

Sunday 29th September 2019

Greetings and welcome to this week's newsletter

A note from Linda

Over the last few weeks I have been sick with a virus and, following Doctor's orders, have slowed down and had a good rest. In our fast-paced busy world it is easy to feel guilty about all the things that I haven't got done on my to-do list. Yet, God wants us to flourish - and to flourish we need to rest.

".. on the seventh day [God] rested from all his work. Then God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it he rested from all the work of creating that he had done." (Genesis 2:2)

As I return to my ministry responsibilities I am thankful for the blessing of rest and for healing. I also hear the challenge to Sabbath-keeping as a healthy way to care for myself. Hmm, I think there might be a sermon series in this soon!

Looking forward to seeing you all at our Messy-Church-style Family service on Sunday morning.

Blessings, Linda

Coming Sunday evenings at Athelstone Uniting Church

29 September - 6.00pm - Chill Night - Dinner and Debrief night at The Rezz

6 October - long weekend - no evening service

13 October - 4-6pm - Messy Church

20 October - 6.30 for 7pm - Spirited Sunday at The Rezz - guest speaker Brad Chilcott

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 Church

This Sunday morning (**29th September**) we are having a "Messy Church" style family focused service.

We would love for you to come along for a morning of fun, faith and family! Not only that but we would love to get you and your family involved.. if you might be keen or want more information please let me know by replying to this email or contacting Meg Edwards, [0431030079](tel:0431030079)

T O F s - It's Shoebox Time Again

This Tuesday (1st October) at 2pm we will be packing shoeboxes for distribution overseas.

Please bring your goods which we will pool to enable us to fill the boxes with a variety of goods.

If unable to contribute to the shoeboxes, a cash donation would be appreciated to help with the ten dollars we need to add to each box.

All are welcome to join in this fun time for a great cause. Ros 0421040526 Jenny 0438848112



Church Council

Church Council wishes to advise all members of Athelstone Uniting Church that we will be holding our AGM on Sunday **24 November** at 11am. There will be vacancies on Council, so we ask you to prayerfully consider whether this is for you and if you would like to nominate.

If you are a convenor, run a small group or a leader in any capacity please consider what you will write in your Annual report. Reports will be due in to the Office by Monday 28 October.

The Big Sing Thing

Gather together with people from throughout the state to spend an evening gladdening your hearts with song. Join Malcom Gordon, Charissa Suli and Minim Choir as they lead us in singing songs of faith. Learn something new and celebrate the old. **When:** Tuesday Oct 8 @ 7pm **Where:** St Andrew's by the Sea, Jetty Road, Glenelg.

Cost: \$10 at the door, 'Conversations by the Sea' delegates go free.

CMLA Worship Event

"Conversations and explorations with friends by the sea - Worship in the 21st Century" 8-10 October 2019.

Organised by the Centre for Music, Liturgy and the Arts, this is a conversational event that draws people together to explore and create ideas that push the edges of worship leadership and discipleship.

Key presenters include Libby Byrne, Malcolm Gordon, Mark Pierson and Charissa Suli. Venue: St Andrews By the Sea, Jetty Road, Glenelg.

For the full conference schedule, pricing, registration and more, go the CMLA website:

<https://www.cmla.org.au/events/conversations-and-explorations/>

If you can't go to the whole event, consider going to one day and/or:

SPRING FAIR – Saturday, 12th October – 8am – 1pm

Only 2 weeks till our Spring Fair! Hope you are all looking forward to a great day of fun together sharing with our community!

Food Stalls

The usual Barbecue, Devonshire Tea, Drinks and Ice creams will be available for purchase. Plan to have breakfast and High Tea at the Spring Fair!

Fruit & Veg

Save your fruit and veg shopping till the Spring Fair! Good quality produce available – see Allan Amber

Flower Arrangements

Available for purchase – see Carole Walter

Open Mic

Looking forward to some great live music and entertainment. Please see Gerald Pederick if you are able to be involved

Cake and food stall

All donations of home made cakes, biscuits and ready made meals would be appreciated – (Please attach a list of ingredients to each item). see Ann Brown

Children's Activities in the Wirra - "Hug a Bug"

Lots of bug and insect fun for families with children and grandchildren between 9.30am – 1pm – kindly coordinated by Joy & Bruce Stewart

Second hand clothes

Good quality Clothes, shoes and accessories are required – have a sort through before the Spring Fair – see Coralie Summers and Jeanine Dry

Plants/Garden Accessories

Plants and garden items would be appreciated – See Lyndon & Wendy Rowe

Second Hand Goods

Still time to have a spring clean – saleable goods are required. See Trev Curtis and Di Curtis

For all enquiries regarding the Spring Fair please contact Trevor Curtis - (0415-652-120)

Triple C's

Next Chaps Coffee Chat is **09 October** at The Rezz. So please diarise and come along and get whatever off your chest and in the open where I am sure "it" will be debated and maybe resolved.....Need a lift? *Contact Bob or Ray*

Save the Date

On **Saturday October 19th** (Approx 9.30 am-2.30 pm) we are combining with Modbury Uniting and Stillpoint to host a prayer retreat here at our church - "Taste and See that the Lord is Good" – See attachment sent out with newsletter. *Thanks Lee O'Connell*

News from Church Council

Safe Church - some exciting news with the appointment of our Safe Church team of Victoria Pederick as the Safe Church contact person and team members Bob Stevenson and Victoria Andrew. Their role will be:

- to oversee the various compliance requirements that our church needs to meet.
- to assist our leaders and volunteers in addressing child protection or other concerns that arise during the course of activities conducted by our church.
- to promote awareness of and adherence to the Uniting Church SA's Safe Church Policy, Code of Conduct and other associated policies.
- to bring safe church matters to the attention of Church Council as necessary.

A more detailed summary of the Safe Church program and the responsibilities of our church community in adopting Safe Church policies and practices will be featured in coming newsletters.

Successful grant application – our record of winning grants has continued with a \$5000 grant for our Spirited Sunday at the Rezz program being funded through the Uniting Foundation Grant program. This new grant will enable the continuation of the community engagement program for another 12 months.

Bequest - some of the congregation who have worshipped at Athelstone for many years may remember the Hartley Ey family. Last month Church Council received advice that Hartley Ey made a \$600 bequest from his estate to the Athelstone Uniting Church. What an appropriate act given we have just been focussing on giving, generosity and kindness as part of Linda's August preaching.

Street Library – plans are underway for the construction of two street libraries to be located on our church property. Thanks to the Street Library team of Bruce Stewart, Brenton Summers, Graham Jennings and Sheralyn Robertson who have met to discuss the concept and commence plans for the construction. Keep an eye out for at least one of these libraries to appear hopefully before the end of the year. For more information on street libraries refer to the link - <https://streetlibrary.org.au/>

Quiz night – this exciting event is fast approaching. Hopefully you have set aside Saturday, October 26th from 7.30pm in your diary. This will be a fun night for our church families and their friends to come along and join in the fun. Tickets will be \$15 per adult, \$10 for children and \$50 per family and can be booked through Jeff Dry by emailing jeffdry@bigpond.com or mobile 0408 254 489. Any donations of prizes will be much appreciated as we want to make up prize baskets for the night, so please consider what you might donate or what business you could approach to source a prize or two.

2019 Christmas Tree Festival

Only 9 weeks to go – preparations are well under way - we would like to invite members to spread the word that we are holding the Festival from –

Thursday November 28th to Sunday 1st December.

A copy of the invitation letter, entry form and a poster are available from either Victoria, Carole Walter or Julie Goldsmith. We encourage all to contribute e.g., entering a tree/display, assisting with kitchen duties (Devonshire Tea will be available), entry welcome or being present to chat with visitors.

For further information please chat to one of the above. Looking forward to presenting a wonderful display. Julie



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 4 - 22nd October, 5th & 19th November, 3rd December

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! Please make contact with Bruce and Joy if you are available to help on Tuesdays or at various times to maintain the wirra.

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

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

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

SURRENDER Adelaide19

SURRENDER Adelaide19 is a gathering of diverse people living out the radical call of Jesus amongst the margins in ways that are relevant, connected and transformative. The gathering will happen over the weekend (Friday and Saturday) of 11 & 12 October at the Marion Church of Christ. Featured speakers include Brooke Prentis, Eileen Glass and Charissa Suli.

The event organisers have offered a special 'church ticket' of \$99 (for the full conference – use promo code *hurchA19*) or \$50 (day pass for either day – use promo code *DayA19*). This offer is open to all Uniting Church members.

More information about the conference and the program is available on the website: surrender.org.au/Adelaide or contact Cyrus Kung on [0432 019 539](tel:0432019539) or cyrus@surrender.org.au.

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)

Sermons are available on our website. So if you missed a Sunday morning service, or find it helpful to reflect on the sermon during the week, check them out. Both transcripts and audio recordings are available.

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

29th September – Jeremiah 32:1-3a,6-15, Psalms 91:1-6,14-16, 1 Timothy 6:6-19, Luke 16:19-31,

6th October – Lamentations 1:1-6, Psalms 137, 2 Timothy 1:1-14, Luke 17:5-10

Roster

| | 29 th September | 6 th October |
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| Preacher | Linda | Linda |
| Worship Leader | Meg | Lynton N |
| Singers | Marie/Sylvia/Lyndon R | Allan/Friederike/Yvonne |
| Keyboard | Gerald | Celine |
| Guitar | Chris/Shelley | Dave/Scott |
| Data Projector | Dave | Shelley |
| Flowers | Ruth | Raelene |
| Door Stewards & Offering | Ann & David | Crisi & Sam |
| Notices | Sylvia | Don |
| Scripture Reader | Lee | Jayne |
| Offering Count | Sylvia/Sam G | David/Gus |
| Tea & Coffee | Marie/Friederike | Friederike/Marie |
| Sound | Noel | Noel |
| Building Steward | Eric | Paul H |

What's on 30th September – 6th October

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| Monday | 30 th | 9.30-11.30 am | Counselling * | Chapel/Quiet Room |
| Tuesday | 1 st | 9.00 am | Book Club | Coffee Shop |
| | | 2.00 pm | Tofs | Lwr Hall |
| | | 6.30-7.30pm | Reach your Feat * | Top Hall |
| Wednesday | 2 nd | 6.30-7.30 pm | Reach Your Feat * | Top Hall |
| Thursday | 3 rd | 5.30-6.30 pm | Reach your Feat * | Top Hall |
| Friday | 4 th | | | |
| Saturday | 5 th | | | |
| | | 10.00-11.00 am | Waratah Calisthenics College * | Auditorium |
| Sunday | 6 th | 9.30 am | Worship | Auditorium |
| | | | No Evening Service | |

** These events are organised by community hirers*