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Greetings and welcome to this week's newsletter.

A note from Linda

Exciting times! It is this Sunday! Time once again for those of us who are able, to gather onsite in our Church Building. It will be good to see one another in person and to be able to worship in gathered community!

This week in our unraveling series, we'll look at the startling message that the prophet Jeremiah delivers to those in Babylon: to settle in, build homes, and plant gardens in that foreign land. What does this mean for those in exile? Where does God dwell when we are uprooted? What does God—what does Love—say when our dreams unravel? What does this mean for us, as we return to a 'new normal'?

As we prepare to gather for worship onsite once more, there are some important things to remember... Even though restrictions are easing, we still need to be vigilant with regard to our response to COVID-19. Let's do this as a demonstration of the love we have for one another.

- Please don't come if you are unwell.
- You are welcome to come in your ugg boots.
- Avoid parking next to the top hall – this space is still being used by Medical HQ.
- You are welcome to add to the community artwork before you enter the building.
- Once you enter, you will be welcomed with a warm *Hello*, and possibly an elbow or toe tap. (Please refrain from handshaking, kissing or hugging at church for the time being).
Please remember that we are still being encouraged to maintain the physical distancing of 1.5 m when gathering with others outside of our immediate household.
You'll be signed in (as we need to keep a record of attendance) and please use the hand sanitiser provided.
- Seating is spaced out to allow for physical distancing. Those who come from the same household can sit together (if you wish to!)
- The Offering will be received at the end of the service. A receptacle will be provided near the exit. We continue to encourage regular giving through direct debit or electronic transfer.
- Morning tea will not be provided for the next few weeks. We encourage you to connect with others by either have a coffee at a local café to support their business (many of our folk frequent Caffè Settebello and the Rezz on Sundays) or consider inviting others to share a coffee in your home.
- More details are in the letter from Jeff Dry (Church Council chairperson), sent out on July 11.

If you choose not to attend for whatever reason, you can view the service as it is happening, using the same Zoom link as before:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86912199103>

Meeting ID: 869 1219 9103

Also attached with this newsletter is a Lectionary based worship at home resource for you to use whenever you choose.

Blessings and peace, Linda

Community Art Project

As part of the *unraveled* series, we have a **community art project** at the Church. We invite you to add and weave into our art project... not just a strip of fabric or yarn but you may also like to write on your strip of fabric and weave in your hopes, dreams and prayers as well...

Find some time to visit our Church Building where you'll find the growing artwork up on the veranda. Take a strip of fabric (or some yarn) and tie it to the end of the previous fabric strip, or tie it to one of the ribbon spokes, and continue the weaving pattern of going over and under in a circular pattern. Do this as often as you like and please use the sanitiser provided.

"This project helps us embody the promise of the great weaver - that our loose ends can be woven into something new, something beautiful."

(Lisle Gwynn Garrity | A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org)



Church Rosters

We are still looking for more volunteers for our various roles. Please talk to Jeff, Linda or Carol if you want to know more about any of the volunteer roles available. We could particularly use more volunteers to do Notices and to act as Building Steward and Cleaning Steward over the next 3 months.

Cleaning Supplies

Disposable Gloves, Anti-bacterial Cleaning Wipes, Disinfectant, Toilet Cleaner and Floor Cleaner for cleaning have been placed in the Cleaning Cupboard in the disabled toilet. There is a black key box stuck (magnetic) to the side of this cupboard. Please pick up the key box, depress the two buttons on the sides to pop open the lid and access the key. Please access these supplies if you have a volunteer role that requires cleaning or wiping down surfaces. There is also some anti-bacterial spray, wipes and Handy Andy Floor Cleaner located in the cleaning cupboard in the lower hall [(if you can get past the child safety lock (press buttons on side and slide))]. The mop for use in the bathrooms is located in the corner of the disabled toilet. There are also mops in the lower hall cleaning cupboard for use in the lower hall which need to remain here, along with some floor cleaner, for use by one of our hirers.

TRIPLE C's (Chaps Coffee Chatter)

Next big gathering is on AUGUST 05 at 12 noon at the Marche Club, Cnr of Darley & Gorge Roads Paradise. This is a Friendship Club gathering put on monthly by the Marche Club at a cost of \$18.00 per person, for 3 courses. I have booked for 20 people and have 8 confirmed to date. As I have to give FIRM NUMBERS by 24 July please let me know by email or phone 8337 9358. Please be sure as I do not want to pay for "no shows".

Meantime remember R U OK?

Ray Walter

Threads

With the easing of restrictions we are meeting again at Indigo Café, where Shirin and Mohammed are making us welcome. We bring along our WIPs (works in progress) and enjoy a coffee and chat. So, if you enjoy creating with thread, or would like to learn, and/or enjoy a chat over a cuppa, come join us 2nd and 4th Tuesdays from 2-4pm.

Jeanine and Linda

Book Club

Book Club has recommenced on the first and third Tuesdays of the month at 9 am for those who are able to do so. We are back into reading Denise Champion's *Yarta Wandatha*. Anyone is welcome to join us. We'll be at Indigo Espresso Café in the Athelstone Shopping Centre.

Food Donations to Uniting Communities

Food or cash donations for Uniting Communities Eastern Services Branch Emergency Relief Program are still welcomed at any time. For more information contact Brenton Summers. Phone 0400 632 829.



Stay and Play @ Home & Wirra Play Day

Plans are currently being discussed for families to enjoy a face to face Wirra Play Day in Term 3 in conjunction with the Stay and Play @ Home program. Face to face activities will be dependent on sufficient team members, the ability to comply with C19 guidelines and access to our storage areas. Have you tried the Tic tac toe game using seedpods and stones in the wirra. Stay and Play @ Home dates for Term 3 are 28th Jul, 11th Aug, 25th Aug, 8th Sept and 22nd Sept.

Bruce and Joy Stewart

Pastoral care

The Pastoral Care Oversight Team have developed a network of people who are checking in on and praying for each other regularly. 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:

Brenton Summers 0400 632 829 Rev Linda Driver 0458 500 656 Bob Stevenson 0400 641 242 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) - 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 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)

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.

Wider Church news

- <https://sa.uca.org.au>

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

The New Times is available online as well at <https://sa.uca.org.au/new-times/new-times-print-edition/>

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.

Revision of volunteer roles during worship

We have reviewed some of the volunteer roles in the light of covid-safe recommendations for churches.

Most of our traditional roles will remain very similar to what they were before but you may find some things slightly different e.g. where you stand, no hugging/handshakes at the door, following hand hygiene, social distancing and additional cleaning on pack-up to name a few. Other changes are more significant and currently still under review by Church Council e.g. communion, morning tea, offering, counting money etc. We will update you on the changes to these procedures if relevant to you as a volunteer when we can, and they may change with time. In the meantime, if you have volunteered to help in one of the following areas then please take note of any additional tasks we may have added. If any of the changes mentioned means that you can no longer take on the role then please notify Carol in the office ASAP.

Building Steward:

- Should arrive early at 8.15 am to open up the front door and all other doors including the rear escape door so the building is open and ready for our worship team to begin rehearsal at 8.30am. Don't forget to sign in!
- Switch on lights, heaters, A/C as needed throughout building. Can go home once worship musicians arrive.
- At the end of the service the building steward should work to assist the 'volunteer cleaner' in wiping down all light switches, door handles and frequently touched surfaces with anti-bacterial wipes or a disinfectant solution as they reverse the procedure above and close up the building. Don't forget to sign out when you leave.

Chair Stewards – setting up and packing up chairs:

- Ensure hands are clean by using hand sanitiser or gloves and then,
- Set-up the chairs for the service (Jeff Dry is suggesting any time after 1 pm on Saturday could work)
- Pack-up the chairs after the service on Sunday, wiping down any chair-arms with an anti-bacterial wipes prior to putting them away.
- Don't forget to sign in if arriving/leaving outside of the main service time i.e. when our tick and flick volunteers are not present.

Volunteer Cleaning Steward:

- After the service, this person is responsible for wiping down all touched surfaces such as tables, door handles, the hand-rail to the stage and light switches etc. (in collaboration with building steward)
- Clean the toilets and wipe down all taps and doors of the bathrooms, if used during or after the service

Production (Sound):

- In addition to your normal roles, you will need to ensure your hands are sanitised prior to setting up the sound equipment
- You will also need to clean the lectern and microphone, sound equipment and sound desk, with antibacterial wipes, or as is appropriate to each device, as you pack up and put things away.

Tick and Flick Attendance Stewards:

- This role will now be formalised on the roster as it's a formal requirement of our covid-safe plan
- For those known to our congregation, mark people as present using tick and flick, as previously [alternately, we are considering using a tablet to enter this information directly into elvanto (Paul Howland to advise)]
- For visitors, you need to ensure they provide their name and contact details (phone number/email address) in the visitor's book (or on a visitors form). Unfortunately visitors cannot attend our services if they don't provide this contact information. Hand them a Welcome Pack when you greet them as well.

Door Greeters

- As per previous role but no hugs or close contact. Come up with another creative way to say hello – toe-tap, elbow bump, wave or smile.
- Ensure people use hand sanitiser on entry and direct to tick and flick for marking attendance
- Place offering box on the table near the entrance prior to sitting down for the service.

If you are part of the worship team or a volunteer who arrives outside of the normal arrival time of the majority of morning worshipers then you will still need to sign in via the visitor's book and write down your time of arrival/departure from the site in order to ensure we are still meeting our covid-safe plan re monitoring attendance times. We thank you for understanding that these changes are to keep all in community at AUC as safe and healthy as possible!

Carol Lang (on behalf of our Roster Coordinating Team)

Church Roster

Tasks (in alphabetical order)	19 th July	26 th July
Bible Reader	Jayne Nicholas	Noel Maywald
Building steward	Richard Read	Paul Howland
Chair Steward (setting up/packing up chairs)	Jeff Dry	Scott and Sharon Tilley, Trevor Goldsmith
Cleaning Steward	Jean Richardson	Lynton & Jayne Nicholas
Communion Preparation	Commencing August (under covid-safe review)	
Communion Servers	Commencing August (under covid-safe review)	
Count Offering	Glen Luestner; Paul Howland	Sam George; Sylvia Maywald
Door Greeter/Offering Collection	David & Jenny Riggall	Raelene & Robert Anderson
Flowers	Di Curtis	TBC
Morning Tea	Commencing August (under covid-safe review)	
Notices	Brenton Summers	Brenton Summers
Prayer with preacher	Di Curtis	Bob, Stevenson
Preacher	Linda Driver	Dean Pearce
Sound Desk	Don Brown	Noel Maywald
Tick and Flick (Attendance)	Brenton Summers	Brenton Summers
Worship Leaders	Jeff Dry	Meg Edwards

Please note, that it is very important during this pandemic, that you do not attend services when you are unwell. Please swap with someone and notify the church office of the change as soon as possible. If it is a late change, or late notice on the Sunday morning due to ill health, then contact Linda Driver (0458 500 656) or the worship leader for that service. Thank you.

Church Bookings

Day	Time	Location	Hirer
Monday	4.45 -6.45pm	Main auditorium	Waratah Calisthenics
Monday	6.30 – 8.30pm	Lower hall	Pilates
Tuesday	9.30 – 10.30am	Lower hall	Pilates
Wednesday	6.30 – 8.30pm	Main auditorium	Waratah Calisthenics
Wednesday	9.30 – 10.30am	Lower hall	Pilates
Thursday	6.30 – 7.30pm	Lower hall	Pilates
Saturday	9.30 – 12 noon	Main auditorium	Waratah Calisthenics
Saturday	9.30 – 11.30am	Lower hall	Pilates
At all times	Clinic operates Mon-Fri 1.30-5.30pm but top hall remains out of bounds <u>at all other times</u>	Top hall & Top carpark	Medical HQ

**Practice
Good
Hygiene**

