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Linda's Day off: Monday

Sunday 16th February 2020

Greetings and welcome to this week's newsletter

A Note from Linda

This week we will continue with Jesus' teaching as part of the Sermon on the Mount. Jesus shows us how we can live closer to God's ways and truly love one another. Matthew 5:21-37 is a difficult reading. What might God be saying to us through the Word? Together let's explore the message behind the message.

Have you been pondering your Star Word?

I know some of you are delighted with your word, some puzzled, some confused, some uncomfortable. I ask you to persevere! Let God speak to you through your word. Perhaps the word is about you: something you need affirmed or something you need to work on. Perhaps the word is about what you might be able to offer to others. Perhaps the word is about your relationship with God. Perhaps it is something else that will become clear over time!

So this week, I invite you to ponder what you think it might be about for you - and don't forget to journal your thoughts! If you have not yet received a Star Word, please contact me soon and I will get one to you (and explain what they're all about!).

Blessings, Linda

Coming Sunday Evenings

16 Feb - 5.00pm - Taize service. Brougham Place Uniting Church. 193 Brougham Place, North Adelaide.

23 Feb - 6.00pm - Prayer Walk - at Thorndon Park

1 March - 6.00pm - Chapel Communion service.

8 March - 4.00pm - Messy Picnic.

Taize Service 16 Feb - 5.00pm

Have you ever wondered what Taize prayer services are like? Here is the opportunity to experience one: Come join us as we visit Brougham Place Uniting's monthly Taize service. Their young adults lead this sung prayer service. It is open to people of all ages. 193 Brougham Place, North Adelaide. To be followed by dinner (for those who can make it) at the new PopUp Café at the Rezz.

Planning Day

Church Council is having a Planning Day on **Saturday February 22nd**. The purpose is to prayerfully review where we've come from as a congregation, where we are going and to consider our current mission goals. If there is anything you feel that Council needs to be aware of as part of their considerations, there is an opportunity to contribute by sending an email to Council Chair, Jeff Dry: jeffdry@bigpond.com before Feb 22.

Bible Studies in Lent

Are you interested in joining a small group during the season of Lent? Linda is offering to lead a short-term group using a bible study called 'Water for the Journey' written by Craig Mitchell. The group will meet at the manse on Wednesday evenings: March 4, (11), 18, 25 and April 1. Contact Linda if you would like to join in.

Quiet Day - stepping into Lent with intention

Saturday, Feb. 29, 9:30 am – 12:30 pm ; St. Andrews by the Sea Uniting Church, 92 Jetty Road, Glenelg
RSVP: christinegilb@optusnet.com.au

Commissioning, Welcoming and Blessing Service - March 1

At our morning service on Sunday March 1, we will *commission* our new Church Council, *welcome* our new Office Coordinator (Carol) and *bless* the recently completed deck! We will then *celebrate* with a morning tea.

Please bring a small plate of something to share.

UnitingWomen - Darwin

Are you interested in joining Linda as part of a group of South Australian women who will be attending the 2020 UnitingWomen in Darwin?

UnitingWomen is a biennial conference for women of the Uniting Church in Australia and other like-minded women. It will be held on July 9-12, 2020 at Club Tropical Resort, Darwin.

More information here: <https://unitingwomen.org.au/>

There is a discount for those who register as a group of 4 or more. If you are interested, please let Linda know ASAP.

Triple C's

Thank you for proving me wrong!! Booked for 16, and 17 Chaps for Coffee and Chat turned out. What a buzz of conversation and an odd one or two deep and meaningful.

Next meeting is down for March 11 for 10.30 at somewhere tba.

Have a good month meanwhile.....and do not forget to call up someone if you need to "chew the fat" over something, do not bottle it up. Remember are you OK?....Ray.

With Love to the World

The latest edition has arrived – it started on the 3rd February. Please pick up your copy in the church main foyer – there will be, as usual, an envelope attached in which you may place your payment of \$5.00 in the offering bowl.

We have ordered an extra few copies if you would like to have a devotional resource over the next 3 months.

Thank you.

Letter received from Uniting Communities

"Thank you for contributing to our 2019 Christmas appeal. Your help is appreciated by all of the staff and volunteers here at Eastern Services. The generous gifts of money and food from many people means that we helped 150 families with food hampers and vouchers at Christmastime, and provided toys for 89 children.

During 2019 the need for our services increased, as it does each year, and so your generosity really helps us to support people in our local community who are struggling to make ends meet. Thank you again."

Sent by Mark Hackett (Community Support Programs Coordinator)

World Day of Prayer – 6th March at 10 am

Pray for Zimbabwe at St Martin Anglican Church, cnr Gorge & Lower North East Road, Campbelltown. All Welcome!

Packing Day 2020: Be excited, be involved!

Once again, AUC will be involved in Packing Day this year. Packing Day is a chance for our church community to co-ordinate the packing of clothing and household items to remote northern aboriginal communities.

What you need to do:

- Save the date – **Sunday May 31st and Monday June 1st**
- Start collecting clothing and household goods – we pack for tropical communities so need clothing that is suitable for this climate.
- Ask friends and family to collect suitable clothing and household items – we were particularly short of children's and men's clothing last year.
- Collected items can be brought along to church and placed in the shed.

Please speak to Jayne Nicholas (0418836266) if you have any queries.



Come and join us with your preschoolers and babies on alternate Tuesday (even weeks of school term) from 10-00 a.m. to 11-30 a.m.

at Athelstone Uniting Church, cnr Fox Avenue and Kantilla Drive

NB Starting in Week 4 of school term

DATES for 2020 - Term 1 - 18th February, 3rd March, 17th March, 31st March

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

Bruce and Joy Stewart Phone: 8336 2671 or Email: bruceandjoy@bigpond.com

Wider Church - <https://sa.uca.org.au> You can also subscribe to receive UC. E-News personally.

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 - You will find these in the Uniting Church Calendar.

Roster

	16 th February	23 rd February
Preacher	Linda	Rev Liellie McLaughlin
Worship Leader	Di	Jeff
Singers	Bob/Robyn/Marie	Jeanine/Janet/Friederike
Keyboard	Celine	Shelley
Guitar	Chris/Scott	Chris/Scott
Data Projector	Dave	Dave
Flowers	Raelene	Marie H
Door Stewards & Offering	Raelene & Rob	Jenny & David
Notices	Don	Don
Scripture Reader	Ann	Sylvia
Offering Count	Friederike/Trevor	Sylvia & Don
Tea & Coffee	Sylvia & Noel	Jenny & David
Sound	Noel	Don
Building Steward	Richard	Paul

What's on 17th – 23rd February - * *These events are organised by community hirers*

Monday	17 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	18 th	9.00 am	Book Club	Coffee Shop
		10.00-11.30 am	Stay & Play Playgroup	Lwr Hall/Decking/Mtg Room
		9.30-11.30 am	Gain Momentum – Pilates *	Top Hall
Wednesday	19 th	9.30–10.30 am	Gain Momentum – Pilates *	Top Hall
		6.30-8.30 pm	Waratah Calisthenics College*	Auditorium
Thursday	20 th	7.30-8.30 pm	Worship Practice	Auditorium
Friday	21 st	10.00-12.00pm	Friendship Club	Auditorium
Saturday	22 nd	9.00-1.00 pm	Church Council Planning Mtg.	Lower Meeting Room
		9.30-11.30 am	Gain Momentum – Pilates *	Top Hall
		9.30-11.30 am	Waratah Calisthenics College*	Auditorium
Sunday	23 rd	9.30 am	Worship	Auditorium
		6.00 pm	Prayer Walk	Thorndon Park