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## Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2020

Greetings and welcome to this week's newsletter.

*Don't forget to light a candle at 9.30 am each Sunday as a sign of us being connected to God and to each other!*

### A note from Linda

Greetings to you in the name of Christ!

This is a sad time for us as a church community. We grieve with Eric Hurrell following the passing of Barbara. A lady with a huge heart, we will miss her. Plans are under way for a funeral - a time to celebrate her life. It is likely that this will be held next Wednesday afternoon (July 8). More details will be available soon and will be sent to the congregation via email.

As plans are put in place for us to gather again in our building on July 19, we will continue to worship with resources to use at home and via Zoom. This week in our unraveling series, we'll look at what happens when humans unravel God's plans for justice through the story of Pharaoh hardening his heart to Moses' requests. (Exodus 5:1-2; 7:8-23) Moses follows God's plan—to stand up for justice for the Israelites. He was determined to demand what was right and not give up the fight. However, Pharaoh had another plan—to keep the Israelites as slaves. How do we press onward when we receive repeated no's? What do we do when broken systems—created by human sin—unravel God's plans for liberation and justice? How can we counter the myth of scarcity by living a liturgy of abundance?

Looking ahead to July 19: Soon after we suspended our worship services, I sent a letter to congregation members which included a piece of purple velvet. This was a piece from the long purple cloth we had in Church to represent our Lenten journey. I suggested that you keep it with your candle as another reminder of the Church family that you are connected to. Do you still have it? My hope is that we can all bring our piece of purple cloth back on the 19<sup>th</sup> as a symbol of us gathering back together. If you no longer have yours or didn't get one, please let me know by text or email. I will gladly provide a replacement for you before the 19<sup>th</sup>.

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. (2 Cor 13:14)

*Blessings and peace,  
Linda*

### Worship Services at Home

Worship services as a gathered community continue to be suspended until July 19th. In the meanwhile we hope you have been making use of the Worship resources collated by Linda that have been sent out each week. Resources will continue to 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 haven't used Zoom before and you'd like to know more, Paul Driver has offered to provide support and help you get set up if you need it. Give Paul a call.

## Community Art Project

As part of the *unraveled* series, we have started 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](http://sanctifiedart.org))



## Church Rosters

The church rosters for July 19<sup>th</sup> through to the end of October will be made up shortly. Our Office Coordinator, Carol is working with the Roster Coordinators to build the rosters in Elvanto. So would all people who wish to be included on the rosters please consider their availability and send any dates of unavailability to Carol so that she can make up the new rosters. It will be helpful for Carol if you also list the particular roles you would like to be rostered on to over the next rostering period, as we appreciate that may have changed over time and with covid-19. Please also include whether you have any special requests e.g. your preferred frequency per month or roster period etc. If you wish to first chat to your usual roster coordinator regarding any concerns regarding returning, or not, to volunteering during Covid-19 then please do so.

We also welcome any new volunteers who wish to take on a role they may not have done before! If you'd like to try something please contact Carol ASAP and we can talk about what roles are available and what the roles entail.

Please send your 'availability information' to Carol ASAP, and definitely no later than Thursday July 9<sup>th</sup> via email at [office@athelstonechurch.org.au](mailto:office@athelstonechurch.org.au) or telephone on 8336 9905. You can also drop in to the office on Tues or Thurs.

## New Church Rosters

There will be two new roles on the worship rosters due to Covid-19.

- (1) Setting up before the service and
- (2) Packing up and cleaning after the service

Setting up will involve setting up the chairs at an appropriate social distance and wiping down chair arms.

Packing-up and cleaning after the service will involve also wiping the chair arms and stacking the chairs, as well as wiping any door handles or touched surfaces and possibly cleaning the toilets (if used) and vacuuming the auditorium as per the requirements of our covid-safe plan (which is constantly changing). If you wish to volunteer for either of these additional rosters then please email the office, or talk to Carol as soon as possible.

## Volunteer Walk-through Roster – Thank you!

Thank you to everyone who volunteered to be rostered on to do a walk-through of our church building in our absence from the site. Since our hirers, Linda and Carol are now back in the office regularly, there is no longer a need to continue with this walk-through roster. Thank you for giving up your time to assist us in this role over the past few months.

## Book Club

Book Club will recommence from Tuesday July 7 at 9am for those who are able to do so. We'll get 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.

## Threads

Threads returned this week with an enthusiastic group of around 14 people! We plan to meet regularly on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays from 2-4pm. 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!

*Jeanine and Linda*

## TRIPLE C's (Chaps Coffee Chatter)

Well it is all seemingly going well for our first post Covid19 shutdown meeting for Chaps, Coffee and Chat on JULY 08 at Settebello. I have booked in for 16 - hopefully underestimated!

ADVANCE notice of a mid-winter get together at MARCHE CLUB Cnr Gorge and Darley Roads, for a 3 course meal for \$18.00 with musical entertainment on AUGUST 05 @ 12noon sharp. I have enthusiastically booked for 20 but must firm up numbers by July 22 so please honour your commitment if accepting. Anybody working should liaise for extra time off with yourselves? If you need a ride to or from the meetings contact Ray or Bob

Meantime please call or phone someone if you just feel the need for assistance or just a chat, do not bottle stuff in!!

*Ray Walter*

## TOFS (Tuesdays on Fox)

Our next TOFS meeting is Tuesday July 7<sup>th</sup> at Café Va Bene, 1.30-3.00pm. Join us at Lower Gorge Village, Lower North East Rd, Campbelltown for tea/ coffee/ cake and a chat. All are welcome. Please RSVP to Sheralyn to make sure that you have a seat booked.

## Stay and Play @ Home



STAY AND PLAY @ HOME  
Email resources will be sent out  
to enrolled families on the dates below.

### DATES for 2020

Term 3

28<sup>th</sup> July

11<sup>th</sup> August

25<sup>th</sup> August

8<sup>th</sup> September

22<sup>nd</sup> September

Our last Term 2 program for Stay and Play @ Home families was emailed this week. Activities follow our annual theme of "Save the plants, save the planet" with a focus this week on "A tree gives us fruit". Families are being encouraged to get together in small groups and to use the wirra for nature play. The farm gate in the wirra now has all its hearts representing the Aboriginal flag, with a Feely Bag activity. Come and try it! The return of face to face activities will be dependent on sufficient team members, the ability to comply with C19 guidelines and access to our storage areas.

*Bruce and Joy Stewart*

## 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.

## 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)** – 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](http://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](mailto:newsletter@athelstonechurch.org.au) by 5pm Wed.

**Practice  
Good  
Hygiene**



## Church Rosters

	Worship via Zoom Roster		
Date	Lead	Prayers for others	Scripture reader
July 5	Linda	Nola	Eric
July 12	Linda	Dave	Lee

## Church Bookings

Day	Time	Location	Hirer
Monday	4.45 -6.45pm	Main auditorium	Waratah Calisthenics
Wednesday	6.30 – 8.30pm	Main auditorium	Waratah Calisthenics
Saturday	9.30 – 12 noon	Main auditorium	Waratah Calisthenics
Monday	6.30 – 8.30pm	Lower hall	Pilates
Tuesday	9.30 – 10.30am	Lower hall	Pilates
Wednesday	9.30 – 10.30am	Lower hall	Pilates
Thursday	6.30 – 7.30pm	Lower hall	Pilates
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 <b><u>at all other times</u></b>	Top hall & Top carpark	Medical HQ