

Sunday 23rd February 2020

Greetings and welcome to this week's newsletter

A Note from Linda

This week we welcome guest preacher Rev Liellie McLaughlin at our worship service at 9.30am. Liellie is the Community Connections Coordinator working with Pilgrim UC, the Spire Community (Clayton-Wesley and Uniting Communities), Brougham Place UC, Scots UC and CityView UC.

The Community Connections (CC) initiative aims to build reciprocal and interactive relationships, and to deepen awareness between communities and individuals of all walks of life.

Have you been pondering your Star Word?

This week I invite you to look up the antonyms or opposites to your word. Does this shed new light on its meaning for you? 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

23 Feb - 6.00pm - Prayer Walk - see below

1 March - 6.00pm - Chapel Communion service

8 March - 4.00pm - Messy Picnic

Prayer Walk

On the 4th Sunday of the month, we head out into our community on a Prayer Walk. As we go, we pray for God's peace (shalom) for the people and places we walk past.

We meet at Thorndon Park at 6pm. We gather at the pedestrian gate next to The Rezz carpark and then walk along the Thorndon Park walking track. All welcome

Planning Day

Church Council is having a Planning Day this 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 Saturday Feb 22.

Hello from your new Office Coordinator

My name is Carol Lang and I am married to Darran Lang. We have three children, Rachel (12 years old), Hannah (9 years old) and Timothy (8 years old). I have been part of the Uniting Church at Dernancourt since I was a young child. It was at Dernancourt Uniting that I was baptised, nurtured and challenged in my faith as I grew to adulthood. Darran and I met and married at Dernancourt and we are still members of that congregation. Professionally I am a research scientist. I spent many years studying lung cells and how they work at the University of Adelaide. Recently I decided to step back from science and focus on my family and other interests. I have served the Uniting Church in many different ways over the years but most recently in the area of Children and Family ministry. I've enjoyed my first few mornings in the office. There has been a lot to absorb and more to learn but I hope in time to serve you well in this new role as your Office Coordinator. I look forward to getting to know you all at Athelstone and working with you as you seek to undertake God's mission for His Church in this place.

The Presbytery

A meeting that Athelstone UC belongs to, will be holding its inaugural meeting on Saturday 14 March.

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.

Athelstone UC has been approached to share about Spirited Sunday's.

Linda Driver and Ann Brown will be attending but all are welcome to share in the time together.

We pray for Trevor Phillips as he leads his first Presbytery meeting and for all those attending. We also pray for wisdom and discernment as we select new members on Committees and choose a name for our Presbytery.

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.

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.

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 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

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

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

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

	23 rd February	1 st March
Preacher	Rev Liellie McLaughlin	Linda
Worship Leader	Jeff	
Singers	Jeanine/Janet/Friederike	
Keyboard	Shelley	
Guitar	Chris/Scott	
Data Projector	Dave	
Flowers	Marie H	Di
Door Stewards & Offering	Jenny & David	Crisi & Sam
Notices	Don	Brenton
Scripture Reader	Sylvia	Ray
Offering Count	Sylvia & Don	Lynton/David W
Tea & Coffee	Jenny & David	Jan & Gus
Sound	Don	Noel
Building Steward	Paul	Noel

What's on 24th February - 1st March ** These events are organised by community hirers*

Monday	24 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	25 th	9.30-11.30 am	Gain Momentum – Pilates *	Top Hall
		2.00-4.00 pm	Threads	Coffee Shop
		7.00 pm	Church Council Meeting	Meeting Room
Wednesday	26 th	9.30–10.30 am	Gain Momentum – Pilates *	Top Hall
		6.30-8.30 pm	Waratah Calisthenics College*	Auditorium
Thursday	27 th	7.30-8.30 pm	Worship Practice	Auditorium
Friday	28 th	10.00-12.00pm	Friendship Club - Pancake Day	Auditorium
Saturday	29 th	9.30-11.30 am	Gain Momentum – Pilates *	Top Hall
		9.30-11.30 am	Waratah Calisthenics College*	Auditorium
Sunday	1 st	9.30 am	Worship	Auditorium
		6.00 pm	Communion Service	Chapel