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Linda's Day off: Monday

Sunday 1st March 2020

Greetings and welcome to this week's newsletter

A Note from Linda

This Sunday is the first in the season of Lent - a time of reflection and preparation for Easter. A season that invites us to make our minds and hearts ready for remembering Jesus' life, death and resurrection. The colour for Lent is purple, so why not make this part of your Lenten practice? Choose purple - in what you wear, or use.. be creative!

On Sunday morning 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.

On Sunday evening we will share in an intimate communion service in our chapel.

During Lent, I encourage you to use your star word as a way of entering the text. As you reflect on the bible readings each week consider what they say about your word. Or how does your word bring new light to the text? Don't forget to journal your thoughts!

Blessings, Linda

Coming Sunday Evenings

1 March - 6.00pm - Chapel Communion service

8 March - 4.00pm - Messy Picnic

15 March - 6.30 for 7.00pm - Spirited Sunday with Ivan-Tiwu Copley in the new PopUp Café at the Rezz

22 March - 6.00pm Prayer Walk

29 March - 4.30pm Labyrinth Walk - Waite Arboretum

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 **by this Sunday** 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

Lenten Appeal 2020

Each year the Uniting Church of Australia, through Uniting World, carefully selects a significant project of outreach and christian mission. The 2020 project in partnership with the Protestant Church of Maluka in Indonesia seeks to bring Muslims and Christians together to build peace and beat poverty. An information brochure with donation form is available at the Church entry. Further information www.lentevent.com"

Presbytery Meeting - Sat 14 March

In the Uniting Church we have a number of different councils who are responsible for different things. One of these is the presbytery - they have a particular focus on supporting our congregations in mission and pastoral care among other things. Following a restructure we are part of a new presbytery - which doesn't have a name yet! Its inaugural meeting will be Saturday 14 March. Trevor Phillips is the presbytery chair

Venue: Gawler Uniting. Time: 9.30 - 4.30pm

This meeting will provide opportunity to share and encourage one another in worship and stories of what's been happening since the November Synod.

We will share about Spirited Sundays. All are welcome to share in the time together.

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!

Church Rosters

I will be compiling the church rosters for April, May and June in the next 2 weeks. So would you please contact me if you have any special dates to consider, by tel. 8337 0011, email: jg.robin@bigpond.com or direct.

Thank you, *Gus Robin*

TOFs (Tuesdays on Fox)

All are welcome to the next meeting of TOFs. TOFs meet on the first Tuesday of the month from 2-4pm, usually in a café and sometimes at our Church on Fox Avenue, Athelstone. TOFs has been lead by Ros and Jenny for many years, and is now being lead by Sheralyn Robertson.

Our next meeting for a coffee and chat will be held Tuesday 3rd March at the St Peter's Bakehouse and Coffee Shop, 1149 North East Rd, Ridgehaven at 2pm.

Please RSVP sheralynrobertson@gmail.com or message Sheralyn on 0418404018.

We will meet in the Church car park at 1.40 pm for car sharing to the shop.

Church Council report

- Council met on Tuesday night for the first time in 2020. Election of office bearers was conducted and the following appointments made – Jeff Dry (Chair), Ann Brown (Secretary) and Glen Luestner (Treasurer).
- As part of their spiritual growth and development, Council members will be sharing in a devotional study each meeting using the resource 'Congregational Sustainability,' a printed resource created by the Pastoral Relations and Mission Planning Unit at Synod SA.
- On Saturday 22 February Council members spent the morning in a planning session with the purpose of considering our future direction. More details to follow in future newsletters.
- Council has endorsed new leaders for TOFS (Sheralyn Robertson) and Wider Mission (Mike O'Connell).
- Council has endorsed and congratulated Linda on being awarded a scholarship to study a Graduate Certificate in Ministry as part of the Uniting Church's National Executive Development program. While this wonderful opportunity will require flexibility in Linda's hours throughout the year, Council is fully supportive and will do its best to accommodate the study arrangements.
- The Pastoral care oversight team is in the process of introducing the pastoral care program 'Pastoral Partners' to our congregation. More details to follow.
- Council has made the decision that the Church Directory will no longer be printed in hard copy as we move to a new system of recording contact details through the Elvanto program an all-inclusive church management solution. In the meanwhile if you need up to date contact details, ask Carol (Office Coordinator).
- Linda has shared the program for Lent 2020 commencing this Sunday March 1 which will be based on a simple series that follows the lectionary readings and culminates in the Easter services. Council has agreed that there will be a Maundy Thursday and Easter Dawn service at Thorndon Park as was the case in 2019.
- Jeff Dry, Church Council Chairperson

Defibrillator update – hopefully you have seen the defibrillator unit that is located on the wall next to the kitchen exit. Council is currently arranging to conduct a training session in April for those interested in learning how to use this unit. This session will be conducted one Sunday morning following our worship service and should last approximately 30 minutes. As part of the risk management strategy associated with this defibrillator, Council has been made aware that some of the congregation have requested they do not wish to be resuscitated and as such do not want the defibrillator used on them. Council needs to be made aware of whom these people are in our congregation so that a list of these people can be created and displayed next to the unit. If you are in this category then you must please advise Jeff Dry or Ann Brown in writing as a matter of urgency so your details can be recorded. Any person who is fitted with a pacemaker is also required to inform Jeff or Ann in writing as the defibrillator cannot be used either under any circumstances. It is appreciated this may be a sensitive matter but it is our responsibility to have a duty of care.

Morning tea update – in a previous newsletter article Council had proposed a new system be introduced in 2020 for the morning tea helpers and any groups where catering is involved due to the wastage of milk that is left in the fridge and then being disposed of because it is out of date. It was recommended that volunteer helpers bring the required milk supply (2 litres of skim milk) and then take the leftovers home after the service/event. Council wishes to advise this process has now been adopted after the initial trial and as such would request that all morning tea helpers or those running events involving tea and coffee action accordingly.

Packing Day 2020: Be excited, be involved!

- 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 Tuesdays
(*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

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

A new year and we were blessed with a shower of rain and a gathering of 23
(including 11 children) on deck. The wirra is blooming with our FIRST yakka spear in
flower and a host of garland lilies (*Calostemma purpureum*) under the gums.

Please make contact with Bruce or Joy if you are available to help on Tuesdays or at various times to maintain the wirra. We will be in the wirra on Saturday 29th February from 10-00am, followed by a coffee! 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.

Christian Mission and Ministry at U City - 8 March 2020 2:00pm - 4:00pm

The UCA SA Historical Society's first event for 2020 will be an opportunity to see and hear the story of a 'past, present and future' experience of Christian mission and ministry at 43 Franklin Street, Adelaide.

We will hear from Rev. Andrew Robertson (minister of the City View Uniting Church) and Rev. Peter McDonald (Executive, Advocacy, Uniting Communities), both situated at the new U City building.

You're invited to gather in the foyer of at 2:00pm. At 2:15pm Peter and Andrew will lead a 'show and tell' story tour. Questions and conversation will continue over tea and coffee.

Please RSVP to Uniting Communities on 82025123 (vickit@unitingcommunities.org) by Wed. March 4
U City is at 43 Franklin Street, Adelaide, SA 5000

Easter Sights & Sounds – 31st March to 3rd April

Invitation received from Spicer Uniting Church, 44a Fourth Ave, St Peters. Details on Notice Board.

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

	1 st March	8 th March
Preacher	Linda	Linda
Worship Leader	Nola	Lynton
Singers	Lyndon R/Ann/Sylvia	Janet/Allan/Friederike
Keyboard	Di	Gerald
Guitar	Chris/Scott	Dave/Shelley
Data Projector	Dave	Samantha
Flowers	Di	Ruth
Door Stewards & Offering	Crisi & Sam	Janet & Howard
Notices	Brenton	Brenton
Scripture Reader	Ray	Lee
Offering Count	Lynton/David W	Ray/Gus
Tea & Coffee	Jan & Gus	Coralie & Brenton
Sound	Noel	Don
Building Steward	Noel	Richard

What's on 2nd – 8th March

** These events are organised by community hirers*

Monday	2 nd	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	3 rd	9.00 am	Book Club	Coffee Shop
		9.30-11.30 am	Gain Momentum – Pilates *	Top Hall
		10.00-11.30 am	Stay & Play Playgroup	Lwr Hall/Decking/Chapel
Wednesday	4 th	9.30–10.30 am	Gain Momentum – Pilates *	Top Hall
		6.30-8.30 pm	Waratah Calisthenics College*	Auditorium
Thursday	5 th	7.30-8.30 pm	Worship Practice	Auditorium
Friday	6 th	10.00-12.00pm	Friendship Club – 10 pin bowling Followed by Lunch	
Saturday	7 th	9.30-11.30 am	Gain Momentum – Pilates *	Top Hall
		9.30-11.30 am	Waratah Calisthenics College*	Auditorium
Sunday	8 th	9.30 am	Worship	Auditorium
		4.00 pm	Messy Picnic	Thorndon Park