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Sunday 31st March 2019

Greetings and welcome to this week's newsletter

A Note from Linda

As we continue our Lenten series based on the book 'Being Disciples' by Rowan Williams this week, we'll be looking at what it means to live out our Christian faith in society:

"Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven." Really? Apart from prayer, what can Christians do or say that would make a positive contribution to today's society?

Blessings, Linda

Coming Sunday evenings at Athelstone Uniting Church

31 March - 6.00pm - Chill Night - meet at The Rezz for dinner and let's celebrate what has been happening on Sunday evenings

7 April - 6.00pm - Chapel Communion service

14 April - 4.00pm Messy Easter

All are welcome to any of our Sunday evening activities, and as usual are welcome to join us for dinner or a cuppa each Sunday night at The Rezz afterwards.

Messy Easter - 14 April 4-6pm

All are welcome to our next Messy Church worship service which will be all about Easter and New Life! Volunteer helpers also welcome - please contact Meg Edwards if you are interested.

Workshop for creating a Disability-friendly community

We have been invited by our neighbours, Rostrevor Baptist Church, to participate in a free workshop presented by baptist care sa: "Connections - building inclusive communities."

This interactive workshop offers tip and tools to locate a person's strengths, overcome common barriers to inclusion and promote awareness of disability so all people can reach their full potential.

Wednesday 10 April, 10am-12noon at Rostrevor Baptist Church, 288 Montacute Road, Rostrevor

Flyers available in church foyer. To register: email office@rbc.org.au or phone 8336 1466

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ToFs will be meeting again on Tuesday 2nd April at the Church at 2pm.

Lee O'Connell will be sharing her physiotherapy knowledge with us with a very informative talk called

"DON'T FALL FOR IT". All are welcome including partners to come and hear how to keep fit and safe while enjoying our usual cuppa

Triple C's

Next gathering will be on April 10, so Chaps keep the time 1030hrs free to Chat and have a Coffee at ??????.

Yet to arrange the venue.

Athelstone Uniting Church Holy Week Services:

Palm Sunday communion service	Sunday 14 April 9:30am
Messy Easter	Sunday 14 April 4:00pm Messy Church worship service
Maundy Thursday Prayer	Thursday 18 April - Come anytime between 6.30pm & 9.00pm Self-guided prayer stations
Good Friday service	Friday 19 April 9:30am
Easter Son-Rise service	Sunday 21 April 6:45am Thorndon Park Pavilion Worship service with local Uniting Churches
Easter worship service	Sunday 21 April 9:30am Worship service

Holy Week services – would you like to be involved?

You are invited to join one (or both) of the teams who will be planning for and leading the Maundy Thursday and Easter Son-Rise service:

Maundy Thursday Prayer This will be a self-guided prayer experience. People will be able to come and go as they like during the evening and move between different prayer stations. Each station will tell part of the story and have some action to do (pray, write, reflect, hold a stone, etc), there will also be an area for people to sit and chat and have a cuppa if they want to linger longer.

Help needed to design and set up the prayer stations, be on the door roster as welcomers, and set up refreshments. There will be a planning meeting next week. Please let Linda know by Sunday 7pm 31 March if you are interested!

Easter Son-Rise Service

We are joining with Campbelltown and Dernancourt Uniting Churches to worship together in the early morning of Easter Sunday. We are looking for people who would like to join the singing group. There will be one rehearsal time and date TBC

Painting Work Team Required - Main Worship Space

Church Council in 2018 considered and agreed to painting the Main Worship Space. The proposed project relates to the painted (Atlantic Blue) timber work being mainly the doors and windows which are showing signs of aging and ware. A light brown/fawn colour was selected to complement the brick work and 'lighten & lift' the space. Hardware store at Glynde has assisted with significant discount.

The following time table is proposed:

08/04 Monday pm - setup, sand/clean timber work and prep. coat (as required)

09/04 Tuesday pm - under coat

10/04 Wednesday am & pm - final coat

11/04 Thursday am - final touch up and clean up (if required).

If you can, please be part of the Work Team to make it happen easily and quickly. Even a few hours, at just one of the sessions, would be a great help. Tasks will be varied to suit dexterity and skill. Assistance with morning and afternoon tea would also be appreciated. The project is sure to involve some laughs and deliver a 'freshness' to the Worship Space for our up and coming Easter Services.

Further Information: Mike O'Connell M.0478417189 E. mike.oconnell56@gmail.com

For those interested in developments regarding the new Presbytery structure, all latest news is posted here:

<https://sa.uca.org.au/presbytery-and-synod/restructure>

Packing Day - Save the Dates!

Once again the Athelstone Uniting Church is co-ordinating the packing of goods for indigenous communities in northern and central Australia. **Please save the dates: Sunday June 2nd and Monday June 3rd**

If you have any questions please ask Jayne Nicholas.

Report from March 19 Church Council meeting – see below for an update on some of the important items discussed at the March meeting.

- Brian Ball presented a report on Wider Mission and its vision for 2019.
- Exciting to report a new small home group has been formed at the manse to work through a study during Lent
- Council agreed to appoint a small sub-committee to work with Linda on her performance appraisal
- Council agreed to apply for a COMN network grant for Messy Church
- A property working group is being formed and invitations have been sent to identified members
- Victoria has been co-opted to work on reviewing the Safe Church documentation with a view to identifying what we need to do to meet the Safe Church obligations
- Council endorsed the Street Library proposal to be developed on the church grounds
- A review of church membership has been identified as a key action item in view of the possible ramifications for the Presbytery restructure which was referred to by Jeff last Sunday
- Council approved the construction of safety rails at front of the church worship area
- Linda is exploring ways to include and engage children into Sunday morning worship
- Linda is meeting with a number of congregation members regarding marks of passage in their faith and membership

Jeff Dry, Chair Church Council

Ending Poverty, Building Hope

That's the theme of our Lent Event partnership with the Protestant Church in Timor Leste for 2019. That's their commitment and that's our challenge.

In 2 weeks time, on Palm Sunday, we are invited to bring our Lent Event

contributions to church and offer them to God to be blessed and to be a blessing to our overseas neighbours.

How will we respond? Every dollar can make a difference in a country where half the population lives on less than \$2 a day. Let's do it!



Term 1 - 2nd April - **Term 2** - 7th May, 21st May, 4th June, 18th June, 2nd July

Although 4 regular helpers are travelling, Stay and Play will have their last session for Term 1 on 2nd April. Thanks to extra helpers we have ensured our families can continue to enjoy this supportive experience. Please consider how you can help in Term 2, 3 or 4. "Let's Talk Together" in 2019 and celebrate the International Year of Indigenous Languages.

Bruce and Joy Stewart Phone: 83362671 or Email: bruceandjoy@bigpond.com

Electronic Giving – Forms are available or speak to Treasurer Glen Luestner for more information.

Pastoral care - Please contact a member of our Pastoral Care Oversight Team for assistance:

Rev Linda Driver 0458 500 656 Bob Stevenson 0400 641 242

Brenton Summers 0400 632 829 Ann Brown 0413 581 554

Prayer Requests - Can we support you in prayer? Here's how:

Prayer Chain - send an email to, or call Brenton Summers, who will pass your prayer request on to a group of people who faithfully pray in response to Prayer Chain emails.

Confidential Prayers - if the issue is more personal you are invited to contact Linda for individual prayer or one the members of the Pastoral Care Oversight team (Brenton Summers, Ann Brown, Bob Stevenson and Linda). All prayer requests going to the team will be kept strictly confidential within this team.

Prayers for Others (Sunday Worship) – Linda provides our Worship Leaders with prayer points as appropriate. Prayer points are also sourced from the Prayer Chain. If you have something you would like to be included in Prayers for Others, please contact Linda. "We are all called to pray for one another, and so we are all encouraged to offer to pray for, or with others, especially if they share a concern with you." (James 5:13-16)

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Wider Church News- Please use the link to UC e-news at <http://sa.uca.org.au/uc-e-news/>

Website – We encourage you to visit our website: www.athelstonechurch.org.au

Newsletter contributions – Please email newsletter@athelstonechurch.org.au by 5pm Wed.

Lectionary readings

31st March – Jos 5:9-12;; Ps 32; 2 Cor 5:16-21; Lk 15:1-3, 11b-32

7th April – Is 43:16-21; Ps 126; Phil 3:4b-14; Jn 12:1-8

Readings for Sunday Worship Services

31st March – 1 Cor 12:12-26

7th April – Galatians 5:16-22

Roster

	31 st March	7 th April
Preacher	Linda	Linda
Worship Leader	Jeff	Dave
Singers	Jeanine/Marie/Friederike	Jeff/Jeanine/Yvonne
Keyboard	Gerald	Shelley
Guitar	Grant/Scott	Chris/Scott
Data Projector	Dave	Dave
Flowers	Marie H	Raelene
Door Stewards & Offering	Coralie & Brenton	Crisi & Sam
Notices	Barbara	Sylvia
Scripture Reader	Barbara	Lee
Offering Count	Sam/Trevor G	Friederike/Gus
Tea & Coffee	Sylvia & Noel	Jenny & David
Sound	Noel	Don
Building Steward	Eric	Paul

What's on 1st – 7th April

Monday	1 st	9.30-11.30am	Counselling	Chapel
		4.45-6.45pm	Waratah Calisthenics College	Auditorium
		6.00-7.00pm	Pilates	Top Hall
Tuesday	2 nd	9.00 am	Book Club	Coffee Shop
		9.30–11.30 am	Pilates	Top Hall
		10.00-11.00am	U3A – Yoga	Auditorium
		10.00=11.30 am	Stay & Play	Lwr Hall & Decking
		2.00 pm	Tof's	Lwr Hall
		6.30-7.30pm	Reach your Feat	Top Hall
Wednesday	3 rd	6.00-8.00 pm	Waratah Calisthenics College	Auditorium
		6.30-7.30 pm	Reach your Feat	Top Hall
Thursday	4 th	5.30-6.30pm	Reach your Feat	Top Hall
Friday	5 th	10.00-12.00pm	Friendship Club –“ Bugs ”	Auditorium
Saturday	6 th	9.30-11.30am	Pilates	Top Hall
		10.00-11.00am	Waratah Calisthenics College	Auditorium
Sunday	7 th	9.30 am	Worship	Auditorium
		6.00pm	Communion Service	Chapel