

October '24



The United Church in Australia
QUEENSLAND SYNOD
MARYBOROUGH PARISH

Office Hours: 9am – 12noon, Wednesday – Friday
Location: 21 Sussex St, Maryborough, QLD, 4650
Post: P.O. Box 585, Maryborough, QLD, 4650
Tel: 0402 425 340
Email: ucamaryborough@gmail.com.au

Reverend Delma Lovell
Tel: 0428 598 309
Email: min.ucamaryborough@gmail.com

<https://ucamaryborough.org.au/>



Find us on Facebook MARYBOROUGH PARISH UNITING CHURCH



Making Christ Visible

Maryborough Church Services

SUNDAY 6th

Communion

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

READINGS: Jb 1:1; 2:1-10 Ps 26
Heb 1:1-4; 2:5-12 Mk 10:2-16

SUNDAY 13th

St Stephen's Hospital Sunday – Rev Delma

9:00am St. Stephen's Church

READINGS: Jb 1:1; 2:1-10 Ps 26
Heb 1:1-4; 2:5-12 Mk 10:2-16

THURSDAY 17th

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

SUNDAY 20th

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

READINGS: Jb 38:1-7, (34-41) Ps 104:1-9, 24, 35c
Heb 5:1-10 Mk 10:35-45

SUNDAY 27th

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

READINGS: Jb 42:1-6, 10-17 Ps 34:1-8, (19-22)
Heb 7:23-28 Mk 10:46-52

Country Church Services

SUNDAY 20th

2:00pm Bauple Home Group- Rev Delma

Have you got a notice to share?

Submissions for inclusion in the November Bulletin end 25th October 2024

Dear Friends

MINISTER'S MESSAGE

I know what I'm doing. I have it all planned out—plans to take care of you, not abandon you, plans to give you the future you hope for. "When you call on me, when you come and pray to me, I'll listen. When you come looking for me, you'll find me. Yes, when you get serious about finding me and want it more than anything else, I'll make sure you won't be disappointed." God's Decree. "I'll turn things around for you." (Jeremiah 29:11-13 MSG)

Once upon a time, there was a frog that lived in a well. He grew up knowing nothing, but the well and what occasionally he could see through the mouth of it. Though Frog lived by himself; he was content with the knowledge that he the smartest creature he knew. This changed when Sparrow flew down to get a sip of water. Frog often saw birds fly overhead. Once a heron had stuck its head into his well and tried to spear him, and so Frog had a bad impression of birds ever since. Frog ordered the bird never to come back. Sparrow refused, as she was making her nest nearby and was quite thirsty. "And this well is much closer than the lake," Sparrow explained. Frog did not know what a lake was. When Sparrow explained it was a large body of water, Frog didn't believe her- for Frog had never seen any body of water bigger than his well. Sparrow attempted to share with him stories about the lake and even the sea, but he only grew angrier and insulted her intelligence. Sparrow flew off in a huff.

Many days went by, and Sparrow did not return. Having finally talked to someone, Frog realized that he was lonely. He decided to apologize to Sparrow- if only so he had someone to speak to again. However, Frog found it nearly impossible to jump out of the well. Distraught at the thought that what was once his home would now be a prison, he leapt with all his might and caught the brim of the well. When Frog called out for help, Sparrow appeared and helped pull him safely onto land. Frog then saw the beautiful landscape around him, in colours he had never seen. Frog apologised and thanked Sparrow for her help. The two became good

friends after that, and Frog was forever grateful he took that first step out of the well. ('The Frog in the Well' from Continuing the Story).

Change is hard. We don't want to change, to do things differently. The frog didn't want to change because he didn't know anything different. He continued doing what he had always done until Sparrow came for a visit and introduced him to a different way of living. Jerimiah sent a messenger to the Israelites who were exiled in Babylon. They didn't like their change in circumstances. They were separated from their homeland – everything was out of place; nothing fitted together. But Jerimiah had a challenging message for them from God. God had plans for them. God hadn't given up on them. God wanted them to know that they weren't to sit around feeling sorry for themselves. The aim of people of faith isn't to be as comfortable as possible but to live as fully as possible. They needed to make the best of it. Don't just survive, thrive. The only opportunity they had to live by faith was in the circumstances they were experiencing that very day. When you enter times of trouble or sudden change, pray diligently and move ahead, doing whatever you can rather than giving up. Don't let fear and uncertainty stop you. God knows the future and has plans for your good that are full of hope. Let us pray for our congregation: Lord help us to get serious about finding you and to want it more than anything else. Let us be reminded that you are with us, that you have plans for us that gives us hope for the future. Amen.



Blessings
Rev Delma Lovell

ANNUAL CONGREGATION MEETING

The Annual Congregation Meeting will be held on **SUNDAY, 24th NOVEMBER 2024**, at the conclusion of service. The Congregation will be asked to fill vacant positions for Leaders for 2025 (in accordance with the Leadership Structure adopted by the Congregation on 25/8/24). Leaders appointed by the Congregation who serve on Leaders Council are the Elders and Congregation Chair.

Positions to be voted on are:

- Chair of Congregation
- Secretary of Congregation
- Parish Presbytery Representative
- Elder (s) x 4

Note: Current Elders, who will continue to serve throughout 2025, are Ros Martin & Marion Tappenden.

NOMINATION FORMS

- Available from Sunday 29th September or email copies can be requested from the Church Office.
- Must be returned to the Church Office no later than Friday 18th October 2024

Please prayerfully consider these roles and if you have queries, please talk to Leaders Council Chair Denise Wilschut; Leaders Council Secretary, Diana Collins; or Rev Delma Lovell.



From the pen of *Diana Collins* LEADERS COUNCIL SECRETARY

A SPECIAL PARISH MEETING

will be held immediately after the service in St Stephen's Church on **Sunday, 20 October 2024,**

to discuss and adopt the Parish budget for the financial year July 2024 – June 2025.

This will be the only item of business on the agenda.

All members of the congregation are encouraged to attend this meeting.

REPORT ON LEADERS' COUNCIL MEETING 23rd September 2024

Approval was given for the following:

- To use the Synod Bookkeeping Service from 1/1/25.
- To propose the 2024/5 budget for approval by the congregation at a special parish meeting.
- To accept direct deposits to the Breakfast Ministry bank account.
- The Safe Program Plan for the November Girls Brigade Tombola.
- To accept the external auditor's fee for the 2024/5 financial year audit.
- Church Office hours from 2 October 2024 to be from 9am-noon on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

Leaders Council also noted:

- Synod has approved the sale of the Tiaro church property.
- Diana Collins will cease her role as an Elder from 31/12/24.
- Confirmed lay church members who are interested in attending the 2025 Synod in Session are invited to speak to Rev Delma regarding nomination. This needs to occur in the next few weeks.



Raising funds to assist 2nd Maryborough
Girls' Brigade Company --- a Christian
Youth Group for girls aged Prep to Year 12



MONSTER

CHRISTMAS TOMBOLA

SATURDAY 16 NOVEMBER 2024

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



REJOICE PRAISE SING

November Noel

featuring the Melville Memorial Organ & Maryborough Brass

SATURDAY
SAVE THE DATE

30TH NOVEMBER 2024
6PM



**ST STEPHEN'S
HOSPITAL**

10 years in Hervey Bay, decades in the region



St Stephen's Uniting Church
Maryborough Service

SUNDAY 13 OCTOBER | 9AM-11AM

25 Sussex St, Maryborough Qld

From our origins in Maryborough in 1905 to our present-day location in Hervey Bay, St Stephen's Hospital has grown into an innovative hospital providing holistic care for patients and their families from across the Wide Bay region and beyond.

Come along to a special service celebrating St Stephen's Hospital.

Morning tea will be held at Wesley Auditorium, 21 Sussex Street, after service.



Proudly part of
UnitingCare

GOOD HOPE Men's Shelter Appeal

Leaders' Council has decided to hold an appeal throughout October in support of the local men's shelter. A container will be located in the Library Section of Wesley Auditorium in which you can place your donations.

Items required are:-

- SINGLE BED BLANKETS which can be 2ndhand but must be in good, clean condition.
- THONGS – SIZES 9, 10, 11,
- MEN'S TOILETRIES

If you require further information, please contact
Marion Tappenden Ph. 0437297761.

BREAKFAST MINISTRY

Anyone wishing to direct deposit their donation to the Breakfast Ministry, the details are:

BSB 014-655

ACC 4250 - 44594

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



**CONTAINERS
FOR CHANGE**

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

OCTOBER DATE CLAIMERS

Tuesday 1st @ 6am Breakfast Ministry St. Paul's Anglican Hall
Tuesday 1st @ 9:30am "Chatty Tuesdays". Wesley Auditorium.
Tuesday 1st @ 6pm Girls Brigade. Wesley Auditorium & Hall. Cadets 6.pm–7:30pm / Upper Section 6pm- 8pm
Tuesday 8th @ 6am Breakfast Ministry St. Paul's Anglican Hall
Tuesday 8th @ 9:30am "Chatty Tuesdays". Wesley Auditorium.
Tuesday 8th @ 6pm Girls Brigade. Wesley Auditorium & Hall. Cadets 6.pm–7:30pm / Upper Section 6pm- 8pm
Monday 7th @ 8:30am No Prayer Meeting [King's Birthday public holiday]
Thursday 10th @ 1pm – 3pm MUCAF (Maryborough Uniting Church Adult Fellowship) Meeting
Saturday 12th @ 9am for a 10am start Fellowship Morning Tea @ Maryborough Services and Citizen's Memorial Club (formerly Maryborough RSL) Federation Room. RSVP by 6th October. Contact Diana Collins on 0407 382 783 or dscollins2@bigpond.com.
Monday 14th 8:30am – 9:30am Prayer Meeting in St Stephen's Church
Monday 14th @ 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.
Tuesday 15th @ 6am Breakfast Ministry St. Paul's Anglican Hall
Tuesday 15th @ 9:30am "Chatty Tuesdays". Wesley Auditorium.
Tuesday 15th @ 2:30pm BOOKS 'n COFFEE_ Wesley Auditorium
Tuesday 15th @ 6pm Girls Brigade. Wesley Auditorium & Hall. Cadets 6.pm–7:30pm / Upper Section 6pm- 8pm
Thursday 17th @ 3pm Church service @ Chelsea Retirement Living Community Hall
Sunday 20th immediately following service Special Parish Meeting for adoption of FY24/25 Budget
Monday 21th 8:30am – 9:30am Prayer Meeting in St Stephen's Church
Monday 21st @ 6.30pm Girls Brigade Leaders Meeting _ Wesley Auditorium
Tuesday 22nd @ 6am Breakfast Ministry St. Paul's Anglican Hall
Tuesday 22nd @ 9:30am "Chatty Tuesdays". Wesley Auditorium.
Tuesday 22nd @ 6pm Girls Brigade. Wesley Auditorium & Hall. Cadets 6.pm–7:30pm / Upper Section 6pm- 8pm
Monday 28th 8:30am – 9:30am Prayer Meeting in St Stephen's Church
Monday 28th @ 4.30pm – Leaders Council Meeting in Wesley Auditorium.
Tuesday 29th @ 6am Breakfast Ministry St. Paul's Anglican Hall
Tuesday 29th @ 9:30am "Chatty Tuesdays". Wesley Auditorium.
Tuesday 29th @ 6pm Girls Brigade. Wesley Auditorium & Hall. Cadets 6.pm–7:30pm / Upper Section 6pm- 8pm
COMMUNITY NOTICES AND EVENTS
Thursday 3rd @ 9.30am - 11am St Paul's Anglican Parish presents Market Day Music
Saturday 5th @ 3.30pm St Paul's Anglican Parish Ecumenical St Francis Day Celebration @ Christ Church Granville. BYO blanket or chair + a plate to share & bring your pets/animals for a special blessing. All welcome.
Wednesday 9th @11:30am - 1:30pm BlueCare's Memory Support Cafe Wesley Auditorium, supporting those who care for someone with dementia.
Thursday 10th @ Maryborough Markets Mental Health Forum for Mental Health Week
Sunday 13th @2pm Maryborough Choral Society presents "Can't Help Singing" in the Federation Room of the Brolga Theare. Call president (Paula) on 0414 546 473 for more info.
Friday 18th UnitingCare 'Full Circle Awards' at Brisbane City Hall 5:30pm to 10:30pm. Connect100+ Team (including Rev Delma) Finalists in the 'Bringing People Together' Category. St Stephen's Hospital Executive Team finalists in the 'Healthy Communities Reconciliation' category.
Sunday 20th @ 10am The Catholic Community of Maryborough (St Mary's) invites you to 'Come sit at my table' (a multicultural celebration). Phone 41213701 8.30am – 2.30pm Tues – Fri for more info

You can find this bulletin, and more 'What's On' info at
ucamaryborough.org.au