

November '23



The Uniting Church in Australia  
QUEENSLAND SYNOD

**MARYBOROUGH PARISH**

Maryborough, Tiaro & Bauple Congregations

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**SERVICES SUNDAY 5th November**

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

READINGS: Jos 3:7-17 Ps 107:1-7, 33-37  
1 Thes 2:9-13 Mt 23:1-12

**SERVICES SUNDAY 12th November**

9.00am St. Stephen's Church - Rev Delma  
**Remembrance Service**

2.00pm Bauple Home Group – Rev Delma  
**Remembrance Service**

6.00pm SIMPLY WORSHIP. Wesley Auditorium  
**'Freedom in Christ'**

READINGS: Jos 24:1-3a, 14-25 Ps 78:1-7  
1 Thes 4:13-18 Mt 25:1-13

**SERVICES SUNDAY 19th November**

9.00am St. Stephen's Church –Rev Delma  
Annual Congregation Meeting following the Service  
Tiaro TBC

READINGS: Jgs 4:1-7 Ps 123  
1 Thes 5:1-11 Mt 25:14-30

**SERVICE SUNDAY 26th November**

**Christmas Carol Service**

9.00am St. Stephen's Church -Rev Delma

READINGS: Ez 34:11-16, 20-24 Ps 100  
Eph 1:15-23 Mt 25:31-46

**Christmas Services**

10th December  
Bauple Home Group @ 2:00pm  
Simply Worship @ 6:00pm

17th December  
Tiaro - TBC

21st December  
Chelsea Retirement Village @ 3:00pm

24th December – Christmas Eve  
St Stephens Church @ 9:00am

25th December – Christmas Day  
St Stephens Church @ 8:00am

Submissions for  
the December &  
January Bulletin  
close  
29th November

Wishing Mrs. Norma Howard a

**HAPPY 104th BIRTHDAY**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



**Minister's Message**



Dear Friends

"Now when David had served God's purpose in his own generation, he fell asleep; he was buried with his ancestors and his body decayed." (Acts 13:36 NIV)

"There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens: a time to be born and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to uproot, a time to kill and a time to heal, a time to tear down and a time to build..." (Ecclesiastes 3:1-13 NIV)

With a theme of "Renewal: Faith for a New Season," I should have realised that the 37th Qld Synod would be a time to put aside the everyday to explore where there may be green shoots arising from the ashes of the past. Pastor Katie from South Australia's Journey Uniting Church challenged me with her bible study by drawing on insights from creation into the character of God and the nature of renewal. I was taken on a tour through cellular biology, where I discovered that in the renewal of any given body, new growth, differentiation, and necessary endings are three needed and intertwined elements. "Part of renewal is understanding what necessary endings look like," Katie said, "so if we want to renew the church, we need to look at what needs to grow, what needs to change, and what needs to die." Katie's reflection on renewal was offered against the overarching question, drawn from Acts 13:36, of whether we are serving the purposes of God in our generation. To quote Ecclesiastes: "There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens." The most difficult part is what do we need to 'tear down' and what do we need to 'build'?



I was then challenged anew by St Lucia Uniting Church's Pastor, Mandy Smith's, Bible study where she drew on the striking imagery of a tree planted by the water (Jer 17:5-8). Mandy led the Synod in a deep and at times challenging reflection on what it means to live and depend wholly on God. "What does it mean to live" Mandy asked, "as if we really believe He is the answer to every question, the resolution to every crisis, the preacher of every sermon, the chair of every church council, the leader of every community?" Going further, she observed that renewal starts with us each individually taking this posture: "Fundamentally renewal is a human heart turning to God once more, remembering that habit". Mandy closed with a powerful call to prayer, noting that "every renewal movement I have heard of through the history of the church has not happened without prayer."

I give thanks for the writings of Qld Synod Journey Online for the Bible study summaries and Mandy's prayer. If you would like to find out more about what happened at Synod you can check out: <https://journeyonline.com.au/> or <https://ucaqld.com.au/about-us/synod-meetings/> (information will be updated as it is released)

See Ps Mandy Smith's Prayer below

*God bless  
Rev Delma*

### ANNUAL CONGREGATION MEETING

On Sunday 19th November, the Annual Congregational Meeting of City Congregation will be held following its service. The following nominations for Leadership Positions have been received:

POSITION	NOMINEE	TERM
Chair of Congregation	Bruce Grant	1yr
Secretary of Congregation	Robyn Lowe	1yr

### A Prayer of Confession, for Renewal

(by Ps Mandy Smith, 37 th Synod, Oct 2023)

god, we feel the drought.  
 We feel all that's dried up in ourselves and in our work.  
 We feel the scarcity, the loss, the anxiety.  
 We long to have leaves that are always green, we want our church to be always bearing fruit.  
 We confess how the anxiety turns us inwards.  
 We confess how it makes us reach for our own gifts, our own competence, our best ideas, new programmes and practices.  
 We confess how we reach for anything that will resolve our sense of inadequacy, of loss, of decline.  
 Show us every way we turn from reliance on you.  
 Show us every way the dryness tempts us to be self-sufficient.  
 Give us courage to stretch out for you.  
 You are the source of all we need.  
 You are the God of life, of peace, of abundance.  
 May we flourish and grow to become the kind of tree that's a source of goodness for others, a place of shelter, a place of nourishment, a testimony to your abundant life.

Amen



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#### REPORT ON 23 OCTOBER 2023 MEETING OF LEADERS COUNCIL

Approval was given for the following:

- Trial opening of St Stephen's Church for public viewing, to occur in conjunction with a Thursday Market Day provided volunteer guides are available.
- Parish Christmas lunch to be held on 7 December 2023 at the Australian Hotel (the Aussie), Maryborough.
- There was discussion about the accommodation service to be available when the remodelled former St Stephen's Hospital is completed. Leaders Council believes it is essential to have accurate information on this development and will seek to meet with the developer.

Diana Collins  
Leaders Council Secretary

### 'Uniting for Mental Health'

at Maryborough Markets, 12 October 2023.

What a joy to spend time with the wonderful people from the Uniting Church agencies who work towards positive mental health outcomes for the people of Maryborough. 17 representatives from UnitingCare (Family & Disability Services, StandBy, Gambling Help, Financial Counselling, Connect100), Lifeline (Crisis Support, Lifeline Training, Farmer to Lifeline Farmer, DV-Alert), BlueCare, Headspace and Uniting Church Maryborough Parish (including 2nd Maryborough Girls' Brigade) united to promote the work we do to the wider community at the Thursday Maryborough Markets. A bonus was spending time getting to know each other better, so we can support and encourage each other in what we do.







UCA MARYBOROUGH PARISH

# CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

THURSDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER

from 11:30am at

**The Australian Hotel**

100 Adelaide St, Maryborough 4650

**Preorder & prepay by December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023**

Contact Dawn Jenkinson (City) on 0427 654 119  
or Linda James (Country) on 0418 759 502

## MAINS

**Petite Chicken Schnitzel - \$19.50**

**Petite Parmigiana - \$22.50**

**Petite Outback Chicken- \$22.50**

Crumbed chicken breast topped w/ bacon, mushrooms & gravy.

**Lamb Cutlets- \$26.00**

(2) w mint jelly & gravy

**Petite Lemon Myrtle Calamari- \$16.00**

(5) w tartare sauce

**FISH OF THE DAY- \$22.50**

Battered or grilled.

**Petite Nachos- \$14.00**

## DESSERTS-

**Salted Caramel Macadamia Cheesecake - \$8.50**

**Lemon Cheesecake - \$8.50**

**Christmas Trifle - \$6.50**

### LEGEND

- Served with chips & salad & your choice of sauce.

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Gluten Free options available except  
Nachos & Calamari  
(including Desserts)



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



Lots of prizes - Christmas

Goodies, Crafts, Cookery, Plants, Groceries, Novelties,  
Patchwork Crafts, Toiletries, Homewares, Toys and much  
more.

Raffles & Lucky Door Prizes - Afternoon Tea provided

For more information phone Nalda Brett 0407628072

## OPEN CHURCH TOURS

**November Trial**

With thanks to those volunteers who've made themselves available, in November we will trial a monthly open church tour morning from 9.30 am - 11:30 am on a Market Day Thursday (date to be determined).

If you'd like to volunteer to conduct church tours, please contact Bruce Grant



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the  
Date



Uniting Church Maryborough presents

**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

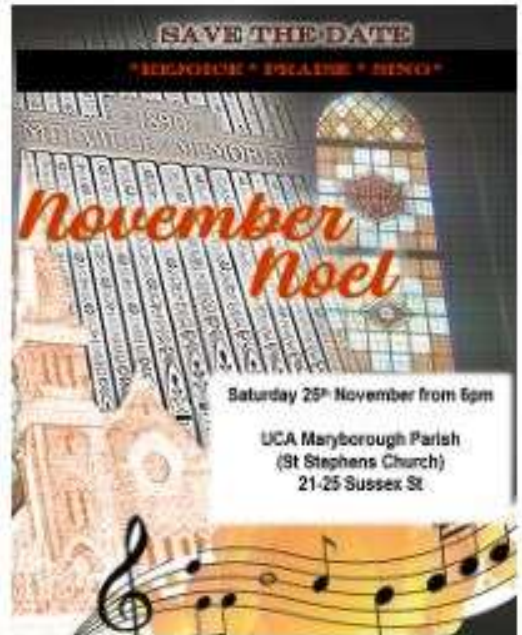
Thursday (Nov 30<sup>th</sup>) 1:30pm – 4:30pm

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



SAVE THE DATE

\* BEGINNING \* EVANGELISM \* RENAISSANCE \*

November  
Noel

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November from 6pm

UCA Maryborough Parish  
(St Stephens Church)  
21-25 Sussex St.

If you would like to direct deposit, the details are:

Branch: **858 014010**

Account: **Uniting Church Maryborough**

Account number: **3873 956 67**

Thank you for prayerfully considering these options to support the work of the Church



Our Church is a drop off point for your cans and plastic bottles as we are already registered to receive 10c or 15c.



## Date Claimers Month 2023

<b>BREAKFAST MINISTRY</b>	<b>Tuesday 7th @ 6.00am</b> Breakfast Ministry St. Paul's Anglican Hall
	<b>Tuesday 7th @ 9.30am</b> "Chobby Tuesdays". Wesley Auditorium.
<b>GIRLS BRIGADE</b> 	<b>Tuesday 7th @ 4.00pm</b> Girls Brigade. Wesley Auditorium Cadets 4.00pm – 5.30pm. Upper Section 6.00 – 8.00 p.m.
	<b>Wednesday 8th @ BlueCare's Memory Support Cafe</b> from 11:30am. Come along for a cuppa and a chat with others also affected by their own, or a loved-one's, reduced memory. <b>FREE ATTENDANCE.</b> For more information contact Corryn on 0438 511 681.
	<b>Friday 10th - Sunday 12th</b> Mary Burnett live in Presbytery @ Campialba, Hervey Bay
	<b>Monday 13th @ 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 14th @ 6.00am</b> Breakfast Ministry St. Paul's Anglican Hall
	<b>Tuesday 14th @ 9.30am</b> "Chobby Tuesdays". Wesley Auditorium.
<b>GIRLS BRIGADE</b> 	<b>Tuesday 14th @ 4.00pm</b> Girls Brigade. Wesley Auditorium Cadets 4.00pm – 5.30pm. Upper Section 6.00 – 8.00 p.m.
	<b>Thursday 16th @ 3pm</b> Chelsea Church Service (if planning to attend please contact Rev Delma – re numbers for COVID)
	<b>Saturday 18th from 11:30am</b> 2nd Maryborough Girls Brigade <b>MONSTER CHRISTMAS TOMBOLA.</b> First Call @ 1pm. Refreshments available from 11:30am.
Annual Parish Meeting (City)	<b>Sunday 19th following service</b> Annual Congregational Meeting of City Congregation
<b>GIRLS BRIGADE LEADERS</b> 	<b>Monday 20th @ 6.30pm</b> Girls Brigade Leaders Meeting _ Wesley Auditorium
<b>BREAKFAST MINISTRY</b>	<b>Tuesday 21st @ 6.00am</b> Breakfast Ministry St. Paul's Anglican Hall
	<b>Tuesday 21st @ 9.30am</b> "Chobby Tuesdays". Wesley Auditorium.
	<b>Tuesday 21st @ 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 21st @ 4.00pm</b> Girls Brigade. Wesley Auditorium Cadets 4.00pm – 5.30pm. Upper Section 6.00 – 8.00 p.m.
	<b>Saturday 25th @ 6pm</b> <b>November Noel</b> in St Stephen's Church
	<b>Monday 27th @ 4.30pm</b> – Leaders Council Meeting in Wesley Auditorium.
<b>BREAKFAST MINISTRY</b>	<b>Tuesday 28th @ 6.00am</b> Breakfast Ministry St. Paul's Anglican Hall
	<b>Tuesday 28th @ 9.30am</b> "Chobby Tuesdays". Wesley Auditorium.
<b>GIRLS BRIGADE</b> 	<b>Tuesday 28th @ 4.00pm</b> Girls Brigade. Wesley Auditorium Cadets 4.00pm – 5.30pm. Upper Section 6.00 – 8.00 p.m.
	<b>Thursday 30th @ 1:30pm</b> commencing 4 open days of the <b>2023 FESTIVAL OF CHRISTMAS TREES</b>
<b>Community Notices and Events</b>	
	<b>Thursday 2nd @ 9.30am - 11am</b> St Paul's Anglican Parish presents <b>OPEN CHURCH WITH MUSIC</b>

## December advance Date Claimers

<b>2023 FESTIVAL OF CHRISTMAS TREES</b>	<i>The 2023 Festival of Christmas Trees will open for 4 days to maximise public attendance.</i> Thursday 30th November_ 1:30pm - 4:30pm * Saturday 2nd December_ 11am - 4pm Friday 1st December_ 1:30pm - 4:30pm * Sunday 3rd December_ 11am - 3pm
<b>Parish Christmas Luncheon</b>	<b>Thursday 7th December @ 11:30</b> at <b>The Australian Hotel</b> (100 Adelaide St). One or Two courses from \$14.00. For menu see p3 or contact the parish office. (Beverages available for purchase). <b>Pre-order and Pre-pay by Sunday December 3rd.</b> Contact Dawn Jenkinson (city) on 0427 654 119 or Linda James (country) on 0418 759 502.

## October'23 Supplement



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## EMPTY CHRISTMAS TREE

The Empty Christmas Tree will be in the church for three Sundays (3, 10 and 17 Dec) allowing members of the congregation the opportunity to once again support YOORANA WOMEN'S SHELTER with material gifts and the BREAKFAST MINISTRY with much needed money.

Some suggested gift ideas for the women are Movie Vouchers, Books, Cook Books, Adult Colouring Books, Body Soap and Skin Care products etc, Pretty Coffee Mugs or Christmas Treats while Movie Vouchers, Story, Puzzle, Colouring Books, Colouring Pencils, Puzzles, Board or Card Games, Toys such as Cars, Trucks, Leggo, Dress-Ups, Barbie and other Dolls, Playdough, Children's Undies from Size 3 up but mainly Sizes 8 and 12 are acceptable for children but **NO TOY WEAPONS** such as guns and arrows **AND NO MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS, PLEASE.** Also suggested **NO Cricket Sets Soccer or Footballs** due to lack of suitable space for their use.

**NO CANDLES, INCENSE OR OTHER SUCH FLAMATORY ITEMS ARE PERMITTED.**

Please **DO NOT** wrap your gift but simply place it in a bag and leave at the base of the tree.

Money for the Breakfast Ministry should be placed in an envelope and hung on the tree. These envelopes will be removed from the tree each Sunday.

Contact Marion Tappenden – 0437297761 if you have any queries.

## WANTED

If you have any unwanted larger pressure pack lids, please give them to Marion Tappenden or Denise Hoffmann for use in making floral table arrangements for the bi-monthly Morning Teas.

## GIRLS' BRIGADE

*Australia*

COLLECTING PRIZE DONATIONS FOR THE

2nd Maryborough Girl's Brigade

MONSTER CHRISTMAS TOMBOLA

Your donations can be brought to the parish office during office hours.