday 24th @ 6pm @ Brolga Theatre Foyer Maryborough Prostate Cancer Support Group invites all men and their partners to a FREE MEN'S HEALTH INFO evening with presenters A/Professor John Yaxley & Dr James MacKean. For more information contact Nalda on 0407 628 072 or nalda.brett@bigpond.com