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Sunday 26th July 2020

Greetings and welcome to this week's newsletter.

A note from Linda

How wonderful it was to join you all for worship last Sunday - either onsite or online! There were 59 of us in the church building and up to 11 online at various times! What a fabulous time of worship. Praise be to God. A huge thanks to everyone who worked so hard to get everything ready: the building, the roster, the COVID-safe adjustments, the live-streaming and all the elements of the worship service. If attending worship onsite, I encourage you to approach the 'Zoom screen' at the back of the church before and after the service and interact with those who are connecting online. It's important to help everyone feel welcome and included wherever they are.

This Sunday happens to be my pre-arranged rostered quarterly Sunday off. I had already booked a trip to Kangaroo Island for the weekend before we decided to return to worship services in our building so I won't be able to join you. This week is the final in the *unraveled* series. The focus will be on the Samaritan Woman at the Well. What unraveling will occur in and through this story?

Meg Edwards will lead you and Dean Pearce will bring the Message. Do take a moment to check out the stunning flowers that Di Curtis has made!

I trust that it will be a special time of worship once again.

As we prepare to gather for worship onsite again, 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.
- Wear warm clothes! We aren't kidding when we say you'll need this! We'll have the exhaust fans on and windows open to keep the air circulating - this reduces the risks of COVID, especially as we will be singing.
- 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 for the last time 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 this week. We encourage you to connect with others by either having 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

Blessings and peace, Linda

No coffee to be prepared at church this Sunday

Since our kitchen is still closed this Sunday, please BYO coffee/tea in the morning if you want it. We haven't assigned morning tea volunteers and therefore there is no-one to monitor the required clean-up occurs in the kitchen if you make your own coffee there. So please BYO if you are at the church early and still want a coffee this week. Morning Tea will be reintroduced in coming weeks but will not be served on Sun 26th July.

Community Art Project

This is your last chance to add to the artwork. It will be packed up this Sunday and moved inside to be displayed!

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)



Signing in the visitors book – worship team

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 to the morning service (i.e. when the tick n flick steward is not standing there at the door marking off names) 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.

Church Rosters

The church roster for Aug-Oct will be emailed out to all volunteers this week. Please note that it is still your responsibility to swap with someone if you can no longer do the date you are rostered on for. It is also very important during this pandemic, that you do not attend services when you are unwell. Please swap with someone, or if late notice on the Sunday morning, then contact Linda Driver (0458 500 656) or the worship leader for that service. Thank you.

TRIPLE C's (Chaps Coffee Chatter)

August 05 Next big gathering is 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 13 confirmed to date. As I have to give FIRM NUMBERS by [24 July](#) please let me know by email; racawa@bigpond.net.au or phone [83379358](tel:83379358). Please be sure as I do not want to pay for "no shows". Meantime remember R U OK?

Ray Walter

TOFS

Our next TOFS coffee and catch up will be held on Tuesday 4th August at St Georges Bakehouse (272 Montacute Rd, Rostrevor) at 2 pm. It was wonderful to have 18 happy people turn up for our latest chat together. All are welcome. Please let me know if you are coming so that there will be a chair for you.

Sheralyn

Stay and Play @ Home & Wirra Play Day

Here's some holiday fun on the musical fence!

In Term 3 our theme will be "From little seeds grow mighty trees". Plans are currently being discussed for families to enjoy a face to face Wirra Play Day 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. To assist families with more social interaction for their preschoolers, we are encouraging families to connect with a "buddy family". Stay and Play @ Home dates for Term 3 are 28th Jul, 11th Aug, 25th Aug, 8th Sept and 22nd Sept. *Bruce and Joy Stewart*



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.

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.

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.

Communion Workshop

Do you have questions about communion? What does it mean? Why do it? Grape juice or wine? Pre-cut bread or loaf? What is said when serving the bread, or the wine? What about the liturgy – what can be cut out? What needs to be included? How can children be involved? How does the current necessity for being COVID safe change our practice?

Join Linda at the Centre for Music, Liturgy and the Arts' event to explore and discuss the ins and outs of the sacrament of communion. Led by Rev. Dr Sean Gilbert and Rev. John Hughes.

This event is for everyone - those who buy and prepare the elements, those who preside, those who serve, and those who receive.

Date: Tuesday, 8 September Time: 7.30-9pm Cost: \$10/person Venue: Burnside City Uniting Church, 384 Portrush Road, Tasmore 5065 For more information please contact admin@cmla.org.au

Watercolour Workshop with Karan Hudson

“Landscapes in your Spiritual Journey”

Many of us seek solace and renewal in certain landscapes; Flinders Ranges, Kuitpo Forest, a favourite stretch of coast, creeks, waterfalls, billabongs, bushwalks, desert treks, trails and wanderings in the landscape can lead us closer to the heart of God. Bring photos or sketches of these landscapes as reference images in a workshop where you will experiment with and learn watercolour techniques to express elements of your journey there. Materials will be provided.

Venue: The Corner Uniting Church, 93 Oaklands Road (Cnr Oaklands & Diagonal Roads), Warradale SA 5046

Date: Saturday 19 September

Time: 10am-4pm

BYO food and drinks.

Cost: \$100 (includes tuition and all materials)

Book early as places are

limited! https://www.trybooking.com/book/event?eid=643062&mc_cid=5391ca42f9&mc_eid=1cd3d6f2be

To maintain social distancing and stay COVID safe there are limited places and individuals must bring their own food and drink

President's Conference

“Called by God - living our Christian vocation in our daily life”

October 2-5, 2020, U-City: 43 Franklin Street, Adelaide

The theme of the conference is Christian vocation. One of the core themes of the Uniting Church is “every member ministry”. We will explore what this looks like in its many forms, from local churches through to Uniting Church agencies and schools through to faithful people serving in and living out their Christian discipleship in their relationships, families, communities and daily life.

You can join the conference in one of three ways.

1. In Adelaide at U-city. There will be a limit on the number of people who can gather here, we continue to monitor guidelines as to how many this can be (currently 75 people are allowed), if the current 4m² per person continues, we can have a maximum of 80 attendees. The cost is \$250 plus \$10 processing fee
2. In hubs. We are hoping to offer at least one hub in each state where people can gather and participate in the conference in a group of 8-12.. More information about hubs will be available soon. The cost is \$75 plus \$10 processing fee
3. Online. You will be able to livestream the conference into your home and be able to join in a virtual group for discussion. The cost is \$75 plus \$10 processing fee.

For more information and to express your interest in participating contact Neryl McCallum: NerylM@nat.uca.org.au

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 in 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) – While our community is scattered, Linda will include these in a weekly Worship 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)

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

Pent 8 [17]

Gn 29:15-28

Ps 105:1-11, 45b

Or Ps 128

Rom 8:26-39

Mt 13:31-33, 44-52

Newsletter contributions

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

**Practice
Good
Hygiene**



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.

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Carol Lang (on behalf of our Roster Coordinating Team)

Church Roster

	2 nd Aug	9 th Aug
Prayer with Preacher	Glen Luestner	Robyn Fry
Preacher	Linda Driver	Linda Driver
Worship Leader	Di Curtis	Robyn Stevenson
Chair Steward	Bob Stevenson Howard Jacob	Paul Howland Glen Luestner
Flowers	Jenny Riggall	Carole Walter
Building Steward	Noel Maywald	Paul Howland
Door Greeter	David Riggall Jenny Riggall	Raelene Anderson Robert Anderson
Tick and Flick	Trevor Curtis	Brenton Summers
Notices	Paul Howland	Paul Howland
Bible Reader	Lee O'Connell	Janet Luestner
Morning Tea	Friederike Ashby-Weiss Marie Hickman	Leanne Shirlock Jean Richardson
Count Offering	Sam George Paul Howland	Friederike Ashby-Weiss Lynton Nicholas
Cleaning	Jayne Nicholas Lynton Nicholas	Sheralyn Robertson
Communion Prep	Leanne Shirlock	
Communion Servers	Sheralyn Robertson Leanne Shirlock Robyn Fry Stella Waugh	

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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
Thursday	7.30 – 8.30 pm	Main auditorium	Worship Practice
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