

August '24



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MARYBOROUGH PARISH

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MARYBOROUGH PARISH UNITING CHURCH



Making Christ Visible

Maryborough Church Services

SUNDAY 4 AUGUST

Communion

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

READINGS: 2 Sm 11:26–12:13a Ps 51:1-12
Eph 4:1-16 Jn 6:24-35

SUNDAY 11 AUGUST

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

READINGS: 2 Sm 18:5-9,15,31-33 Ps 130
Eph 4:25–5:2 Jn 6:35, 41-51

THURSDAY 15 AUGUST

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

SUNDAY 18 AUGUST

Thanksgiving and Renewal Service

9:00am St. Stephen's Church

- Hymnfest with Maryborough Brass

READINGS: 1 Kgs 2:10-12; 3:3-14 Ps 111
Eph 5:15-20 Jn 6:51-58

SUNDAY 25 AUGUST

Congregational Meeting

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

READINGS: 1 Kgs 8: (1,6,10-11),
22-30, 41-43 Ps 84
Eph 6:10-20 Jn 6:56-69

Country Church Services

SUNDAY 18 AUGUST

2:00pm Bauple Home Group- Rev Delma

Minister's Message

Dear Friends

But the Lord says, "Do not cling to events of the past or dwell on what happened long ago. Watch for the new thing I am going to do. It is happening already—you can see it now! I will make a road through the wilderness and give you streams of water there. (Isaiah 43:18-19 GNT)

Have you ever struggled with changes that are happening in the world, your family, your health, your finances or living arrangements? We all struggle with change, some of us more than others. Most of you will know how hard a change in your life circumstances can be. One minute life is travelling along smoothly and the next minute something happens that impacts your life and changes it forever. You might manage the change ok or you may struggle to adjust to the change. We all manage changes differently. There are many books written about how to manage change within our personal lives, businesses, organisations, or churches.

I recently read a quote by a church leader that gave me pause for thought. Cary Nieuwhof, minister, and author looked at the link between mission, method and change in churches. He explained that "a method is a way of doing things: programs the church runs, the style of music, the architecture of a building or facility, a staffing or church leadership structure (all of which cost money).

Have you got a notice to share?

Submissions for inclusion in the September Bulletin end 22 August 2024.

Those are all simply methods that can and should change. The mission is what you're doing (like reaching people with the love and hope of Jesus), and it never changes. The more you focus on the mission, the easier it is to change the methods." Nieuwhof also says that "the reason change is so difficult in many churches is that members fall in love with the methods, not with the mission." It can be hard to let go of the things that tie us to the past. It is in the past that we may have good memories, even though if we are honest, we may be painting a rosier picture of what really happened.

Isaiah reminds us to not cling to the events of the past nor dwell on what happened long ago. When we cling to the past, we can lose sight of the future. The place we need to pay attention to is the present time for that is the only place we can glimpse what God is doing in the world. God goes before us, beckoning us to join into God's mission. When we look to the past, we can see the legacy left by past generations of members in our church eg St Stephen's Church and Hall, St Stephen's Hospital, Lifeline, BlueCare, Meals on Wheels. At our recent Mary Burnett Presbytery meeting our Presbytery Minister, Pastor Graham Huth, mentioned a quote about legacy that brings it into the present moment. Julie Funt writes that: "Legacy is a story about you that is yet to be written, but for which you hold the pen." If we hold the pen, I wonder what is the story we can write about our congregation that will be remembered in ten, twenty- or fifty-years' time? Maybe if we allow ourselves to dream and imagine a different future, anything will be possible with God by our side, God wants to lead us out of the wilderness into the streams of living water into abundant life working on God's mission in our community, *'making Christ visible.'*



Blessings

Rev Delma Lovell



UNITING CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA MARYBOROUGH PARISH

Report on Leaders' Council Meeting 22 July 2024

Approval was given for the following:

- Recommendation to go to the Annual Parish Meeting for a restructure of Leaders Council (now that the Parish has a single congregation).
- Congregation to be reminded of the exclusive use of a hall when hired by outside parties.
- Breakfast Ministry appeal to be conducted during August 2024.
- Prayer meeting to be initiated in response to Congregation feedback.

Leaders Council also noted:

- A Memorandum of Understanding with Connect100 has been signed.
- Auction of surplus items removed from Tiaro Hall has been conducted and funds raised are expected to cover the removal costs.
- Lease to Leslie G Ross Funeral Services for Chapel and catering room has been renewed.
- Current holders of keys to Wesley Auditorium will be contacted as part of the review of the Key Register.

Diana Collins
Leaders Council Secretary

SAVE THE DATE

*REJOICE * PRAISE * SING*

Special Hymn service of

Thanksgiving & Renewal

featuring the Melville Memorial Organ, Maryborough Brass, and favourite hymns both old & new.

Sunday
18th August 2024
9am



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Our next event *November Noel* November 30th, 2024

Annual Parish Meeting

Sunday 25th August

Following church service

REMINDER RE HALL USE

Wesley Auditorium, and other halls, may be booked out for events or activities that have nothing to do with the Church. Hall hirers pay for the sole use of a hall. Members of the congregation are reminded that, unless they are involved in an activity, not to enter Wesley Auditorium or other hall to respect the privacy of the hall hirers.

Parish directory 2024

now available from the Parish Office.

Protecting your Privacy: The directory is available only to members of UCA Maryborough. You must collect a hardcopy in person during office hours or authorise another member on the directory in writing to collect one on your behalf. Please contact Brodie, the Parish Office Secretary during office hours, or Leaders Council Secretary Diana Collins, with any questions.

GARAGE SALE

SATURDAY
28th September 2024

21 Sussex St Maryborough QLD

7:00am – 12:30pm

Breakfast Ministry August Appeal

This month we're appealing for donations for Breakfast Ministry.

Whilst cash donations are preferred for versatility, donations of baked beans and rolled oat (NOT quick oats) are also appreciated.

Relief volunteers are always needed for breakfast preparation and service, and for washup. To join our Breakfast Ministry Volunteers, contact Marion Tappenden



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 2024

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| BREAKFAST MINISTRY | Tuesday 6th @ 6am Breakfast Ministry St. Paul's Anglican Hall |
|  | Tuesday 6th @ 9:30am "Chatty Tuesdays". Wesley Auditorium. |
|  GIRLS BRIGADE | Tuesday 6th @ 6pm Girls Brigade. Wesley Auditorium & Hall. Cadets 6.00pm – 7:30pm / Upper Section 6.00pm – 8.00 pm |
|  Fellowship | Thursday 8th @ 1.30pm – 3pm MUCAF (Maryborough Uniting Church Adult Fellowship) Meeting |
|  | Monday 12th @ 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 10.00am on that day. |
| BREAKFAST MINISTRY | Tuesday 13th @ 6am Breakfast Ministry St. Paul's Anglican Hall |
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|  GIRLS BRIGADE | Tuesday 13th @ 6pm Girls Brigade. Wesley Auditorium Cadets 6.00pm – 7:30pm / Upper Section 6.00pm – 8.00 pm |
|  | Thursday 15th @ 3pm Church service @ Chelsea Retirement Living Community Hall |
|  | Saturday 18th @ 9am *Rejoice*Praise*Sing* A Special Hymn Service of Thanksgiving & Renewal in St Stephens church |
|  GIRLS BRIGADE LEADERS | Monday 19th @ 6.30pm Girls Brigade Leaders Meeting _ Wesley Auditorium |
| BREAKFAST MINISTRY | Tuesday 20th @ 6am Breakfast Ministry St. Paul's Anglican Hall |
|  | Tuesday 20th @ 9:30am "Chatty Tuesdays". Wesley Auditorium. |
|  | Tuesday 20th @ 2:30pm 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 20th @ 6pm Girls Brigade. Wesley Auditorium & Hall. Cadets 6.00pm – 7:30pm / Upper Section 6.00pm – 8.00 pm |
| ANNUAL PARISH MEETING | Sunday 25th following church service Annual Parish Meeting |
|  | Monday 26th @ 4.30pm – Leaders Council Meeting in Wesley Auditorium. |
| BREAKFAST MINISTRY | Tuesday 27th @ 6am Breakfast Ministry St. Paul's Anglican Hall |
|  | Tuesday 27th @ 9:30am "Chatty Tuesdays". Wesley Auditorium. |
|  GIRLS BRIGADE | Tuesday 27th @ 6pm Girls Brigade. Wesley Auditorium & Hall. Cadets 6.00pm – 7:30pm / Upper Section 6.00pm – 8.00 pm |

Community Notices and Events August 2024

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|  | Thursday 1 st August @ 9.30am - 11am St Paul's Anglican Parish presents Market Day Music |
|  | Tuesday 13th August @ 10am Classic Film Lord of the Flies @ Maryborough Library. FREE ENTRY. |
|  | Wednesday 14th August @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 a loved one's, memory loss. |
|  | Friday 16th August from 9am Regional Disability Expo Fraser Coast @ Maryborough Showgrounds. FREE ENTRY. |
|  | Saturday 31 st August & Sunday 1 st September Maryborough Open Gardens . \$5 per person per day for all gardens. Go to https://maryboroughopengardens.net/2024-maryborough-open-gardens-2/ |

September 2024 advance Date Claimers

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| FATHERS' DAY | Sunday 1st September Fathers' Day |
|  | Tuesday 3rd September @ 6pm The Sunrise <i>luminescent quartets for historic clarinet and strings.</i> Bookings arco.org.au |
| GARAGE SALE | Saturday 28th September from 7am Garage Sale in Wesley Auditorium |