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Linda's Day off: Monday

Sunday 26th April 2020

Greetings and welcome to this week's newsletter.

Star Words

Linda is on study leave this week and Jeff Dry will be leading the service.

You can share in the service via Zoom or through the self-guided resource. One way that you can get involved this week is to share how your STAR WORDS have spoken to your heart so far this year. If you are willing to share about your STAR WORD and how it has had an impact or influence over the past weeks then you can let Jeff Dry know by emailing him at jeffdry@bigpond.com. There are opportunities to share either by preparing a written response for the self-guided resource or by speaking in the worship time via Zoom so contact Jeff if you want to be included and haven't yet already done so.

Worship Services at Home

Worship services as a gathered community continue to be suspended until we are advised by government and the Uniting Church Synod that it is time to gather again. In the meantime we hope you have been making use of the Worship resources, collated by Linda, that have been sent out each week.

On Sundays some of us are opting to join in for an online service using Zoom. Resources will again be sent out with options to connect via Zoom or to worship in your own time and at your own pace using a self-guided resource.

If you would like to join in and have not used Zoom before, we recommend that you get yourself set up before Sunday. Here are a few things you can do to prepare:

- You will either need a laptop, a tablet, a smartphone or a computer with a microphone, speakers and a webcam. If you are using a smartphone or tablet, download the Zoom app.
- If you haven't used Zoom before, you might like to have a practice run. Contact a family member or a friend in our church community and try it out! It is free to have a group chat for up to 40 minutes. It is a great way to connect with your family and friends.

We have attached a guide that you might find helpful too.

Paul Driver has offered to provide support and practice if you need it. Give him a call on 0428 161 918.

The Worship resource (Zoom version) will include a link to click on to join the service. Be ready to go from 9.15am on Sunday so we can welcome everyone and be ready to start with our candle lighting soon after 9.30am.

How to give electronically

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

Application forms for setting up regular e-giving through UC e-give are available at <https://ucinvest.com.au/forms-and-information#page=page-1>.

Contact Glen Luestner for more information. Phone: 0401-052-842 or E-mail: glenluestner@gmail.com



Anzac Day Services

Anzac Day Services will work a little differently this year due to COVID-19 but here are a couple of options to commemorate the day.

ANZAC Day Driveway Service

With Anzac Day approaching, here is a way to have your own commemoration.

"With Anzac Day's once indestructible traditions cruelled by forced isolation, Australians will instead walk to the ends of their driveways on April 25 and light up the dawn."

RSL branches in every state have unanimously endorsed the gesture, with families across the nation expected to stand at their gates, on balconies or verandahs at 6am and hold a candle to fallen heroes.

Since regular public marches and services are cancelled due to the COVID-19 crisis, radio networks are signing on to livestream services people can tune in to outside on phones and tablets.

Musicians everywhere are being called on to take to their front yards to play the Last Post and Rouse or Reveille for neighbours. Residents are being urged to dress windows and mailboxes with poppies and kids to make bright red "wreaths" from painted egg cartons to hang on doors.

Joe Vaiana and his partner, Yvonne Menz, plan to do this at 6am on Anzac Day. Perhaps you might like to do something similar in your front yard?

Here is an excellent resource for those looking for words and

ideas: https://assembly.uca.org.au/images/Ministries/Defence_Force_Chaplaincy/ANZAC_Day_Resources.pdf

Adelaide Dawn Service Radio Broadcast

The Adelaide Dawn Service (closed to the public) will be live broadcast commencing at 06:00 on ABC 891 with Peter Goers and on ABC News 24 (not the ABC main channel). You can listen to your local ABC Radio from your driveway or balcony via your mobile phone. Download the ABC Listen app and search for ABC Adelaide or your local ABC station and join us, as we commemorate ANZAC Day together. Link: <https://radio.abc.net.au/help/apps>.

ABC ANZAC Day Coverage

As always the ABC will broadcast ANZAC Day services starting with the National Commemorative Service from the Australian War Memorial at 5:30am on Saturday 25 April. The broadcasts will be on ABC TV, Radio, iView and ABC Online including the ABC Australia Facebook page. Details on that and other services broadcast during the day are available on the ABC website.

Online UCA ANZAC Day services

Senior ADF Chaplain Rev Charles Vesely has prerecorded a special ANZAC Day service for Uniting Church members. This service will be streamed on the Uniting Church in Australia Facebook page at 9am Australian Eastern Time on ANZAC Day.

At 10am on ANZAC Day, a livestreamed service from Canberra's Royal Military College will also be available via the [Duntroon Chapel Facebook page](#).

Pastoral Care news

It is with great pleasure that the Pastoral Care team welcomes Lee O'Connell as a new member of the team. Lee has been given oversight of the roll out of the new Pastoral Partners Program but as that has been put on hold for the time being, Lee has been invited to join the Pastoral Care team as she has much to offer the team and it was seen as a beneficial move to have her on the team so it could create a strong alignment with the Pastoral Partners Program. Church Council has endorsed the appointment and we welcome Lee and look forward to her contribution to the pastoral care work in our church community.

Food Donations to Uniting Communities

For many years now, the Athelstone Uniting Church congregation has been a great supporter of the Uniting Communities Eastern Services Branch Emergency Relief program through its donation of food items.

One of the casualties of not meeting as a Church family due to the Covid-19 restrictions has been the loss of food donations to Uniting Communities. Since the commencement of the Covid-19 pandemic, many people/families within our community have suffered a reduction or a total loss of their income due to restrictions put in place, resulting in the number of people seeking assistance increasing dramatically. At the moment, I am not able to provide counselling assistance as in the past, but I have been in regular contact with the manager at Uniting Communities to keep in touch.

Although restricted services can only be provided now, the requests for food assistance has increased and the need for food donations remains. One suggestion put forward is to find a box or grocery bag to collect food donations for the next few weeks. Use markers or paints to decorate it with symbols of love. Include messages and intentions like "straight from the heart" or "feast of love." Go through your pantry and take out things you wish to donate. The next time you go to the supermarket, intentionally purchase items to add to your food donation collection. When you place any items in the box/bag, say a prayer of thanks for those that prepared it, and a prayer of goodwill for those who will eat it. If you wish to donate any food items, I can either collect them from your front door or they can be left on my front door step. Cash donations will also be received with great thanks.

This week I was able to secure a \$1,000.00 donation from The Rotary Club of Morialta for the emergency relief program. This money will be used to purchase Coles "food vouchers" which can be issued to those in need and will provide the opportunity for those people to select food items of their choice from Coles in addition to receiving a food parcel.

Brenton Summers

Stay and Play @ Home

With the extended school holiday break and Easter, Stay and Play @ Home families have been provided with extra mail outs of activities, as well as a new enrolment form specifically designed for Stay and Play @ Home. So far families have received Easter, relaxation and Anzac themed activities. Thank you to those of you who have knitted more hearts to add to the farm gate and the rope between the shadows. They will start appearing in the wirra soon! Email resources will be sent out to enrolled families on the 5th May, 19th May, 2nd June, 16th June and 30th June in Term 2. Bruce and Joy Stewart. Phone: 83362671 or Email: bruceandjoy@bigpond.com.

Fair Trade Mother's Day Shopping

The Fair Trade Association of Australia and New Zealand is a not-for-profit organisation that increases awareness, understanding and support of Fair Trade. On Mother's Day we have the opportunity to show appreciation for our own mothers and for the mothers in other communities that created many of these Fair Trade products - mothers who are skilled and resilient artisans, farmers or workers and mothers who are leaders and who advocate the same values of fairness as our own did. The Fair Trade Mother's Day Shopping Guide 2020 showcases a wonderful selection of Fair Trade products. Purchasing from businesses advertised in the guide means you are directly supporting vulnerable communities, ensuring their purchase has far reaching positive impact in these trying times. The guide can be found at https://issuu.com/fairtradeassociation/docs/ftaanz_mother_s_day_guide_2020.

Breaking the Silence Sunday

Pilgrim Uniting Church will have a special online focus on Break the Silence Sunday, on 26 April 2020. The Uniting Church Assembly President, Dr Deidre Palmer, will provide the input, with a particular focus on domestic violence in a time of COVID19, when families are at home together for extended periods. The service will be pre-recorded and uploaded to the Pilgrim Uniting Church Adelaide Youtube channel

(https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCU6lgRMFn7Im_I4LYzI85_A)

and via the Pilgrim Uniting Church website, www.pilgrim.org.au. More information is available from Rev Sandy Boyce via email: boyce@pilgrim.org.au, and Rev Dr Paul Goh, SA Synod Justice Officer, at pgoh@sa.uca.org.au.

Sign

Church Council decided to put up a sign at the front of our property which communicates how we are responding to COVID-19. This temporary sign is now in place. We have used this opportunity to try out some words and images that we are developing which have come out of our Planning Day held in February. Please let us know what you think of the look, the words and the message it conveys. Send your feedback to Council Secretary

Ann Brown:

Email: brownanndon@gmail.com



Pastoral care

The Pastoral Care Oversight Team is working on ways for us to care for one another during this time. Whilst this provides structured ways of caring for people, we encourage you to still continue to reach out and love and care for one another, as so many of you do so well, within our church community, and also those around us. Please do let us know if you are need of support. 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

Lee O'Connell 0438 865 508

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) – While our community is scattered, Linda will include these in a weekly Worship and Prayer resource. If you have something you would like to be included, 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)

Kindness calling cards

Do you need more kindness calling cards to pop in a neighbour's letterbox? You can now download your own and print from our website: <https://athelstonechurch.org.au/members-2/forms/>

New Times – April/May 2020

The New Times April/May 2020 edition is out now. As you won't be able to collect a hard copy from the church, we encourage you to read the online version here: <https://sa.uca.org.au/new-times/new-times-print-edition/>. You can download a pdf version to read if you prefer. If you are not able to do so, and would like a print copy delivered to you, please let Carol know by email (office@athelstonechurch.org.au) or send a text to Linda (0458 500 656).

Wider Church news

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

Website

We encourage you to visit our website: www.athelstonechurch.org.au

Lectionary readings

You will find these in your copy of the Uniting Church Calendar.

Newsletter contributions

Please email newsletter@athelstonechurch.org.au by 5pm Wed.

Roster – April/May

Week Beginning	27 th April	4 th May	11 th May	18 th May
Volunteer Walk-Through	Glen	Paul H	Lyndon and Wendy	Ann

Don't forget to light a candle at 9.30 am every Sunday morning

**Practice
Good
Hygiene**

