

Sunday 27th October 2019

Greetings and welcome to this week's newsletter

A note from Linda

Christian songwriter Leigh Newton will be joining us this Sunday morning! We'll have a little pause from our Busy series and enjoy and be challenged by Leigh's wonderful stories told through his music.

You'll find me at the creative tables at the back.

After the Prayer Walk on Sunday evening I'll start winding down for a week of #UnBusy as Paul and I have a week of Annual Leave together.

Our "Busy" series will be back with Victoria preaching on 'Living Light' on Sunday morning, 3rd November.

I'll then be back on the 4th of November.

Blessings, Linda

Coming Sunday evenings at Athelstone Uniting Church

27 October - 6pm Prayer Walk

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

10 November - 6pm - chapel communion service

17 November - Spirited Sunday with a panel of guest speakers, including Campbelltown Mayor Jill Whittaker.

We'll be chatting about how they slow down, care for themselves and connect with those who are most important to them.

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.

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 have started the process of finding a replacement.

Church Council

Church Council wishes to advise that the Annual General Meeting of the Congregation will be held on **Sunday 24 November at 10.45am.**

At the meeting we will need to elect people for the following positions:

1. Chairperson of Congregation
2. 5-6 Council members
3. One Representative for Presbytery/Synod for 2020

Please prayerfully consider if you or someone you know would be suitable for any of these roles.

Nomination forms are available in the Entry and a box for you to deposit your completed form.

If you have been nominated can you provide a short personal profile and send it to Ann Brown at

brownanndon@gmail.com

Triple C's

Next get together is at 1030am on November 13 at Settebello. So rally together and fill the tables with Chat, Coffee and Chaps as we solve any problems that may be pressing on you, "Remember are you OK??".

Church Council update

Spring Fair - Council would like to share with our church community, that after much consideration, it was decided that the season of our Spring Fair/Garage Sale/Fete has come to an end. We give thanks to God for the wonderful event held over many, many years and the generous giving of you all, to make it such a success and happy occasion. Special thanks to Trev and Di Curtis for their leadership in recent years. Council will explore other ways of connecting with our community and raising funds in 2020, and your ideas and feedback would be very much appreciated.

Acknowledgement – a number of actions have occurred in the past month involving our church property and church programs and Council would like to acknowledge the work of the people involved in those areas - work on installing the new hand rails, the Dyson vacuum cleaner purchase, the maintenance on the air conditioner, the upgrade of the data projectors and sound deck, the coordination of the Spring Fair, the volunteer support for the Spring Fair, the care shown by the Pastoral Care team to Barb and Eric Hurrell and Linda during their difficult health periods, the coordination and congregation support with the Shoeboxes. These are wonderful examples of the generosity of our church community highlighting what means to serve this church.

Office Administrator – with the announcement of Sharyn's impending retirement, Council has commenced the recruitment process so we can hopefully have a smooth transition and a replacement person in place early in the new year. Council is forming a working group to work through the various tasks required to recruit for this position.

Church Council nominations – with the AGM in November comes the retirement of several current Council members and the opportunity to appoint new members to Council. The nomination forms will be available from the entry area over the next few Sundays. There will be 6 positions available including those whose term ends making themselves available to be re-elected.

Safe Church – Victoria Pederick has been working tirelessly on updating our church processes and compliance requirements so we can satisfy the necessary steps being requested of us by Synod. Very soon the Safe Church team will be making contact with our appointed leaders in our congregation asking them to complete the required Working With Children Check enabling our church to meet the commitment to protecting the safety of all people within our programs, ministries and activities. Victoria will be sharing more about Safe Church at the AGM.

Budget - Council has met to consider the budget for 2020 and it was proposed that the budget be submitted to the AGM for congregation endorsement. Thanks to Glen for his work with the budget which is looking quite healthy.

Deck – There have been some recent issues with the safety of the external deck and following engineering reports and subsequent discussions between our project team it has been decided the deck needs to be replaced to ensure the ongoing safety of those who use the deck. Council has approved the cost for the project and the work will commence around late November so as not to inconvenience the activities that use the deck area. Included in the work to be done will be additional shade cover over the deck area.

Worship - Linda shared with Council at the last meeting her proposed themes for the coming months so look out JOY during the Advent season and LISTEN in the period leading up to Easter. These series will closely follow the theme we have been enjoying through November which has been BUSY. Church Council has also endorsed the various services and activities in the Advent and Christmas season which will feature the Christmas Tree Festival, Messy Christmas, Campbelltown Christmas parade and carols, Spirited Sunday Carols theme, Blue Christmas service and the traditional Christmas Eve and Christmas morning services. And look out for another special proposal around Christmas that Council is exploring. More to come on this later.



2019 Christmas Tree Festival

Only 5 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*

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!



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

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

3rd November – Habakkuk 1.1-4,2:1-4, Psalm 119.137-144, 2 Thessalonians 1.1-4,11-12, Luke 19.1-10

Reading for Worship this Sunday – Luke 12:29-34

Roster

	27 th October	3 rd November
Preacher	Leigh Newton	Victoria
Worship Leader	Dave	Lynton N
Singers	Marie/Ruth/Friederike	Jeanine/Meg/Allan
Keyboard	Di	Celine
Guitar	Shelley	Dave/Scott
Data Projector	Samantha	Shelley
Flowers	Carole	Marie H
Door Stewards & Offering	Sheralyn & Pat	Jayne & Lynton
Notices	Sylvia	Sylvia
Scripture Reader	Ann Tubb	Ray
Offering Count	Lynton N/Sam	Friederike/Dave
Tea & Coffee	Sylvia & Noel	Sheralyn/Leanne
Sound	Noel	Noel
Building Steward	Noel	Richard

What's on 28th October – 3rd November

Monday	28 th	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	29 th	9.30-11.30 am	Gain Momentum – Pilates *	Top Hall
		6.30-7.30 pm	Reach your Feat *	Top Hall
Wednesday	30 th	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
Thursday	31st	5.30-6.30 pm	Reach your Feat *	Top Hall
Friday	1st	10.00-12.00 noon	Friendship Club – Melbourne Cup fun	Auditorium
Saturday	2 nd	9.30-11.30 am	Gain Momentum – Pilates *	Top Hall
		10.00-11.00 am	Waratah Calisenthics College*	Auditorium
Sunday	3 rd	9.30 am	Worship	Auditorium
			No Evening Service	

** These events are organised by community hirers*