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**Day off: Monday**

## Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> August 2019

Greetings and welcome to this week's newsletter

### A Note from Linda

As we continue on our theme of *Generous*, we will spend time this week thinking about how much we have been blessed and how we can be a blessing to others.

In case you have not yet heard, this is to let you know the sad news that Chrystal Vaiana passed away on Tuesday. I visited her at Ashford Hospital that morning and read her the 23rd Psalm then prayed with her. Shortly after leaving, I received contact from the hospital that Chrystal had passed away peacefully.

Both Brenton and I were able to be with and comfort Joe at the hospital shortly after. Joe is now being supported by his family and our pastoral care team.

Please pray for Joe and his daughter, Ngaire, his grandchildren and his immediate family during this time of sadness.

A Funeral Service will be held to celebrate Chrystal's life on Monday August 19  
at Athelstone Uniting Church commencing at 10.30am

Chrystal was a much-loved member of our church family and we want to be able to show Joe our love and support. Could you please join in as you are able by bringing a plate of food to share at the funeral?

Also, if you are able to arrive early and help set up, serve and/or clean up afterwards, please contact Ann Brown.

If you would like someone to talk to or pray with at this sad time, please contact any of our pastoral care team (Brenton Summers, Ann Brown, Bob Stevenson and Linda). May you know God's peace and comfort.

Our hearts go out to Joe as he grieves the loss of his beloved Chrystal who was a blessing to so many.

*Abundant blessings, Linda*

### Coming Sunday evenings at Athelstone Uniting Church

**18 August** - 6.30 for 6pm - Spirited Sunday at The Rezz - with guest presenters: Roger and the Albatross (Matthew and Alice Barker) - a local folk duo.

**25 August** - 6.00pm - Prayer Walk

**1 September** - 6.00pm - Chapel Service with a special focus on fathers

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.

### Caring for Each Other - pastoral care workshop

August 27th 7:30 p.m. at Rosefield. - The Caring Grandparent- who cares!

Lead by Marta Lohyn- Psychologist specialising in family dynamics.

Grandparents are taking an active role in child care and support. They carry much responsibility in care and yet find themselves facing complexities and sometimes feel they have "no right" to speak into the family dynamics.

Marta will address these complexities and will have helpful tips of care and ways forward.

An initiative of the Rosefield Pastoral Partners

### Join the UCA in Global Climate Action

UCA President Dr Deidre Palmer is encouraging all people of the Uniting Church to join the global climate strike on Friday, 20 September. This is three days before the UN Emergency Climate Summit. The strike for climate movement is encouraging workers around the world to down tools and spend the day demanding emergency action to tackle the climate crisis.

There is an event planned for 12 noon on 20 September in Victoria Square, Adelaide - Global Strike 4 Climate (associated with School Strike 4 Climate).

## Restructuring/Transitional Presbytery of South Australia Consultations

For those who would like to know the latest, a circulator has been sent out recently. It is available here <https://sa.uca.org.au/presbytery-and-synod/restructure/>, or ask Linda for a copy next week

### Triple C's

Well we nearly did it Chaps, 19 people on Aug 14 equalled the record attendance, thanks to all who came and there was a lot of "secret men's business" going on. The next meeting will be September 11 so diarise it now. We will give Settebello another try. Keep well and call on one another if you have a worry, need or just a talk that is what we are about. Thanks again Ray & Bob.

### Have you thought about your shoebox yet?

Next month we have planned for Lynette Beck to once again come and talk to us about Operation Christmas Child.

It would be good to have some shoeboxes on display even if they are not completed yet. Start collecting now!



### Making space for children on Sunday mornings - Sunday August 25th - 11am

Are you passionate about helping children grow as disciples? We are keen to be able to offer more for families who choose to worship with us on Sunday mornings.

Parents, grandparents, anyone interested in this area are invited to a meeting to discuss:

How can we help children who come on Sunday mornings feel part of the church family? How can we provide a space for them to thrive? How can we support parents / grandparents / carers?

We will be meeting after church on Sunday August 25 in the meeting room off the lower hall. Together, let's celebrate what we are doing, identify areas that can be built on, and brainstorm ideas.

Contact Linda for more information.



### Uniting Communities Eastern Services

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*

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** - 27<sup>th</sup> August, 10<sup>th</sup> September, 24<sup>th</sup> September



We currently have a FULL ENROLMENT of 20 and a waiting list with 4, so if you have any new inquiries for children, please warn them! We congratulated Meg on her new full time job and sadly farewelled her from Stay and Play on the regular Tuesday team. However, we welcomed Robyn F onto the team last Tuesday and thanks to her, the kitchen ran smoothly. Thanks to all our other regulars, Leanne, Wendy, Bob and Graham, set up and pack up is very efficient. Please make contact with Bruce and Joy if you are available to help in any way at all.

Bruce and Joy Stewart Phone: 83362671 or Email: [bruceandjoy@bigpond.com](mailto:bruceandjoy@bigpond.com)

### Friendship Club Meeting on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> August

Graeme Tonkin will be speaking at the Friendship Club on Friday August 23rd about the unique Mallee Fowl. 10.30 am. All welcome.

## Well Done!

Waratah Calisenthics College who use our facility have had a good result with the Tinies Team (6-7 year olds) gaining a 3rd and 2nd place in the recent competitions. Well done girls! and good luck for the Juniors this week.



## Do you have more fruit on your trees than you can use? Campbelltown Fruit Crew can help!

We are a small group of volunteers who will come to your house and rescue your excess fruit from going to waste. We come and pick your fruit for you and can also leave some fruit for you - or you may want to pick the fruit yourself and just need us to collect.

All fruit collected is donated to local organisations that help children, families and people in need  
Don't let your fruit go to waste – call us now!

For more information contact Sophie on 8366 9303 [skavoukis@campbelltown.sa.gov.au](mailto:skavoukis@campbelltown.sa.gov.au)

## Please check Notice Board for some new notices – e.g.

“Growing Great Veggies” and “Torrens Valley Christian School” Position Vacant.

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

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

## Palliative Care South Australia – Public Forum Thursday 5th September See Notice Board

## Market Day - Saturday 31st August, 10am – 3pm

Inner Wheel Club of North East Sunset invites you to this Fundraiser for Life Education for Year 6 Students in Campbelltown, to be held in the Campbelltown Function Centre, 172 Montacute Road, Rostrevor. See Notice Board

## 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/>

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

## Lectionary readings

18<sup>th</sup> August – Isaiah 5:1-7, Psalms 80:1-2, 8-19, Hebrews 11:29-12:2, Luke 12:49-56

25<sup>th</sup> August – Jeremiah 1:4-10, Psalms 71:1-6, Hebrews 12:18-29, Luke 13:10-17

## Roster

	18 <sup>th</sup> August	25 <sup>th</sup> August
<b>Preacher</b>	Linda	Special Guests
<b>Worship Leader</b>	Meg	Linda
<b>Singers</b>	Bob/Robyn/Nola	Jeff/Jeanine/Janet
<b>Keyboard</b>	Di	Gerald
<b>Guitar</b>	Chris/Dave	Chris/Shelley
<b>Data Projector</b>	Shelley	Dave
<b>Flowers</b>	Jenny	Marie
<b>Door Stewards &amp; Offering</b>	Jan & Gus	Sheralyn/Pat
<b>Notices</b>	Don	Don
<b>Scripture Reader</b>	Lee	Jayne
<b>Offering Count</b>	Don/Paul	Lynton N/Sylvia
<b>Tea &amp; Coffee</b>	Coralie & Brenton	Jan & Gus
<b>Sound</b>	Don	Noel
<b>Building Steward</b>	Noel	Paul

## What's on 19<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> August

Monday	19 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 am	<b>F u n e r a l</b>	
		4.45-6.45 pm	Waratah Calisthenics College	Auditorium
		6.30-8.30 pm	Gain Momentum - Pilates	Top Hall
Tuesday	20 <sup>th</sup>	9.00 am	Book Club	Coffee Shop
		9.30–11.30 am	Gain Momentum - Pilates	Top Hall
		1.30-3.00 pm	Sounds of Silence	Chapel/Meeting Room
		6.30-7.30pm	Reach your Feat	Top Hall
Wednesday	21 <sup>st</sup>	9.30–10.30 am	Gain Momentum - Pilates	Top Hall
		6.00-8.00 pm	Waratah Calisthenics College	Auditorium
		6.30-7.30 pm	Reach your Feat	Top Hall
Thursday	22 <sup>nd</sup>	5.30-6.30 pm	Reach your Feat	Top Hall
Friday	23 <sup>rd</sup>	10.00-12.00 pm	Friendship Club – Speaker	Auditorium
Saturday	24 <sup>th</sup>	9.30–11.30 am	Gain Momentum - Pilates	Top Hall
		10.00-11.00 am	Waratah Calisthenics College	Auditorium
Sunday	25 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	Worship	Auditorium
		6.00 pm	Prayer Walk	The Rezz