



The Uniting Church in Australia  
QUEENSLAND SYNOD  
MARYBOROUGH PARISH

# Bulletin

## JULY 2025

### MINISTER'S PASTORAL MESSAGE:

Dear Friends,

Jesus said: *"Go to all peoples everywhere and make them my disciples: baptize them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, and teach them to obey everything I have commanded you."* (Matthew 28:19-20a GNT)

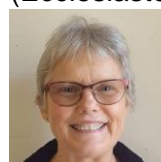
Did you know that UnitingCare's Connect100+ provide me with a mission coach? The other day during our session, my coach commented that most of our conversation revolved around our property matters. How did it come to be like this? Jesus' great commission stated for us to go everywhere and make him disciples, not go out and build/repair buildings. Recently I have found some historical document treasures. One I didn't initially see as a treasure as it seemed to be written in a foreign language. The strange numbers were pounds, shillings and pence! This offering book was from St Andrew's Presbyterian Church Tiaro and dated from 1959 – 1961. It also recorded where the church services were held. Did you know Tiaro went out into places like Gundiah, Antigua and Theebine as well as Bauple? They went out past the walls of their church busily spreading the good news to the smaller rural areas.

Another treasure I found was the Walker Street Methodist's 100 years booklet from 1972. Dr IH Grimmatt, President of the Qld Conference, wrote: *"No one can measure the work of God. Tabulation of numbers, records of buildings and activities, and the naming of names, are signs and guarantees of what the Holy Spirit has made us as servants of Jesus the Lord... Our witness to Jesus as Lord, not our acceptance by men, is what controls us. We are concerned to present and to obey Him faithfully as the Spirit gives us power and opportunity. To be found always faithful and fully available to Him is the real measure of success and failure."* The Primitive Methodist Church began in an unoccupied shop or warehouse in March Street in 1872 that was later converted into a

church. It functioned until 1897 when all services were held at Walker Street which had been built and opened in January 1877. They went out beyond the walls of the church holding church services in Bauple, Tiaro, Yengarie, Yerra, Theebine, Thompson's Flat, Munna Creek, Miva, Gunalda, Torbanlea and Howard as well as building a church at Pialba in 1908 and Fairfield in 1956. For these churches, there weren't many church buildings, instead they used whatever buildings they could use from those communities.

We also have a rich missional history with the likes of St Stephen's Hospital, BlueCare, Lifeline, and Meals on Wheels that are all still part of our region providing support where needed. I love the history of Girls' Brigade. Having begun on 21 June 1964 before we became the Uniting Church, as different churches closed they moved from church hall to church hall, eventually landing in the Wesley Auditorium. They can function out of any building where there is the space for them and their goods and chattels. We can get so stuck in the past and the notion that the buildings are the most important asset we have. They aren't! The people are the most important asset that a church has, people who believe in our Lord Jesus Christ and love the Lord with all their hearts, minds and souls. Other treasures I have found in the past year or two are structural engineering reports from 1993 and 1998. They tell stories of the ongoing issues with our St Stephen's complex, the reactive clay soil that expands in the wet and contracts in the dry weather, creating havoc for our buildings as they age. The building issues are complex and not easy to contend with. I know I would much rather be focussing on our mission and Jesus' great commission than worrying about our buildings, but this is the season we are in.

*What do we gain from all our work? I know the heavy burdens that God has laid on us. He has set the right time for everything. He has given us a desire to know the future, but never gives us the satisfaction of fully understanding what he does.* (Ecclesiastes 3:9-12 GNT)



*Blessings*

*Rev Delma Lovell*

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## Maryborough Parish Services

### SUNDAY 6<sup>th</sup> July

**9:00am** St Stephen's Church

*READINGS: 2 Kgs 5:1-14 Ps 30*

*Gal 6:(1-6), 7-16 Lk 10:1-11, 16-20*

### SUNDAY 13<sup>th</sup> July

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

*READINGS: Am 7:7-17 Ps 82*

*Col 1:1-14 Lk 10: 25-37*

### Thursday 17th July

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

### SUNDAY 20th

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

**2.00pm** Bauple Home Group

*READINGS: Am 8:1-12 Ps 52*

*Col 1:15-28 Lk 10: 38-42*

### SUNDAY 27th

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

*READINGS: Hos 1:2-10 Ps 85*

*Col 2:6-15 (16-19) Lk 11:1-13*

## St. Stephen's Monthly Service Locations

1st Sunday – St Stephen's Church @ 9.00am

2nd Sunday – St Stephen's Church @ 9.00am

3rd Sunday – St Stephen's Church @ 9.00am

4th Sunday – Wesley Auditorium @ 9.00am

5th Sunday – St Stephen's Church @ 9.00am

## CONTACT DETAILS

St. Stephens Church - **25 Sussex Street**

Wesley Auditorium, St. Stephen's Hall & Offices **21 Sussex Street**

Email for Leaders Council – operational issues

[lc.ucamaryborough@gmail.com](mailto:lc.ucamaryborough@gmail.com)

Email for Finance- including finance, hall/church bookings

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POST: PO Box 585, Maryborough, QLD, 4650

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# COMBINED CHURCHES

## WORSHIP SERVICE

JULY 27

FOOD VANS 4:30-5:30

SERVICE START 6PM

RIVERSIDE CHRISTIAN COLLEGE PERFORMING ARTS THEATRE

**MMF**

## LEADERS COUNCIL

Property:

Johns Lyng Group has provided an estimated repair timeframe of mid-July for the hail damage insurance claim in the office, auditorium storeroom and kitchen.

Termite Bait Stations were repaired or replaced with green domes in the lawn/ground around the buildings at the St Stephen's Complex on 17 June.

On 13 June GSC Laboratories drilled two holes either side of the St Stephen's Manse front stairs for soil testing for the structural engineer to assist with his report and recommendations.

The Wesley Auditorium hand washing basin and associated plumbing has been replaced.

### **Connect100+**

Rev Delma will be away for the **Connect100+ conference on 9, 10, 11, 12 July** to be held in Cairns and Port Douglas.

Rev Dr Steve Taylor will be visiting some of our activities on 12 and 13 August, looking at 'what is possible,' 'what is useful,' 'what is unique' in the Connect100+ work we do within UnitingCare agencies and the local community.

### **ANNUAL REPORTS DUE 31 JULY 2025**

Please email your annual reports in a Word document format to [ucamaryborough@gmail.com](mailto:ucamaryborough@gmail.com) by 31 July 2025.

**Annual Congregation Meeting:  
Sunday 24 August 2025**

## FELLOWSHIP MORNING TEA

**Date: SATURDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2025**

**Place: Maryborough Services &  
Citizens Memorial Club  
Lennox Street Maryborough**

**Time: 9am Café opens for orders  
10am Program commences**

**RSVP by Sunday 20th JULY  
2025**

**Contact: Diana Collins**  
on 0407382783 or  
email [dsollins2@bigpond.com](mailto:dsollins2@bigpond.com)

## **BAKELESS CAKE SALE**

A bit of news we have today,  
A Bakeless Cake Sale is on the way.  
These busy days who has the time to bake,  
Pies, cookies or even a Cake?

We've thought of a plan that's truly grand,  
And feel quite sure that you'll understand.  
In an envelope, please place the price  
Of a pie, or a cake, or something nice.

No fuss or bother, you've done your part  
**This is the end of our little tale,**  
**Please help make a success of our,**  
**BAKELESS CAKE SALE**

*What To Do with Your Bakeless Cake Sale  
Envelope*

**During the month of July please give your  
donation in any of the following ways**

*In person:*

**To Elizabeth Booth**

*In church:*

**Add your marked envelope to the collection  
plate**



# JULY 2025

BREAKFAST MINISTRY	Tuesday 1st @ 7:00am - 8:00am St Pauls Anglican Church Hall
CHATTY TUESDAY	Tuesday 1st @ 9:30am - 12:00 noon Wesley Auditorium.
PRAYER MEETING	Monday 7th @ 8:30am - 9:00am. in St Stephens Church
BREAKFAST MINISTRY	Tuesday 8th @ 7:00am - 8:00am St Pauls Anglican Church Hall
CHATTY TUESDAY	Tuesday 8th @ 9:30am - 12:00 noon Wesley Auditorium.
MEMORY SUPPORT CAFE	Wednesday 9th @ 11:30am - 1:30pm Wesley Auditorium <i>Supporting those who care for someone with dementia or memory loss.</i>
PRAYER MEETING	Monday 14th @ 8:30am - 9:00am in St Stephens Church
PARISH TEA	Monday 14th @ 5:30pm at Maryborough Services and Citizens Memorial Club Please RSVP your attendance to Nalda Brett on 0407 628 072 before 10.00am on that day.
BREAKFAST MINISTRY	Tuesday 15th @ 7:00am - 8:00am St Pauls Anglican Church Hall
CHATTY TUESDAY	Tuesday 15th @ 9:30am - 12:00 noon Wesley Auditorium.
BOOK CLUB	Tuesday 15th @ 2:30pm Wesley Auditorium Join us every 3rd Tuesday for a chat, a cuppa and to share discussions on our reading.
GIRLS BRIGADE	Tuesday 15th @ 6:00pm Wesley Auditorium Cadets 6:00pm – 7:30pm / Upper Section 6:00pm – 8:00 pm
CHELSEA CHURCH SERVICE	Thursday 17th @ 3:00pm Retirement Living Community Hall
PRESBYTERY MEETING	Saturday 19th @ 8:30am Caloundra Uniting Church
PRAYER MEETING	Monday 21st @ 8:30am - 9:00am St Stephens Church
GIRLS BRIGADE	Monday 21st @ 6.30pm - <b>LEADERS MEETING</b> - Wesley Auditorium
BREAKFAST MINISTRY	Tuesday 22nd @ 7:00am - 8:00am St Pauls Anglican Church Hall
CHATTY TUESDAY	Tuesday 22nd @ 9:30am - 12:00 noon Wesley Auditorium.
GIRLS BRIGADE	Tuesday 22nd @ 6:00pm Wesley Auditorium Cadets 6:00pm – 7:30pm / Upper Section 6:00pm – 8:00 pm
LEADERS COUNCIL MEETING	Monday 28th @ 4:30pm Wesley Auditorium
FELLOWSHIP MORNING TEA	Saturday 26 @ 9:00am Maryborough Services & Citizens Memorial Club
COMBINED CHURCHES WORSHIP	Sunday 27th @ 6:00pm (food vans 4:30-5:30pm) Riverside Christian College Performing Arts Theatre Maryborough Combined Churches worship service
PRAYER MEETING	Monday 28th @ 8:30am to 9:00am St Stephen's Church
BREAKFAST MINISTRY	Tuesday 29th @ 7:00am to 8:00am St Pauls Anglican Church Hall
CHATTY TUESDAY	Tuesday 29th @ 9:30am - 12:00 noon Wesley Auditorium.
GIRLS BRIGADE	Tuesday 29th @ 6:00pm <i>Girls Brigade</i> Wesley Auditorium & Hall. Cadets 6:00pm – 7:30pm / Upper Section 6:00pm – 8:00 pm

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 this  
options to support the work of the Church*



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

**Submissions for inclusion in the August 2025 Bulletin end 20<sup>th</sup> July 2025**