

Sunday 14th July 2019

Greetings and welcome to this week's newsletter

A Note from Linda

This week we'll continue on from last week's message about sharing the good news. This time by reflecting on a familiar parable, we'll look at how we do this through our thoughts and actions.

"Preach the Gospel, if necessary use words". (Quote attributed to St Francis of Assisi)

Blessings, Linda

Coming Sunday evenings at Athelstone Uniting Church

14 July - 6.00pm in the Chapel - join us for an intimate Communion Service.

21 July - 6.30pm - Spirited Sunday with guest speaker Rev Dr Julian (Jools) Hamilton

28 July - 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.

Jools Hamilton visit

Rev Dr Julian (Jools) Hamilton is coming to visit us soon!

He's an Irish preacher, pastor, chaplain. He was the speaker at 2 SAYCOs and he has spoken at lots of NCYCs.

Since then he's gained a Doctorate in Ministry in Missional Leadership through Fuller and he is currently the Methodist Chaplain to Trinity College, Dublin. He's warm, funny, engaging and has a wonderful Irish accent!

Here is his schedule for his Adelaide visit:

21 July 9.30am - Athelstone Uniting Church preacher

21 July 6.30pm - Spirited Sunday speaker

22 July - a day exploring Missional Church Leadership at Uniting College - \$25 (go for either this one day seminar, or as part of a four day intensive course). More info and register here: <https://unitingcollege.edu.au/intensives/>

22 July - Evening Retreat for young adults - in their 20s to mid 30s at Athelstone Uniting Church

23 July - 7pm - Jools to join Church Council for first hour

For information about Jools' visit, contact Rev Linda Driver

Study Leave

Linda will be taking study leave in July (15/7-30/7) around the time of Jools' visit: 15-30 July. During this time Linda will do some preparation for our mission goals for 2020-2022 by attending The Good Summit in Melbourne, auditing a Missional Church Leadership course (which Jools will be teaching), hosting Jools as he spends time in Adelaide, and reflecting on what can be applied to our Athelstone UC context and in particular, ways that we can bless and add value to our community.

This will be an unusual Study Leave as Linda will be around for part of the time and away for part of the time. She will participate in those activities that involve Jools.

Music afternoon with The Centre for Music, Liturgy and the Arts.

What is our family of faith singing? Join the CMLA for an afternoon in which six communities share songs that they sing in worship – songs they love to sing, songs that may be seen as an unusual choice to sing, and songs that are new to them. We'll be taking our musicians and worship team as one of the six! So come along if you love to sing and learn new songs. Sunday, 4 August, 3:00-5:00pm at Brougham Place Uniting Church (basement).

Entry is free. Gold coin donation for afternoon tea. Email admin@cmla.org.au for more information.

Threads

Have you heard of Threads? We are a group who gather to knit or crochet – or whatever we enjoy creating with thread. We meet on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month at 2.30pm in the coffee shop in the Athelstone shops. All are welcome!

This is one way that we as a church connect with our community. We enjoy making new connections and building relationships. Some of our efforts are now concentrated on making items to help displaced Syrian children suffering severe effects of conflict survive the bitter Middle Eastern winters. This is through a group called AKWAK (Aussies Knitting for War-Affected Kids). We hope to commission these items soon before they are sent overseas.

We gratefully accept donations of wool or blends that are at least 80% wool or animal fibres and wadding for knitted toys (or cash to purchase materials). Please leave with Rev Linda Driver or at the church office during office hours

New Presbytery

Our new Presbytery, the Transitional Presbytery of South Australia now has a new website and facebook page.

<https://transitional.ucasa.org.au/>

We have been invited to come along to a location near us to be part of the consultation process to explore what future Presbyteries will look like. They want to hear from us!

Here are some dates and venues near us for the first round of consultations:

- Wednesday 24 July, 3:00pm or 7:00pm @ Burnside City Uniting Church, 384 Portrush Road, Tusmore
- Tuesday 30 July, 4:00pm @ Cudlee Creek Uniting Church, 31 Gould Place, Cudlee Creek

PRESBYTERY – Synod Report by Ann Brown

Linda and I attended the Presbytery – Synod meeting last Friday 28- Saturday 29 June at Adelaide West UC.

Three key points from that meeting were:

1.Election of Moderator Elect.

Mr Bronte Wilson, a Lay person was elected to the role. He will commence in November 2019. He has a keen interest in Pastoral support and has been a past member of Pastoral Relations Committees. Please keep Bronte in your prayers as he takes on this new and challenging role.

2.Police Screening.

Changes to police screening came into effect on Monday 1 July due to new laws adopted by the SA Government in response to people working with children. The new law means that, everyone working with children must have a valid child related check (WWCC). Everyone in a role of responsibility with the Uniting Church will need a Working With Children Check. Certain roles including Ministry Agents and Church Council will need additional checks.

This means that even if you have a current police check you will need to complete the process again. If your current Police check expires before 1 July 2020 you will receive notice about the new process.

If your current check expires after 1 July 2020 you will need to undertake the new process before May 2020. You can complete this process at any time from now on.

The online application and information is available on the UC South Australian website:

sa.uca.org.au/safechurch/screening

There are cards at the front door for you to collect which explains the details.

3.Dissolving the Presbytery of South Australia and meeting of Transitional Presbytery.

The one Presbytery was dissolved and all the Mission networks were closed.

The Transitional Presbytery met for the first time with Malcolm Wilson elected as Chairperson.

Uniting Communities Eastern Services

In the cold winter months, for many years now, the Athelstone UC congregation have been great supporters of the Uniting Communities Eastern Services office at Beulah Park by providing tinned food for distribution for those in need. Please continue to support this and place any items on the table inside the Church door. *Thanks, Brenton*

Second Wind Ensemble

Guest Conductor Dave Winnall live in concert at Morialta Uniting Church 26 Chapel St Magill on Sunday 21st July 2.00pm to 4.00pm Wine, tea and coffee available during intermission

See poster on Notice board at back of Church



Come and join us with your preschoolers and babies on alternate Tuesdays (even week of school term) from 10-00 am to 11-30 am at Athelstone Uniting Church, corner Fox Avenue & Kantilla Drive

Term 3 - 30th July, 13th August, 27th August, 10th September, 24th September

With reduced numbers of the regular team on 2nd July, the rest of the team would appreciate some extra help. Please make contact with Bruce and Joy or Meg if you are available.

Bruce & Joy Stewart Phone: 83362671 or Email: bruceandjoy@bigpond.com or Email: meg.foster.01@gmail.com

Volunteers needed for Red Dove Café at the Royal Adelaide Show

The Royal Adelaide show is not long away and the Red Dove Café is once again seeking helpers to assist with preparing and serving food and beverages. The Show dates are 30 August to 8 September, but a small number of helpers will be required for pre-Show opening on Wednesday, 28 and Thursday, 29 August. To run smoothly, the café needs 70-80 people per day. The shifts vary and can start as early as 6:00am and finish as late as 8:30pm. Volunteers will receive an entry ticket and a meal allowance. If you would be interested in volunteering your services, or know of someone who does, please contact Zoe Hessling, Volunteer Coordinator, on reddovecafe1@gmail.com before 31 June.

Wider Church - <https://sa.uca.org.au>

You can also subscribe to receive UC. E-News personally if you wish.

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)

Did you know? Sermons are now being added to our website each week. So if you missed a Sunday, or find it helpful to reflect on the sermon during the week, check them out.

You'll find Sermons under our News and Blogs tab <https://athelstonechurch.org.au/sermons-2/>

You can now listen online. Click on the link provided on our website or download the sermon.net app <https://sermon.net/for-the-listener/mobile-apps/>

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

14th July – Amos 7:7-17, Psalms 82, Colossians 1:1-14, Luke 10:25-37

21st July – Amos 8:1-12, Psalms 52, Colossians 1:15-28, Luke 10:38-42

Roster

	14 th July	21 st July
Preacher	Linda	Jools Hamilton
Worship Leader	Nola	Jeff
Singers	Dave/Ruth/Yvonne	Jeanine/Janet/Marie
Keyboard	Shelley	Shelley
Guitar	Chris	Dave/Grant
Data Projector	Dave	Samantha
Flowers	Ruth	Marie H
Door Stewards & Offering	Ann & David	Crisi & Sam
Notices	Paul	Paul
Scripture Reader	Ann T	Eric
Offering Count	Dave/Friederike	Don/Sylvia
Tea & Coffee	Coralie & Brenton	Winsome & Brian
Sound	Don	Noel
Building Steward	Richard	Eric

What's on 15th - 21st July

Monday	15 th	9.30-11.30 am	Counselling	Chapel/Quiet Room
		6.00-7.00 pm	Gain Momentum - Pilates	Top Hall
Tuesday	16 th	9.30-11.30 am	Gain Momentum - Pilates	Top Hall
		9.30 am	Book Club	Coffee Shop
		6.30-7.30pm	Reach your Feat	Top Hall
Wednesday	17 th	6.30-7.30 pm	Reach your Feat	Top Hall
Thursday	18 th	10.30am-1.30pm	Waratah Calisthenics College	Auditorium
		5.30-6.30 pm	Reach your Feat	Top Hall
Friday	19 th		<i>No Friendship Club – Sch Holidays</i>	
Saturday	20 th	9.30-11.30 am	Gain Momentum - Pilates	Top Hall
		10.00-11.00 am	Waratah Calisthenics College	Auditorium
		10.00 am	Garden Working Bee	Garden
Sunday	21 st	9.30 am	Worship	Auditorium
		6.30 pm	Spirited Sunday – Speaker Jools Hamilton	The Rezz