

December'24 & January'25



The Uniting Church in Australia
QUEENSLAND SYNOD
MARYBOROUGH PARISH

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MARYBOROUGH PARISH UNITING CHURCH



Making Christ Visible

DECEMBER 2024 Church Services

SUNDAY 1st

Advent 1- Communion

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

READINGS: Jer 33:14-16 Ps 25:1-10
1Thes 3:9-13 Lk 21:25-36

SUNDAY 8th

Advent 2

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

READINGS: Mal 3:1-4 Lk 1:68-79
Phil 1:3-11 Lk 3:1-6

SUNDAY 15th

Advent 3

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

READINGS: Zep 3:14-20 Is 12:2-6
Phil 4:4-7 k 3:7-18

BAUPLE HOME GROUP

Christmas service

SUNDAY 15th 2:00pm - *Rev Delma*

THURSDAY 19th

Christmas Service

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

SUNDAY 22nd

Advent 4

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

READINGS: Mic 5:2-5a Lk 1:46b-55 or Ps 80:1-7
Heb 10:5-10 Lk 1:39-45, (46-55)

WEDNESDAY 25th

Christmas Day

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

READINGS: Is 52:7-10 Ps 98
Heb 1:1-4, (5-12) Lk 2:(1-7), 8-20

SUNDAY 29th -

9:00am **Wesley Auditorium** - *Rev Delma*

READINGS: 1 Sm 2:18-20, 26 Ps 148
Col 3:12-17 Lk 2:41-52

JANUARY 2025 Church Services

SUNDAY 5th

Communion

9:00am **Wesley Auditorium** -*Rev Delma*

READINGS: Jeremiah 31:7-14 Ps 147:12-20
Ephesians 1:3-14 John 1:(1-9), 10-18

SUNDAY 12th

9:00am **Wesley Auditorium** -*Rev Delma*

READINGS: Is 43:1-7 Ps 29
Acts 8:14-17 Lk 3:15-17, 21-22

THURSDAY 16th

Church Service Cancelled

Chelsea Retirement Living Community Hall

SUNDAY 19th

9:00am– **Wesley Auditorium**- *Dawn Jenkinson*

READINGS: Is 62:1-5 Ps 36:5-10
1 Cor 12:1-11 Jn 2:1-11

BAUPLE HOME GROUP

Gathering only, no Service

SUNDAY 19th 2:00pm

SUNDAY 26th -

9:00am– **Wesley Auditorium** -*Maryan McGown*

READINGS: Neh 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10 Ps 19
1 Cor 12:12-31a Lk 4:14-21

FEBRUARY SAVE THE DATE

SUNDAY 2nd

*Communion * Leaders Commissioning*

9:00am **Wesley Auditorium** – *Rev Delma*



SUMMER SERVICES

in the AIR-CONDITIONED

Wesley Auditorium

29/12/24 – 2/2/25

MINISTER'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends

...fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand. (Isaiah 41:10 MSG)

Fear can be overpowering. It can stop us in our tracks and zap the life out of us. We can be fearful about our health, our family situation, what is happening in our community, our country, and our world. Fear is often fuelled by a lack of knowledge about what we are fearful of. If we are fearful about a health diagnosis, it can be empowering to gain knowledge about what it might mean for our day-to-day life. For some people who fear what is happening in our community they may even stop venturing outside their homes. It is hard to believe that in March 2025 it will be five years since we first felt fear about COVID-19. The remnants of the Israelites who were living in exile in Babylon where fearful that God had forgotten them and that God's presence in the world had shrunken and withered. The Israelites were isolated far from their homeland but in two generations they had become acclimatised to life in Babylon. They had come to terms with their conquerors. They had assimilated into the culture. They were worried about rumours of another power rising in the East, an unknown ruler who was sweeping the land and there was panic.

Then along comes the prophet, Isaiah. He had a message for God's people. 'Don't panic. I am with you. There is no need to fear for I'm your God. I'll give you strength. I'll help you.' What a powerful message for them to hear and for us to hear as well. God is with us. Do not be afraid. All will be well. This doesn't mean that there won't be challenges to deal with or suffering to live through, but through all that God can be our refuge and strength. Fear unchecked can paralyse us from doing anything other than huddling up, hiding away trying to stay safe. We can worry about things that may or may not happen. This crippling worry can also stop us from stepping out of our comfort zone into doing things differently. This Advent and Christmas I will be using the Qld Synod Discipleship Group worship resource for church services. The theme is "Rejoice together one and all." The themes will be Rejoice and See; Rejoice and Hear; Rejoice and Act; Rejoice and Feel; Rejoice and Celebrate: Rejoice and Know. When we are struggling, how can we stop ourselves from being stuck in fear whatever our fear maybe? God loves you and is with you. May you feel God's loving embrace give you comfort and peace during Advent, Christmas and into the New Year and beyond. *May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. (2 Corinthians 13:14 NLT)*

Note:

Submissions for inclusion in the February 2025 Bulletin close on January 29th.

Blessings

Rev Delma Lovell





Report on Leaders' Council Meeting 25th November 2024

Approval was given for the following:

- Absences for Rev Delma –
 - From 15 January 2025, for cataract surgery and recovery.
 - 27-28 February 2025, to attend Uniting Care Chaplaincy Practice Development.
- Minister's Discretionary Fund to be closed and proceeds distributed between Girls Brigade and Breakfast Ministry.
- Empty Christmas Tree donations to go to Yoorana Women's Refuge and Breakfast Ministry.
- Church Office to close from noon 13 December 2024 and reopen 22 January 2025.
- Purchase of a battery for a donated ride-on mower.
- 2025 Safe Program Plans for most church activities.
- 2025 dates for Fellowship Morning Teas with the first on 1 February.

Leaders Council noted that Safe Church Training for Girls Brigade Leaders and Helpers, and Leaders Council members, would occur on 8 February 2025.

Leaders Council also encourages the congregation to support through prayer the Easter Madness Youth Camp which is being planned by Moreton Rivers Presbytery for 2025.

Diana Collins
Leaders Council Secretary



The Parish Office will close at
**12noon on Friday
December 13th, 2024**
& reopen from
**9am on Wednesday
January 22nd, 2025**

**I would like to sincerely
thank everyone who
has supported myself
and Scott following the
loss of Bob. This has
been very much
appreciated. Please
accept this as my
personal thank you.**



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

Denise Wilschut



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EMPTY CHRISTMAS TREE

Clip your **CASH DONATIONS FOR BREAKFAST MINISTRY** to the tree until 22nd DECEMBER.

Place your donated **GIFTS FOR MUMS & KIDS AT YOORANA WOMEN'S REFUGE** under the tree until 15th DECEMBER.

DONATION GUIDELINES FOR GIFTS

1. Please **don't wrap** the gifts.
2. **No loud toys** or musical instruments, and no toys that are weapons **or are violent**.
3. Children range in ages from babies and toddlers to teenagers.
4. Try to keep each gift to an average cost of between \$5-\$30 so that all children receive gifts of similar value.
5. Reading books, colouring books/activities/pens and pencils, DUPLO, Lego, board games are great and can work for any age.
6. Other gift ideas on poster in Church entry and on Wesley Auditorium noticeboard.



MARYBOROUGH CHRISTMAS CAROLS

Presented by Maryborough Ministers Fellowship

Sunday 8th @ 4pm & 7pm (2 shows)

Maryborough Ministers Fellowship presents

Maryborough Christmas Carols

@ the Brolga Theatre and Convention Centre.

The Maryborough Ministers Fellowship invites everyone to come together to celebrate the spirit of community, generosity, and faith. Food and drink available for purchase thanks to Fraser Coast Rotary Events. Family Fireworks to complete the night.

Entry is FREE but by booking ONLY. Go to <https://brolgat.sales.ticketsearch.com/sales/salesevent/141959> **to reserve your free ticket.**

Hosting the event indoors allows us to enjoy the festivities regardless of the weather. It provides a wonderful setting for the community to embrace the joy, hope, and peace that Christmas brings.

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 December 2024

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| PRAYER MEETING | Monday 2nd from 8:30am to 9am PRAYER MEETING , St Stephens Church |
| BREAKFAST MINISTRY | Tuesday 3rd @ 7am Breakfast Ministry St. Paul's Anglican Hall |
|  | Tuesday 3rd @ 9:30am "Chatty Tuesdays". Wesley Auditorium. |
| MARYBOROUGH CHRISTMAS CAROLS | Sunday 8th @ 4pm & 7pm (2 shows) Maryborough Ministers Fellowship presents Maryborough Christmas Carols @ the Brolga Theatre and Convention Centre. Entry is FREE but by booking ONLY. Go to https://brolgat.sales.ticketsearch.com/sales/salesevent/141959 to reserve your free ticket. |
| PRAYER MEETING | Monday 9th from 8:30am to 9am Prayer Meeting, St Stephens Church |
|  | Monday 9th @ 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 10th @ 7am Breakfast Ministry St. Paul's Anglican Hall |
|  | Wednesday 11th @11:30am - 1:30pm BlueCare's Memory Support Cafe Wesley Auditorium, 21 Sussex St. Supporting those caring for someone with dementia. |
| PRAYER MEETING | Monday 16th from 8:30am to 9am Prayer Meeting, St Stephens Church |
| GIRLS BRIGADE LEADERS | Monday 16th @ 6.30pm Girls Brigade Leaders Meeting _ Wesley Auditorium |
| BREAKFAST MINISTRY | Tuesday 17th @ 7am Breakfast Ministry St. Paul's Anglican Hall |
|  | Thursday 19th @ 3pm Church Christmas service @ Chelsea Retirement Living Community Hall |
| PRAYER MEETING | Monday 23rd from 8:30am to 9am PRAYER MEETING , St Stephens Church |
| PRAYER MEETING | Monday 30th from 8:30am to 9am PRAYER MEETING , St Stephens Church |

Date Claimers January 2025

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| PRAYER MEETING | Monday 6th from 8:30am to 9am PRAYER MEETING , St Stephens Church |
| BREAKFAST MINISTRY | Tuesday 7th @ 7am Breakfast Ministry St. Paul's Anglican Hall |
|  | Tuesday 7th @ 9:30am "Chatty Tuesdays". Wesley Auditorium. |
|  | Wednesday 8th @11:30am - 1:30pm BlueCare's Memory Support Cafe Wesley Auditorium, 21 Sussex St. Supporting those caring for someone with dementia. |
| PRAYER MEETING | Monday 13th from 8:30am to 9am PRAYER MEETING , St Stephens Church |
| BREAKFAST MINISTRY | Tuesday 14th @ 7am Breakfast Ministry St. Paul's Anglican Hall |
|  | Tuesday 14th @ 9:30am "Chatty Tuesdays". Wesley Auditorium. |
|  | No Church service @ Chelsea Retirement Living Community Hall in January |
| BREAKFAST MINISTRY | Tuesday 21st @ 6am Breakfast Ministry St. Paul's Anglican Hall |
|  | Tuesday 21st @ 9:30am "Chatty Tuesdays". Wesley Auditorium. |
| BREAKFAST MINISTRY | Tuesday 28th @ 7am Breakfast Ministry St. Paul's Anglican Hall |
|  | Tuesday 28th @ 9:30am "Chatty Tuesdays". Wesley Auditorium. |

Community Notices and Events December '24

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|  | Thursday 5th @ 9.30am - 11am St Paul's Anglican Parish presents Market Day Music featuring Dave McLeod (<i>there is no Market Day Music in January 2025</i>) |
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| CHRISTMAS EVENTS THROUGHOUT FRASER COAST | Friday 6th Mungar State School Twilight Christmas Fair. 5pm – 8pm 1143 Mungar Rd, Mungar QLD 4650. Entry is Free. |
| | Saturday 7th Toogoom Christmas Fair. 3pm – 8pm Cnr O'Regan Creek Road and Toogoom Road, Toogoom, QLD 4655. Entry is Free. |
| | Saturday 7th Bauple Christmas Music. 4pm – 9pm Bauple Recreation Grounds 18 Forestry Road, Bauple Entry is Free. |
| | Saturday 7th Carols in the Village 5pm Hervey Bay Historical Village and Museum 13 Zephyr Street, Scarness, QLD 4655 Entry is \$2/adult, kids free. |
| | Wednesday 11th – 23rd daily Christmas Lights Wonderland 6pm-9pm Hervey Bay Botanic Gardens 62-105 Elizabeth Street, Urangan, QLD 4655. Gold coin donation entry. |
| | Saturday 14th Hervey Bay Carols by Candlelight 4pm-8pm Seafront Oval Charlton Esplanade, Pialba, QLD, 4655 Entry is Free. |
| | Sunday 15th Christmas in the Park Boonooroo 4pm-7pm Boonooroo Sport & Recreation Ground 107 Eckert Rd, Boonooroo QLD 4650 Entry is Free. |
| | Sunday 15th Granville Gather Christmas Markets Extravaganza 3pm-7pm Brendan Hansen Park Odessa and Cambridge Streets Granville, QLD, 4650 Entry is Free. |
| | Monday 16th Carols Under the Poona Stars 6pm-8pm Poona Centenary Hall 7 Snapper Drive, Poona, QLD 4650 Entry is Free. |
| Thursday 19th Burrum Heads Carols by Candlelight 6:15pm-8:30pm Burrum Heads Christian Community Church 48 Howard St, Burrum Heads QLD, 4659 Entry is Free. | |
| FREE MOVIE NIGHT | Saturday 14th <i>Just a Farmer</i> FREE MOVIE SCREENING 5pm- 8:30pm Royal Hotel Tiaro 38 Mayne Street, Tiaro. 4650. Entry is FREE. |
| NEW YEARS EVE | Tuesday 31st Maryborough New Year's Eve Family Fun Fair 5pm- 9pm Maryborough Cricket Club 46 Ariadne Street, Maryborough, QLD |
| Community Notices and Events January '25 | |
| FREE MOVIE NIGHT | Saturday 11th <i>Just a Farmer</i> FREE MOVIE SCREENING 5pm- 8:30pm Maryborough Cricket Club 46 Ariadne Street, Maryborough, QLD 4650.. Entry is FREE. |
| Month advance Date Claimers February '25 | |
| GIRLS' BRIGADE <i>Australia</i> | Tuesday 4th @ 6pm Girls Brigade returns for 2025. Wesley Auditorium & Hall. Cadets 6pm – 7:30pm / upper section 6pm -8pm |
| BOOK CLUB | Tuesday 18th @ 2.30pm BOOKS 'n COFFEE returns for 2025 |
| <i>Fun. Food. Fellowship</i> | Saturday 1st Fellowship Morning Tea returns for 2025. 9am @ Maryborough Services and Citizens Memorial Club (formerly Maryborough RSL) |
| TOMBOLA | Saturday 22nd save the date CHURCH TOMBOLA |



Church Tombola
Saturday 22nd February 2025
Wesley Auditorium
21 Sussex St, Maryborough, QLD, 4650

