

March '24



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MARYBOROUGH PARISH

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Making Christ Visible

Maryborough Church Services

FRIDAY 1st March *World Day of Prayer*

9:30am St Stephen's Church - *Praying for Palestine*

SUNDAY 3rd March *Lent 3 (Communion)*

9:00am Wesley Auditorium - Rev Delma

READINGS: Ex 20:1-17 Ps 19
1 Cor 1:18-25 Jn 2:13-22

SUNDAY 10th March *Lent 4*

9:00am St. Stephen's Church - Rev Delma

6:00pm **SIMPLY WORSHIP**, Wesley Auditorium.

THEME: **'Easter'**

READINGS: Nm 21:4-9 Ps 107:1-3, 17-22
Eph 2:1-10 Jn 3:14-21

SUNDAY 17th March *Lent 5*

9:00am St. Stephen's Church - Rev Delma

READINGS: Jer 31:31-34 Ps 51:1-12 or Ps 119:9-16
Heb 5:5-10 Jn 12:20-33

THURSDAY 21st March *Easter*

3:00pm Chelsea Retirement Living Community Hall
with Rev Delma

SUNDAY 24th March *Lent 6*

9:00am St. Stephen's Church - Rev Delma

READINGS: Ps 118:1-2, 19-29 Mk 11:1-11
Jn 12:12-16

FRIDAY 29th March *Good Friday*

8:00am St. Stephen's Church - Rev Delma

READINGS: Is 52:13-53:12 Ps 22
Heb 10:16-25 Jn 18:1-19:42

SUNDAY 31st March *Easter Sunday (Communion)*

9:00am St. Stephen's Church - Rev Delma

READINGS: Is 25:6-9 Ps 118:1-2, 14-24
1 Cor 15:1-11 Mk 16:1-8

Country Church Services

SUNDAY 10th March

2:00pm Bauple Home Group- Rev Delma

Minister's Message

Dear Friends

Jesus spoke all these things to the crowd in parables; he did not say anything to them without using a parable. So was fulfilled what was spoken through the prophet:

"I will open my mouth in parables, I will utter things hidden since the creation of the world."

(Matthew 13:34-35 NIV)

My people, hear my teaching; listen to the words of my mouth. I will open my mouth with a parable; I will utter hidden things, things from of old — things we have heard and known, things our ancestors have told us.

(Psalm 78:1-2 NIV)

Have you ever been so immersed in a book that you didn't want to put it down? The story captivated you so much that you wanted to know what was going to happen next. You didn't want to miss out. We can feel the same about watching TV shows. Once we had to wait for the next week's episode to find out the next instalment of the story that was building in its intrigue. Then we would have to wait patiently for several months for the next series. In these days of instant gratification we can now binge stream season after season without having to wait impatiently. There is something in the waiting though that builds

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(Wed) 27th March

our resilience and excitement. Waiting patiently for something to happen is not easy. Those pesky fruits of the spirit can be hard to live into. You can imagine people being so enthralled by Jesus' stories that they couldn't wait patiently for the off chance that one day he might visit their region again. So what did they do? They followed him from place to place. I don't think it is a bold statement to say that "Jesus was and still is the greatest storyteller of all time." He captivated his audience with his stories so much that news of him spread far and wide and people wanted to know more. It was through the power of story that Jesus changed the world. If there wasn't a real-life story to get his point across, he came up with a parable that told a fictitious story that paralleled life situations and struggles. The parables tell a simple story that is used to illustrate a moral or spiritual lesson.

It is also good for us to tell stories, whether it is our life story, day to day life stories or the stories of our congregation. Our congregations have lots of stories to tell. When we might be feeling a little lost and struggling through changes, we can get stuck on the one painful story. It is good for us to sit and ponder, to remember the stories, good and not so good, that make up our lives and the life of our congregation. What stories could be told about our congregations? Would those stories just be stories of pain, or would there be feel good stories from past missional activities? Change is hard but to quote William Bridges: "It isn't the changes that do you in, it's the transitions." Story can be a powerful tool to help us transition from what is past to the new story of the future. In our church services we are transitioning from Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday. It is a journey through Lent that we take every year because the Lenten and Easter stories are what our faith is based on. It is through the storytelling of Jesus' life and ministry that we are continually called to take up our cross and follow Jesus through the ups and downs of our personal lives and the life of our congregations.

Jesus beckons us through his stories to follow him, learn from him and tell others about what he has done for us.

Rev Delma Study Leave

Rev Delma will be on study leave from
Tuesday 5th (travel), Wednesday 6th & Thursday 7th March for

Fundamentals of Transitional Ministry- the Work of the Congregation

held at Uniting Church Centre for Ministry, North Parramatta, NSW.

During this time, for all church matters, please contact;

- Leaders Council Chair; Denise Wilschut
- or/ Leaders Council Secretary; Diana Collins
- or/ the church office on 0402425340 [9am -1:30pm Thursday & Friday]

Blessings

Rev Delma Lovell



Would you like to challenge yourself to put your faith into action this Lent?

You are invited to join Rev Delma for a Lenten Bible Study using UnitingWorld's 'Faith in Action'.

Faith In Action

Venue: Wesley Auditorium, 21 Sussex Street Maryborough

Time: 9:30am

Dates: **Wk 1:** Friday 23 February - **Hope** The temptation of Jesus

Wk 2: Friday 8 March - **Self-Awareness** The disciples and Jesus on the mountain

Wk 3: Friday 15 March - **Hospitality & Care** Jesus, Mary and Martha

Wk 4: Friday 22 March - **Sacrifice** Characters in the crucifixion narrative

Morning tea will be provided.

On Friday 1 March instead of the Bible study we invite you to join the churches of Maryborough for the **World Day of Prayer service** in our St Stephen's Church, 25 Sussex Street at 9:30am as we pray for Palestine. Morning tea will be served following the service.

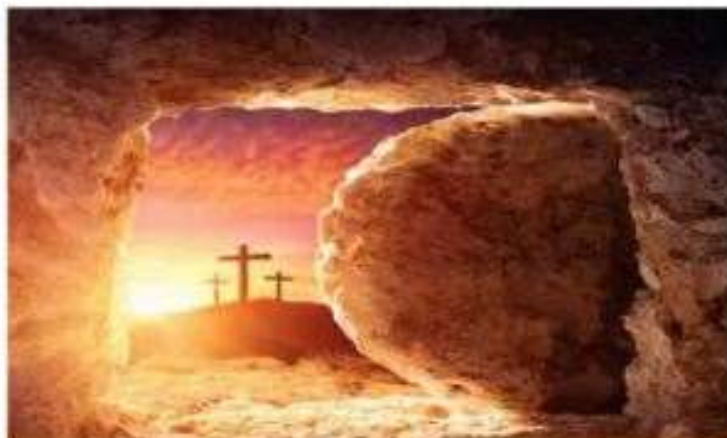
MARKET DAY MUSIC

at

St. Paul's is back!



What happens when you combine the vibrant and exciting sounds of a Ukulele Band with a magnificent pipe organ? Come and find out at Market Day Music in *St Paul's* on 7 March 9:30 to 11:00 am



Easter Church Services MARYBOROUGH

Sunday 10th March 6:00pm

Simply Worship in Wesley Auditorium

Thursday 21 March 3:00pm

in Chelsea Community Hall

Friday 29 March 8:00am

in St Stephen's Church

Sunday 31 March 9:00am

in St Stephen's Church

Parish Tea

2nd Monday of each month

5:30pm - 7pm approx

@ Maryborough Services and
Citizens Memorial Club
(formerly Maryborough RSL)



A great opportunity
to meet folk to
share fellowship,
faith, food and fun
together

To Book: Call Nalda Brett on
0407 628 072
before 10am on the day.

Fellowship Morning Teas



are expected
to recommence
at a new venue
in March.

MORE INFORMATION IN
FEBRUARY LEADERS
COUNCIL MEETING REPORT

Car Park Closure Monday 11th - Friday 15th March 2024

Due to necessary maintenance, the back car park accessed via John Street will be closed from Monday 11th to Thursday 14th or Friday 15th (progress depending).

NO vehicle ACCESS is to be permitted for any reason during this time.

Reminder; it is illegal to enter the car park via Sussex Street.

If you are attending an event, group or meeting in the Wesley Auditorium or coming into the office, please utilise the ample on street parking along Sussex & John Streets.

We apologize for any inconvenience however it has been determined that the John Street driveway is in a hazardous state and repairing the damaged cement is a priority.

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




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

Date Claimers March 2024

<i>World Day of Prayer</i>	Friday 1st March @ 9:30am 2024 World Day of Prayer- Praying for Palestine. Hosted at St Stephens Church with morning tea in the Auditorium to follow.
BREAKFAST MINISTRY	Tuesday 5th @ 6am Breakfast Ministry St. Paul's Anglican Hall
 "Chatty Tuesdays"	Tuesday 5th @ 9:30am "Chatty Tuesdays". Wesley Auditorium.
GIRLS BRIGADE 	Tuesday 5th @ 6pm Girls Brigade. Wesley Auditorium & Hall. Cadets & Upper Section 6.00 – 8.00 p.m.
	Friday 8th @ 9am Faith in Action <i>Exploring our Faith & Discipleship</i> bible study group
 SERVICES CLUB	Monday 11th @ 5:30pm Parish Tea at Maryborough Services and Citizens Memorial Club (formerly Maryborough RSL) Please RSVP your attendance to Nalda Brett on 0407 628 072 before 10am on that day.
BREAKFAST MINISTRY	Tuesday 12th @ 6am Breakfast Ministry St. Paul's Anglican Hall
 "Chatty Tuesdays"	Tuesday 12th @ 9:30am "Chatty Tuesdays". Wesley Auditorium.
GIRLS BRIGADE 	Tuesday 12th @ 4.00pm Girls Brigade. Wesley Auditorium Cadets 4.00pm – 5.30pm. Upper Section 6.00 – 8.00 p.m.
	Friday 15th @ 9am Faith in Action <i>Exploring our Faith & Discipleship</i> bible study group
PRESBYTERY	Saturday 16th @ 8:30am Mary Burnett Presbytery - Maleny Uniting Church
GIRLS BRIGADE LEADERS 	Monday 18th @ 6.30pm Girls Brigade Leaders Meeting _ Wesley Auditorium
BREAKFAST MINISTRY	Tuesday 19th @ 6am Breakfast Ministry St. Paul's Anglican Hall
 "Chatty Tuesdays"	Tuesday 19th @ 9:30am "Chatty Tuesdays". Wesley Auditorium.
 BOOK CLUB	Tuesday 19th @ 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 19th @ 6pm Girls Brigade. Wesley Auditorium & Hall. Cadets & Upper Section 6.00 – 8.00 p.m.
	Thursday 21th @ 3pm Chelsea Church Service
	Friday 22nd @ 9am Faith in Action <i>Exploring our Faith & Discipleship</i> bible study group
 LEADERSHIP	Monday 25th @ 4.30pm – Leaders Council Meeting in Wesley Auditorium.
BREAKFAST MINISTRY	Tuesday 26th @ 6am Breakfast Ministry St. Paul's Anglican Hall
 "Chatty Tuesdays"	Tuesday 26th @ 9:30am "Chatty Tuesdays". Wesley Auditorium.
GIRLS BRIGADE 	Tuesday 26th @ 6pm Girls Brigade. Wesley Auditorium & Hall. Cadets & Upper Section 6.00 – 8.00 p.m.
SCHOOL HOLIDAYS	Thursday 28th QLD education Term 1 ends (last day of school)

Community Notices and Events

Market Day Music	Thursday 7th @ 9.30am - 11am St Paul's Anglican Parish presents Market Day Music
 BlueCare <small>Use life your way</small>	Wednesday 13th @ 11:30am - 1:30pm BlueCare's Memory Support Cafe Wesley Auditorium, 21 Sussex St. A free monthly get together for anyone affected by their own, &/or loved one's, memory loss.

April advance Date Claimers

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS	Monday 15th QLD education Term 2 commences (first day of school)
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