

## Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2019

Greetings and welcome to this week's newsletter

### A Note from Linda

We have come to the last week of our Lenten series of Being Disciples, based on Rowan Williams book of the same name. Our focus this week is on Life in the Spirit: to live by the Spirit is to be shaped by inner and outer habits that ground us and grow us as disciples.

Last week I spoke about the Uniting Church Assembly's *Vision for a Just Australia* an excellent resource to help us prepare for the coming Election. A copy is attached with this newsletter (email). You can also access the resource here: <https://uniting.church/visionstatement2019/>

In addition, UCA President Dr Deidre Palmer has responded to the Budget. Read here: <https://sa.uca.org.au/new-times/uca-2019-budget-response>

*Blessings, Linda*

### Coming Sunday Evenings at Athelstone Uniting Church

**7 April** - 6.00pm - Chapel Communion service

**14 April** - 4.00pm - Messy Easter

**21 April** - no evening service

**28 April** - 6.00pm - Prayer Walk

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-12 noon at Rostrevor Baptist Church, 288 Montacute Road, Rostrevor

Please let Linda know asap if you are planning to go.

Flyers available in church foyer. To register: email [office@rbc.org.au](mailto:office@rbc.org.au) or phone 8336 1466

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### Palm Sunday Special Offering

Next Sunday ( April 7 ) marks the climax of our 6 weeks of taking up the challenge of sharing with the Protestant Church in Timor Leste through prayer and giving.

Our special Palm Sunday offering will be received during worship and will form part of the UCA's aim to raise \$350,000 to support the ministry of our Partner Church.

Please come ready to give what you have put aside as your love offering !



## Triple C's

Next gathering of Chaps Coffee Chat is this coming Wednesday 10 April.

*(Ladies suggest you diarise to remind him, so that you can enjoy an hour or so of bliss!)* BRUNELLIS at the Glynde is the location, possibly easiest approach for most is down Montacute Rd. turn right at Glynde traffic lights then quick left under the arch by Hoff and Ashby then left to the big car park.

Normal time 1030hrs have requested seating at far end near the Pizza area, should be quieter to hopefully discover unknown facts about some of your fellow companions. Please advise Ray Walter if intending to come on, 83379358; or 0413937849, as Bob Stevenson is overseas.

### Athelstone Uniting Church Holy Week Services:

<b>Palm Sunday communion service</b>	Sunday 14 April 9:30am
<b>Messy Easter</b>	Sunday 14 April 4:00pm Messy Church worship service
<b>Maundy Thursday Prayer</b>	Thursday 18 April - Come anytime between 6.30pm & 9.00pm Self-guided prayer stations
<b>Good Friday service</b>	Friday 19 April 9:30am
<b>Easter Son-Rise service</b>	Sunday 21 April 6:45am Thorndon Park Pavilion Worship service with local Uniting Churches
<b>Easter worship service</b>	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 set up the prayer stations, be on a door roster as welcomers, and to set up refreshments. Please let Linda know 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.

Rehearsal: Thursday 11 April at 6.30pm at Campbelltown Uniting Church. If you are keen, please let Meg know.

## Painting Main Worship Space - Work Team - This Coming Week

Church Council, last year, agreed to the painting of doors, windows and other woodwork of the Main Worship Space to 'brighten & lighten'.

Arrangements are in place with the expert assistance of Jeanine Dry and Ian Fry.

People 'painting power' is now required to do the preparation and painting in the coming week.

Monday 9.00 - 5.00pm Preparation (clean down/sanding) and Primer/Undercoat ... as required

Tuesday 2.00 - 5.00pm Undercoat and Final Colour First Coat ... as required

Wednesday 2.00 - 5.00pm Final Colour Coat and Clean up.

Attending one session for a few hours would be of great assistance. The painting involves varied jobs suiting skill and dexterity ... so there is a place for everyone. Offers to do tea/coffee during sessions would be greatly appreciated.

As the saying goes..."*many hands make 'light' the work*". Come and join in as you can. Thank you.

FURTHER INFORMATION: E. [mike.oconnell56@gmail.com](mailto:mike.oconnell56@gmail.com) H. 83375717 M. 0478417189

## Prayer Chain

During the period **11 April to 10 May 2019**, Ann Brown will be the contact person for the Church's Prayer Chain.

Ann can be contacted on **0413581554** or by email on [brownanndon@gmail.com](mailto:brownanndon@gmail.com)

In addition during the week following Easter (**22 April to 29 April**), all of the pastoral care team will be unavailable and any Prayer Chain or pastoral care matters can be forwarded to Rev Brian Ball or Rev Dean Pearce".

## 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 2<sup>nd</sup> and Monday June 3<sup>rd</sup>**

*If you have any questions please ask Jayne Nicholas.*



**Term 2** - 7<sup>th</sup> May, 21<sup>st</sup> May, 4<sup>th</sup> June, 18<sup>th</sup> June, 2<sup>nd</sup> July

Although 4 regular helpers are travelling, Stay and Play will have their last session for Term 1 on 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto:bruceandjoy@bigpond.com)

## Letter from Bernie O'Hara regarding Homestays

I have been travelling around in Indonesia for the past week having meetings and such. We have successfully secured a training program with the East Java Vocational Colleges for a 12-month period, from approximately the start of August 2019. We will have a group of up to 20 students aged between 18 and 25 studying a Diploma of logistics or a Diploma of Leadership and Management at our site in Dry Creek.

The students will study 40 hours per fortnight and will also work up to 40 hours per fortnight to gain a greater understanding of Australia.

Many of the students have shown their interest in homestays to experience the Australian lifestyle during this period. I am wondering if this may be able to be listed in the notices if any families would be interested in sharing their home with a student for 12 months. Having had the experience several years ago myself with a German girl staying with us for 12 months it is a wonderful opportunity and they soon become a part of the family. The students are aware that there is a cost linked to the homestay and this will be funded by the Indonesian Government and managed by Natwide Personnel.

## Wider Church

### Supporting an increase in the Newstart allowance

The SA Synod has requested that we share the following with you:

At the Special Synod meeting of 9 February, 2019, Rev Liellie McLaughlin and Rev Mark Schultz spoke about the difficulties faced by people receiving the Newstart allowance that is roughly \$160 per week below the poverty line. Members of the Special Synod meeting agreed that the SA Synod:

- support a letter written by the President of the UCA, Dr Deidre Palmer and the Moderator of the UCA SA, Rev Sue Ellis to the Federal and State Governments, advocating for an immediate increase (of at least \$100 per week) of Newstart and requesting an explanation for the disadvantage imposed by Centrelink and Housing SA on recipients of Newstart; and
- that the Moderator seek the cooperation of the leaders of other faith-traditions to assist in helping to recognise and highlight the state of poverty and mental health suffered by recipients of Newstart.

### Join the Oodnadatta Pilgrimage & Working Party - 24 - 29 April 2019

Moderator Rev Sue Ellis will be leading a pilgrimage and working party to Oodnadatta just after Easter. This five-day excursion is supporting the Oodnadatta Faith Community and the Reconciliation Week Pilgrimage of Healing Appeal for 2019. The Pilgrimage of Healing has run annually since 2011 as a part of Reconciliation Week (27 May - 3 June), supported by Mission Resourcing, the Uniting Church SA Covenanting Committee and the Uniting Aboriginal and Islander Christian Congress. The project offers support for the development of Indigenous communities within the Uniting Church in South Australia, and chooses a different focus each year. The 2019 focus is once again on the Oodnadatta Building Appeal. This faith community currently worships at an open air church and is in great need of a building. This is a unique trip into Australia's heartland. Anyone is welcome to join for a pilgrimage filled with work, fellowship and fun. If you would like to join the pilgrimage to Oodnadatta, please contact Mission Resourcing on 8236 4243 or email [mr@sa.uca.org.au](mailto:mr@sa.uca.org.au). Alternatively, contact Ian Dempster on 0417 217 320 or email [idempster@sa.uaicc.org.au](mailto:idempster@sa.uaicc.org.au)

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>

**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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**Newsletter contributions** – Please email [newsletter@athelstonechurch.org.au](mailto:newsletter@athelstonechurch.org.au) by 5pm Wed.

## Lectionary readings

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

14<sup>th</sup> April – Is 0:4-9a;; Ps 118:1-2, 19-29 Phil 2:5-11; Lk 19:28-40

## Readings for Sunday Worship Services

7<sup>th</sup> April – Galatians 5:16-22

## Roster

	7 <sup>th</sup> April	14 <sup>th</sup> April
<b>Preacher</b>	Linda	Linda
<b>Worship Leader</b>	Dave	Di
<b>Singers</b>	Jeff/Jeanine/Yvonne	Ann/Lyndon R/Janet
<b>Keyboard</b>	Shelley	Shelley
<b>Guitar</b>	Chris/Scott	Chris/Dave
<b>Data Projector</b>	Dave	Samantha
<b>Flowers</b>	Raelene	Di
<b>Door Stewards &amp; Offering</b>	Crisi & Sam	Janet & Howard
<b>Notices</b>	Sylvia	Sylvia
<b>Scripture Reader</b>	Lee	Friederike
<b>Offering Count</b>	Friederike/Gus	Don/Lynton
<b>Tea &amp; Coffee</b>	Jenny & David	Marie/Friederike
<b>Sound</b>	Don	Noel
<b>Building Steward</b>	Paul	Richard

## What's on 8<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> April

Monday	8 <sup>th</sup>	9.30-11.30am	Counselling	Chapel
		4.45-6.45pm	Waratah Calisthenics College	Auditorium
		6.00-7.00pm	Pilates	Top Hall
Tuesday	9 <sup>th</sup>	9.30–11.30 am	Pilates	Top Hall
		10.00-11.00am	U3A – Yoga	Auditorium
		2.30-4.00 pm	Threads	Coffee Shop
		6.30-7.30pm	Reach your Feat	Top Hall
Wednesday	10 <sup>th</sup>	6.00-8.00 pm	Waratah Calisthenics College	Auditorium
		6.30-7.30 pm	Reach your Feat	Top Hall
Thursday	11 <sup>th</sup>	5.30-6.30pm	Reach your Feat	Top Hall
Friday	12 <sup>th</sup>	10.00-12.00pm	Friendship Club - Bus trip to Beach with lunch out for End of Term	
Saturday	13 <sup>th</sup>	9.30-11.30am	Pilates	Top Hall
Sunday	14 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	Worship	Auditorium
		4.00-6.00pm	Messy Easter	Auditorium