

Sunday 13th October 2019

Greetings and welcome to this week's newsletter

A note from Linda

Last week we began a new series "Busy: Reconnecting with an Unhurried God." As we worship together on Sunday mornings we will take time to slow down and tune in to God, to ourselves and to each other.

"Walk with me and work with me," says Jesus, "watch how I do it. Learn the unforced rhythms of grace. I won't lay anything heavy or ill-fitting on you. Keep company with me and you'll learn to live freely and lightly." (Matthew 11:30 from The Message).

I hope you have been able to take some time-out to pray in your Prayer Chair.

News about Sharyn, our Administration Support Person:

Sharyn has advised me that she will be leaving at the end of this year. This move to full retirement will give her precious time to spend with Fred and her family. Sharyn is a wonderful administrator and a great support to us. She will be missed! We hope to farewell her in a service in December. Her last day in the office will be Thursday 19th of December. Please pray for Sharyn as she wants to end her time with us well. And for those of us who are about to embark on the process of finding a replacement.

Advance Notice:

I will be taking one week of Annual Leave from 28 October to 4 November.

Blessings,

Linda

Coming Sunday evenings at Athelstone Uniting Church

13 October - 4-6pm - Messy Church

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

27 October - 6pm Prayer Walk

3 November - no service - Linda will be on Annual Leave

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.

Inviting Athelstone Residents to a CommuniTEA Conversation

We have received this invitation from Campbelltown Council - a great opportunity to connect with our local community.

Wednesday 16 October, 11:30am-1pm OR 6:30-8pm, Marchant Community Centre, 338 Gorge Road Athelstone.

Join our communiTEA conversation where we talk all things Athelstone - how great it is, what could be improved, what you'd like to see and what you'd like to do.

Light lunch or supper provided. Children and young people are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Register your interest with Tracy on 8366 9214 or tjohnstone@campbelltown.sa.gov.au including if you have any specific dietary requirements or require transport assistance

Knitted Angels

Do you remember commissioning all those beautiful knitted angels that we sent out last Christmas? We'll be doing it again this year, so it's time to start knitting or crocheting! Anyone is welcome to join the fun! We have patterns available and spare needles too. If you'd like to learn to knit or crochet join us at Threads and we can show you. Donations of wool (preferably not acrylic) are very welcome!

Finance Update

It is pleasing to report that over the past Generous period we have had some significant unbudgeted income inflows. On top of the recent bequest of \$600 from Hartley Ey we have received from the previous COMN network an amount of \$5,854 representing \$4,854 return of the past 2 years contributions (as a result of closing down the old networks) and \$1,000 from a final Grant from the COMN network for Messy Church.

We have also received a one off payment from the Australian taxation office of \$13,639.93 for franking credits relating to some members regular giving via trust distributions.

A grant of \$5,000 has also recently been approved by the Uniting Foundation to further develop the Spirited Sunday's program.

Glen Luestner

Treasurer



T O F s

Thanks to the ToFs team for a profitable afternoon. Whether you gave a donation of money or goods or came on the day to pack, we managed to fill 20 boxes to the brim!

Also thanks to the Friendship Club for their 5 boxes.

I would like to have all the boxes in by **Sunday 20th October**. We will commission them during the service that day.

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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 convener, 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.

Photographs

If you would like to add a photograph to your AGM report, please send them to me. Sharyn

Office Closure

Please note that the administration office will be closed on Thursday 17th October as I will be at a conference. Sharyn

Prayer Retreat

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". *Thanks Lee O'Connell*



Quiz Night

With the quiz night being held on **Saturday 26 October** we need to know who will be attending. Those who wish to book a table of 8 to 10 please let Jeff or Jeanine Dry know as soon as possible and could all those attending please donate an item to be included in the prize baskets. It would be preferred if these prizes were donated before the night so the prize baskets can be prepared prior to the night. See you all on

26 October at 7pm for a 730pm start.

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*





2019 Christmas Tree Festival

Only 7 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

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.

Craft Market Big Shed Sale

@ Payneham Rd Uniting Church. Saturday 19th October 9.00-1.00pm. Cnr of Payneham Rd & Portrush Rds Marden.

UnitingSA

celebrating 100 years of supporting South Australians and you're invited to the party! Saturday, October 19, head to Alberton Oval to enjoy: Free sausage sizzle and birthday cake. Live music and performances Fun footy drills A jumping castle An art show and more! There's something for everyone, no matter how young or old. **Best of all, it's completely FREE!** Saturday, 19 October 2019, 11am - 2pm

Alberton Oval (Port Adelaide Football Club), Corner of Brougham Place and Queen St, Alberton SA

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

'Regular electronic giving or one off donations can be made using the following details:

Account name: Athelstone Uniting Church
Account BSB: 704 095
Account number: 110043'

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

13th October – Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7, Psalms 66:1-12, 2 Timothy 2:8-15, Luke 17:11-19

20th October – Jeremiah 31.27-34, Psalm 119.97-104, 2 Timothy 3.14-4.5, Luke 18.1-8

“Busy” Series reading- Psalm 23

Roster

	13 th October	20 th October
Preacher	Linda	Linda
Worship Leader	Jeff	Robyn
Singers	Jeanine/Janet/Lyndon R	Bob/Yvonne/Ann
Keyboard	Di	Gerald
Guitar	Chris	Chris/Scott
Data Projector		Dave
Flowers	Jenny	Di
Door Stewards & Offering	Coralie & Brenton	Janet & Howard J
Notices	Don	Don
Scripture Reader	Ray	David W
Offering Count	Friederike/Ray	Sylvia/Don
Tea & Coffee	Jenny & David	Jan/Gus
Sound	Don	Don
Building Steward	Meg	Eric

What's on 14th – 20th October

Monday	14 th	9.30-11.30am	Nola – counseling	Meeting room
		4.45-6.45pm	Waratah Calesenthics College*	Auditorium
		6.30-8.30pm	Gain Momentum – Pilates *	Top Hall
Tuesday	15 th	9.00-10.30am	Book club	Indigo Coffee Shop
		9.30-11.30 am	Gain Momentum – Pilates *	Top Hall
		6.30-7.30pm	Reach your Feat *	Top Hall
Wednesday	16 th	9.30–10.30 am	Gain Momentum – Pilates *	Top Hall
		6.00-8.00pm	Waratah Calesenthics College*	Auditorium
		6.30-7.30 pm	Reach Your Feat *	Top Hall
Thursday	17 th	5.30-6.30 pm	Reach your Feat *	Top Hall
Friday	18 th	10.00-12.00noon	Friendship Club	Auditorium
Saturday	19 th	9.30-11.30am	Gain Momentum – Pilates *	Top Hall
		9.30-3.00pm	Stillpoint Prayer Retreat	Auditorium
		10.00am	Garden Working Bee	
Sunday	13 th	9.30 am	Worship	Auditorium
		6.30pm	Spirited Sunday	The Rezz

** These events are organised by community hirers*