

Sunday 9th February 2020

Greetings and welcome to this week's newsletter

A Note from Linda

Welcome to the first newsletter for 2020. There is much to share with you, so please take the time to read on. I am excited to welcome Carol Lang today (Thursday) to our team as our new Office Coordinator! .. and to welcome Jan Robin back, after the summer break, as our volunteer newsletter editor. Thank you so much Jan for your faithful service!

By now nearly all of you will have received your Star Word and will be pondering its meaning for you. I invite you to look up the definition of your word in a dictionary. Are you surprised by what it actually means? What synonyms are there for your word? Keep a journal of your thoughts and incorporate them into your prayers this week. 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

9 Feb - 4.00pm Messy Church - a church service for all ages, especially families. It's interactive, it's fun, and there's food! Our focus this week will be on Creation, especially Australia and bushfires. So come along!

16 Feb - 5.00pm - Taize service - come join us as we visit Brougham Place Uniting's monthly Taize service. Their young adults lead this prayer service. It is open to people of all ages. 193 Brougham Place, North Adelaide. To be followed by dinner at the new PopUp Café at the Rezz.

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

1 March - 6.00pm - Chapel Communion service

Thanks for great responses.

The Wider mission committee would like to thank all who gave to the Christmas Bowl appeal. \$1760.70 was received here at AUC for programs of support in places such as Zimbabwe, Sri Lanka and South Sudan. As well, some people would have sent their donation directly to the Act for Peace office in Sydney.

The Christmas catalogue of Tear Australia gave many of us opportunity to identify with needy people and communities mainly in the Pacific region and Asia with the result that \$3,300 was received. Praise God for generous people!



Threads

Threads is our group who gather in the coffee shop in the Athelstone shops to knit or crochet – or stitch or spin. We're meeting this Tuesday from 2 to 4pm. All are welcome! Even if you want to pop in and join us for a cuppa and chat! We enjoy making new connections and building relationships. It is one way that we as a church connect with our community.

Triple C's

Next meeting for Chaps, Coffee and Chat is on Wednesday February 12 @ Settebello across from Target on Newton Road where I have booked for 16.....prove me wrong. Look forward to catching up and hearing the buzz of conversation. Where have you been? What's new? etc. Need a lift to/from or both then contact Bob or Ray.

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

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, meeting on 5 Wednesdays from the week beginning March 1 through to Easter - Mornings or Evenings
Contact Linda for more information.

Evensong

Have you ever experienced Evensong? It is an evening service of prayers, psalms, and canticles set to music. Pilgrim Uniting Church offers Evensong services. In 2020 they will be held on the evenings of Saturday 28 March, 18 April, 25 April and 30 May. If you are interested in attending one of these services together with others from Athelstone, please let Linda Driver know.

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.

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. (and Qantas has a special on flights to Darwin which runs until this coming Monday.) If you are interested, please let Linda know ASAP.



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 Church Calendar.

Roster

	9 th February	16 th February
Preacher	Linda	Linda
Worship Leader	Meg	Di
Singers	Sylvia/Lyndon R/Yvonne	Bob/Robyn/Marie
Keyboard	Shelley	Celine
Guitar	Dave	Chris/Scott
Data Projector	Samantha	Dave
Flowers	Carole	Raelene
Door Stewards & Offering	Ann & David	Raelene & Rob
Notices	Don	Don
Scripture Reader	David	Ann
Offering Count	Ray/Paul	Friederike/Trevor
Tea & Coffee	Sheralyn & Pat	Sylvia & Noel
Sound	Don	Noel
Building Steward	Meg	Richard

What's on 10th – 16th February - * *These events are organised by community hirers*

Monday	10 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	11 th	9.30-11.30 am	Gain Momentum – Pilates *	Top Hall
		2.00-4.00pm	Threads	Indigo Coffee Shop
		2.30 pm	Pastortal Care Meeting	Minister's Office
Wednesday	12 th	9.30–10.30 am	Gain Momentum – Pilates *	Top Hall
		2.30 pm	Church Council Exec	Manse
		6.00-8.00 pm	Waratah Calisenthics College*	Auditorium
Thursday	13 th	7.30-8.30 pm	Worship Practice	Auditorium
Friday	14 th	10.00-12.00pm	Friendship Club	Auditorium
Saturday	15 th	9.30-11.30 am	Gain Momentum – Pilates *	Top Hall
		9.30-11.30 am	Waratah Calisenthics College*	Auditorium
Sunday	16 th	9.30 am	Worship	Auditorium
		5.00 pm	Taize Service	Brougham Place