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The Uniting Church in Australia  
QUEENSLAND SYNOD MARYBOROUGH PARISH  
Maryborough, Tiaro & Bauple Congregations

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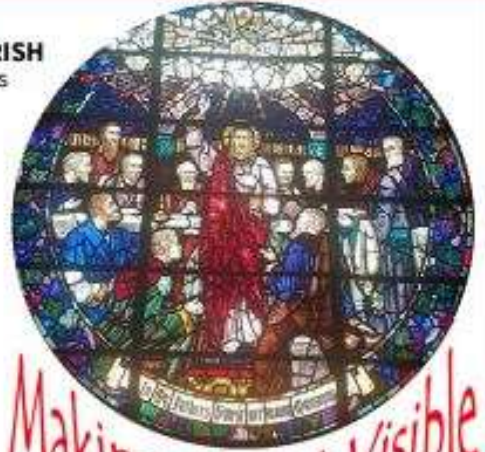
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*Making Christ Visible*

## MARYBOROUGH CHURCH SERVICES

### SUNDAY 5<sup>th</sup> May

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

READINGS: Acts 10:44-48 Ps 98  
1 Jn 5:1-6 Jn 15:9-17

### SUNDAY 12<sup>th</sup> May

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

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

Joy of the Resurrection

READINGS: Acts 1:15-17, 21-26 Ps 1  
1 Jn 5:9-13 Jn 17:6-19

### THURSDAY 16<sup>th</sup> May

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

### SUNDAY 19<sup>th</sup> May

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

READINGS: Acts 2:1-21 Ps 104:24-34,35b  
or Ezek 37:1-14  
Rom 8:22-27 Jn 15:26-27;  
or Acts 2:1-21 16:4b-15

### SUNDAY 26<sup>th</sup> May

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

READINGS: Is 6:1-8 Ps 29  
Rom 8:12-17 Jn 3:1-17

## COUNTRY CHURCH SERVICES

### SUNDAY 19<sup>th</sup> May

2:00pm Bauple Home Group - *Rev Delma*

## MINISTER'S MESSAGE

*Dear Friends,*

*"I alone know the plans I have for you, plans to bring you prosperity and not disaster, plans to bring about the future you hope for. Then you will call to me. You will come and pray to me, and I will answer you. You will seek me, and you will find me because you will seek me with all your heart. (Jeremiah 29:11-13 GNT)*

I wish God would tell us what plans are instore for our church. It gets frustrating when we don't know and we are expected to place our trust in God. It's not easy to leave it all up to God. This year I have been doing a lot of research of our local church history. First with Tiaro and then with Maryborough. I have been sifting through our meeting records, building repair records and other historical documents. These documents can be interesting reading, but when you are looking through a pile of information it can be hard to find what you are looking for. It can be like that when we are looking for God. We might even wonder if God really cares about our future. Why God, did we have to have two floods and two hailstorms in under two years? Some of you will understand what I mean. You may have been impacted by one or more or even all of these weather events. We see it so often in our beautiful country the impact of natural disasters on people's lives. Some people lose homes and businesses, and it can be hard to recover financially and emotionally.

UnitingCare

**Connect100**



**UCA Mental Health Forum**  
will have a stall at the  
**Fraser Coast Agriculture Show**

**Have you got a notice to share?**

**Submissions for inclusion in the  
June Bulletin end 23rd May**



Amongst all of this, I am looking for a project to work on for the course I attended online and in Sydney recently. You see, I have come to the realisation that not many of us who attend St Stephen's Church have always been here. Some of us come from elsewhere whilst an unknown percentage of us used to attend the St Columba's Church before it closed in 2012. There are probably several of us who have attended other Uniting Churches in Maryborough Parish, eg Wesley Church, St Andrews, Walker Street, Tiaro to name a few. Some of us have been transient, not because we have chosen to be, but because the churches we attended closed at some point in time and so we moved to a different Uniting Church in Maryborough, Tiaro or Bauple.

I have been reading a book – Holy Conversations: Strategic Planning as a Spiritual Practice for Congregations and it talks about a church's DNA and its culture which I believe are woven together. The 'founding personalities and early events create a kind of genetic inheritance and determine the way the congregation positions itself within its environment. This legacy becomes embedded in narrative. (p113).'' This is the story that we tell ourselves about our church and what its place is in the community and in God's story. I wonder if our legacy has become tangled when we have come from different churches which all had their own unique DNA and culture? Of course, I'm not even taking into account that most of us have also come from different traditions, Methodist, Presbyterian, Congregationalist or no church. So with all these very different DNA strands mixed with diverse cultures, I might ask: "who are we as the Uniting Church Maryborough Parish? How do we not get caught up in the past church closures, changes and hurts to become a united force facing the future with hope?" Some of us may be able to relate to the Israelites who have been in exile finding themselves separated from home. Exile is an experience of dislocation – everything is out of joint; nothing fits together. Just as the Israelites eventually came out of exile to live into a new freedom, not pinned down by the past, but free to look towards an unknown future with God leading them and encouraging them, so must we. We are called to be the people of God in a time such as this. God has plans for us. Let us lean into that with courage and hope.

Blessings

*Rev Delma Lovell*



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## Report on Leaders' Council Meeting 22 April 2024

Approval was given for the following:

- Rev Russell Morris and Don & Sylvia Wright to be added to list of approved worship leaders/preachers for 2024.
- Surplus items from the closure of Tiaro Church Hall have been placed in St Stephen's Hall and members of the Congregation have the opportunity to inspect those items and make reasonable offers to Ros Martin or Bruce Grant by 12 May 2024 if they are interested in making a purchase. Leaders Council authorised the Chair and Secretary to make decisions regarding the acceptance of any offers.
- An appeal to be conducted during May for items for the mothers and children in the Yoorana Women's Refuge.
- The Annual Congregation Meeting to be held on Sunday, 24 November 2024.
- Leave for the Church Office Secretary on 13-14 June 2024.

Appreciation was expressed for the work of Ken Tappenden and Peter Niesler in repairing groundwork damaged during the replacement of the concrete driveway at the back of St Stephen's Complex.

### **Presbytery Life & Witness Consultation:**

The congregations have been informed of the purpose of, and the process for, the Presbytery Life & Witness Confidential Consultation Survey, both via email and an announcement in worship services. Completion of the survey forms is voluntary and they are to be submitted electronically or via the church by 8<sup>th</sup> May 2024.

Congregation members can request a face-to-face interview with the Presbytery Consultation team on Saturday, 25 May 2024. The team will also attend the church service on Sunday, 26 May and members of the congregation will have the opportunity for further discussion then.

*Diana Collins*

Leaders Council Secretary



## PRESBYTERY LIFE & WITNESS CONFIDENTIAL CONSULTATION

**PURPOSE:** to strengthen life and witness of the congregations, to assess future ministerial and lay leadership needs, and to review the records of the congregations.

**SURVEYS** – Complete electronically or use a printed copy.

SUBMIT BY WEDNESDAY, 8 MAY 2024.

(Printed copies can be placed in the box at entry to St Stephen's Church or to Church office.)

**FACE-TO-FACE INTERVIEWS** – Contact Leaders Council Secretary, Diana Collins, if you would like to speak to the Consultation Team privately and confidentially. Interviews will be scheduled for **Saturday, 25 May 2024**.

**ANY CONGREGATION MEMBER** who hasn't received information regarding the survey can contact Diana Collins for assistance – phone 0407382783 or email [dscollins2@bigpond.com](mailto:dscollins2@bigpond.com)

### Surplus Items from Tiara Church Hall Closure

These are located in St Stephen's Hall and include pews, furniture and miscellaneous items. Leaders Council has approved that members of the congregation have the first opportunity to inspect the items with an interest in making a reasonable offer to purchase.

Contact Ros Martin or Bruce Grant to arrange an inspection and make an offer.

DEADLINE FOR OFFERS – SUNDAY, 12 MAY 2024

### ANNUAL PARISH MEETING on 28th July 2024

#### Reports Due 19 JUNE 2024

It is time for our groups to reflect on what has happened or not happened over the past 12 months. All secretaries/leaders of all Church groups need to prepare and forward **reports for the June 2023 – June 2024** to the Church Office by 19 June 2024 for publication and presentation at the UCA Maryborough Parish annual **meeting to be held on 28th July 2024**.

Reports should preferably be emailed as a Word document to [ucamaryborough@gmail.com](mailto:ucamaryborough@gmail.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*



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

### APPEAL FOR

#### Yoorana Women's Shelter

During the month of May, an Appeal will be conducted to collect the following items that members of the congregations may wish to donate to the Yoorana Women's Shelter in Maryborough.

#### NEW ITEMS FOR CHILDREN

- Pajamas & dressing gowns
- Throws (for rugging up in front of the TV)
- Fluffy socks
- Jumpers

#### NEW ITEMS FOR MOTHERS

- Pajamas / nighties & Dressing gowns
- & **SINGLE BED BLANKETS**

In NEW or GOOD CONDITION

Donations can be placed in a large plastic box located in the Library in Wesley Auditorium, or delivered to the Church Office  
*with thanks, Diana Collins*

**FREE ENTRY 9<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> MAY**

 Lifeline

**BOOKFEST**

*Lose yourself*

**8am– 4pm**

**@ Maryborough Showgrounds**






## Date Claimers May 2024

<b>PUBLIC HOLIDAY</b>	<b>Monday 6<sup>th</sup></b> Labour Day
<b>BREAKFAST MINISTRY</b>	<b>Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> @ 6am</b> Breakfast Ministry St. Paul's Anglican Hall
	<b>Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> @ 9:30am</b> "Chatty Tuesdays". Wesley Auditorium.
	<b>Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> @ 6pm</b> Girls Brigade. Wesley Auditorium & Hall. Cadets 6.00pm – 7:30pm / Upper Section 6.00pm – 8.00 pm
	<b>Monday 13<sup>th</sup> @ 5:30pm</b> Parish Tea at Maryborough Services and Citizens Memorial Club (formerly Maryborough RSL) Please RSVP your attendance to Nalda Brett on 0407 628 072 <b>before 10.00am on that day.</b>
<b>BREAKFAST MINISTRY</b>	<b>Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> @ 6am</b> Breakfast Ministry St. Paul's Anglican Hall
	<b>Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> @ 9:30am</b> "Chatty Tuesdays". Wesley Auditorium.
	<b>Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> @ 6.00pm</b> Girls Brigade. Wesley Auditorium Cadets 6.00pm – 7:30pm / Upper Section 6.00pm – 8.00 pm
	<b>Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> @ 3pm</b> Church service @ Chelsea Retirement Living Community Hall
	<b>Monday 20<sup>th</sup> @ 6.30pm</b> Girls Brigade Leaders Meeting _ Wesley Auditorium
<b>BREAKFAST MINISTRY</b>	<b>Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> @ 6am</b> Breakfast Ministry St. Paul's Anglican Hall
	<b>Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> @ 9:30am</b> "Chatty Tuesdays". Wesley Auditorium.
	<b>Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> @ 2:30pm</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>Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> @ 6pm</b> Girls Brigade. Wesley Auditorium & Hall. Cadets 6.00pm – 7:30pm / Upper Section 6.00pm – 8.00 pm
<b>PUBLIC HOLIDAY</b>	<b>Friday 24<sup>th</sup></b> Show Day (Fraser Coast Agricultural Show)
	<b>Monday 27<sup>th</sup> @ 4.30pm</b> – Leaders Council Meeting in Wesley Auditorium.
<b>BREAKFAST MINISTRY</b>	<b>Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> @ 6am</b> Breakfast Ministry St. Paul's Anglican Hall
	<b>Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> @ 9:30am</b> "Chatty Tuesdays". Wesley Auditorium.
	<b>Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> @ 6pm</b> Girls Brigade. Wesley Auditorium & Hall. Cadets 6.00pm – 7:30pm / Upper Section 6.00pm – 8.00 pm

## Community Notices and Events

	<b>Thursday 2nd @ 9.30am - 11am</b> St Paul's Anglican Parish presents <b>Market Day Music</b> with organist <b>Mrs Charmaine Smith</b>
	<b>Wednesday 22nd @ 11:30am - 1:30pm</b> BlueCare's Memory Support Cafe Wesley Auditorium, 21 Sussex St. A free monthly get together for anyone affected by their own, &/or a loved one's, memory loss.

## June Date Claimers

	<b>Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> June @ 9am</b> for a 9.30am start _FUN, FRIENDSHIP, FOOD at our <b>Fellowship Morning Tea @</b> Maryborough Services & Citizens Memorial Club; The Boardroom. RSVP by 26th May. Contact Diana Collins on 0407 382 783 or <a href="mailto:dscollins2@bigpond.com">dscollins2@bigpond.com</a> .
<b>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSURE</b>	<b>Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> &amp; Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June</b> The Parish Office Secretary is taking approved leave and the office is closed this week, reopening June 20 <sup>th</sup> as per usual.
<b>REPORTS DUE</b>	<b>Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June</b> Reports due for ANNUAL PARISH MEETING