

Sunday 20th October 2019

Greetings and welcome to this week's newsletter

A note from Linda

This week as we continue our "Busy" series we'll be tuning in to Jesus. Do you remember the story of Martha and Mary? Martha was busy. Mary chose to be still. It is not bad to work, but we also need times of connection to God. 'Tune in' this Sunday morning to hear more about taking time to notice things that are beckoning to dwell with us a while. Don't forget to bring your Christmas shoeboxes as we will be commissioning them this Sunday morning.

Blessings, Linda

Coming Sunday evenings at Athelstone Uniting Church

20 October - 6.30 for 7pm - Spirited Sunday at The Rezz - guest speaker Brad Chilcott –
Have you considered who you could invite along?

27 October - 6pm Prayer Walk

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

10 November - 6pm - chapel communion service

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.

Leigh Newton coming soon!

Christian songwriter Leigh Newton will be joining us on Sunday morning - 27 October. He has released nine albums variously for adults and children, probably being most known for Christmas In The Scrub which places the Christmas story firmly in the Australian culture.

Office News

Sharyn, our Administration Support Person, will be leaving at the end of this year. This move to full retirement will give her precious time to spend with her husband Fred and her family. Sharyn is a wonderful administrator and a great support to us. She will be missed! We plan to farewell her on Sunday the 15th of 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.

Please note that Linda will be taking one week of Annual Leave from 28 October to 4 November

Spring Fair

Heartfelt thanks again to everyone for your help with the Spring Fair last week. It was a great team effort, a lot of fun (and hard work) but most important, the opportunity to share and connect with the local community - our church in action. Thankfully we were blessed with a beautiful day, and it was a great atmosphere with everyone enjoying the stalls, food and activities. In addition we raised \$6,121.25 for our church.

All left over goods will be donated to the Lyell McEwin Hospital for use in their 4 Op shops.

All your support is wonderfully appreciated. Trev & Di Curtis

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



Operation Christmas Child

Could I please have all the boxes in by this **Sunday (20th October)**.

We will commission them during the service then. Friederike

Quiz night

Hi there members of our church community – as you know we are holding a Quiz Night on Saturday evening of 26 October. This is a personal invitation to you, your family and friends to come along and join in the fun on the night. Details are as follows:

- Saturday 26 October
- 7.00pm for a 7.30pm start
- Cost \$15 per person
- Silent auction and other games/activities will be played during the night
- Bring your own supper and refreshments
- Tables of 8 – 10 people
- Please notify Jeff or Jeanine Dry if you would like to attend by emailing jeffdry@bigpond.com or mobile 0408 254 489

So far we have 8 tables booked. Even if you do not have enough numbers to make up a table we will find you a table to join on the night. Those attending are asked to provide/donate a prize to add to the prize baskets for the night, so please consider what you might donate or what business you could approach to source a prize. Bottles of wine, household items, chocolates, vouchers are all great prizes. If possible we would like the donated prizes to be brought to church next Sunday 20 October to allow time prior to the night to make up the prize baskets.

Hope to see you on the night. *Jeff and Jeanine Dry*

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.

2019 Christmas Tree Festival

Only 6 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

Thanks to Bob and Leanne and team for standing in for Joy and Bruce on the last Stay and Play session for Term 3. We have an almost full enrolment with no waiting list to start Term 4. 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

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*



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.

‘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

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

Reading for Worship this Sunday – Luke 10:38-42

27th October – Joel 2:23-32, Psalms 65, 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18, Luke 18:9-14

Roster

	20 th October	27 th October
Preacher	Linda	Leigh Newton
Worship Leader	Robyn	Dave
Singers	Bob/Yvonne/Ann	Marie/Ruth/Friederike
Keyboard	Gerald	Di
Guitar	Chris/Scott	Shelley
Data Projector	Dave	Samantha
Flowers	Di	Carole
Door Stewards & Offering	Janet & Howard J	Sheralyn & Pat
Notices	Don	Sylvia
Scripture Reader	David W	Ann Tubb
Offering Count	Sylvia/Don	Lynton N/Sam
Tea & Coffee	Jan/Gus	Sylvia & Noel
Sound	Don	Noel
Building Steward	Eric	Noel

What's on 21st – 27th October

Monday	21 st	9.30-11.30 am	Nola – counseling	Meeting room
		4.45-6.45 pm	Waratah Calisenthics College*	Auditorium
		6.30-8.30 pm	Gain Momentum – Pilates *	Top Hall
Tuesday	22 nd	9.30-11.30 am	Gain Momentum – Pilates *	Top Hall
		10.00-11.30 am	Stay & Play	Lwr Hall & decking
		2.30-4.00 pm	Threads	Coffee Shop
		6.30-7.30 pm	Reach your Feat *	Top Hall
		7.00 pm	Church Council	Meeting Room
Wednesday	23 rd	9.30–10.30 am	Gain Momentum – Pilates *	Top Hall
		6.00-8.00 pm	Waratah Calisenthics College*	Auditorium
		6.30-7.30 pm	Reach Your Feat *	Top Hall
		7.00-10.00 pm	Church Council Planning Meeting	Meeting Room
Thursday	24 th	5.30-6.30 pm	Reach your Feat *	Top Hall
Friday	25 th	10.00-12.00 noon	Friendship Club - Speaker	Auditorium
Saturday	26 th	9.30-11.30 am	Gain Momentum – Pilates *	Top Hall
		10.00-11.00 am	Waratah Calisenthics College*	Auditorium
		7.00 pm	Quiz Night	Auditorium/Kitchen
Sunday	27 th	9.30 am	Worship	Auditorium
		6.00 pm	Prayer Walk	The Rezz

* *These events are organised by community hirers*