

Sunday 9th August 2020

Greetings and welcome to this week's newsletter.

A note from Linda

This week our theme is *Dreaming Big!*

Through the lectionary readings (Genesis 37:1–4, 12–28 and Matthew 14:22–33) we'll hear the story of Joseph, the dreamer, and Peter, the risk taker. Each of the readings, in their own way, reminds us we are a part of a larger story of God's grace. Beyond the limitations of our imaginations is the hope and promise of Love's "Good News."

Linda Driver

Worship Onsite

It is so important for us to be vigilant with regard to our response to COVID-19. There are things we miss and changes we don't like. We are currently blessed to be able to worship together, so let's take on these temporary changes as a demonstration of the love we have for one another.

As you prepare to come to worship onsite, here are some important things to remember...

- 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.
- 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. 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.
- 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 for us to help everyone feel welcome and included wherever they are.
- More details are in the letter from Jeff Dry (Church Council chairperson), sent out on July 11.

Worship Online or at Home

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

We will also provide a lectionary-based Worship at Home resource.

Congregational Meeting

Church Council wishes to advise you that a short Congregational meeting will be held on Sunday 16 August at 11am following our morning service. Please join us if you are able.

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Revised Church Rosters

The worship rosters for Aug-Oct have been revised and a new version dated 6th August released. All volunteers should receive a new version this week via email but a copy has also been placed in the vestry. We tried to make only minimal changes but please still check to see if your dates have changed and ensure you refer to the new version in future weeks. If ever you discover you have fallen off the roster and still wish to be included, then please let me know and I can put you on the back-up list if people need to someone to fill in for them and will aim to include you next time.

Carol Lang

Knee Rugs

Thanks to the generous skills of Julie Goldsmith the church now has access to a number of crocheted knee rugs that are available for people to use on Sunday mornings. If you wish to borrow one please speak to Jeff Dry.

Medical HQ Update

The Federal Government has requested that Medical HQ extend their Covid-19 GP Respiratory Clinic given the government's desire to maintain the current testing regime. A new Agreement has been created that sees the clinic operating until 30/10/2020 or earlier as advised by Medical HQ to the Athelstone Uniting Church. Church Council has given its approval for this extension and the Medical HQ management are very grateful to our church community for this show of support. The success of the testing regime, which has now tested over 1000 patients, has seen the clinic increase its hours and days of operation.

Stop Press: We have been contacted by Medical HQ seeking the opportunity to extend the clinic to Saturday mornings as a result of a request by the Federal Government due to the increasing demand on testing centres.

If you have any personal issues with this please speak to either Jeff or Linda.

Jeff Dry, Chairperson

TRIPLE C's (Chaps Coffee Chatter)

Thank you to the 16 Chaps whom I trust enjoyed the visit to the Marche Club last Wednesday. Perhaps we were very fortunate that due to Corona keeping away folk from Nursing Homes, average attendance is normally 200. Next meeting will be a Chaps Coffee and Chat morning on September 9, i.e. 9th of the 9th diarises it.

Ray Walter.



Stay and Play @ Home & Wirra Play Day

Spot the *Grevillea lavandulacea* flowering in the wirra. Spring is just around the corner so watch for the golden Acacias too. Plans are in progress for some of our families to enjoy a Wirra Play Day on Tuesday 18th August. We are also encouraging families to connect with a "buddy family". This term we are exploring the theme "From little seeds grow mighty trees. Stay and Play @ Home dates for Term 3 are 11th Aug, 25th Aug, 8th Sept and 22nd Sept.

Bruce and Joy Stewart

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

Threads

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 meets 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.

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) 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)

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Lectionary readings

Refer to your Uniting Church Calendar for lectionary readings and key dates.

**Practice
Good
Hygiene**



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 - 8.30pm	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 1230-5.30pm but top hall remains out of bounds <u>at all other times</u>	Top hall & Top carpark	Medical HQ

Church Roster

	9 th Aug	16 th Aug	23 rd Aug
Prayer with Preacher	Robyn Fry	Sheralyn Robertson	Ann Brown
Preacher	Linda Driver	Linda Driver	Various
Worship Leader	Robyn Stevenson	Lynton Nicholas	Nola Pearce
Sound	Noel Maywald	Noel Maywald	Don Brown
Data	Shelley Walker	David Walker	Samantha Walker
Chair Steward	Paul Howland Glen Luestner	Sharon Tilley Scott Tilley	Brenton Summers Jeff Dry
Flowers	Carole Walter	Marie Hickman	Raelene Anderson
Building Steward	Noel Maywald	Paul Howland	Eric Hurrell
Door Greeter	Raelene Anderson Robert Anderson	Sam George Crisi George	Howard Jacob Janet Jacob
Tick and Flick	Trevor Curtis	Trevor Curtis	Trevor Curtis
Notices	Paul Howland	Paul Howland	Paul Howland
Bible Reader	Lee O'Connell	Sylvia Maywald	Friederike Ashby-Weiss
Count Offering	Friederike Ashby-Weiss Lynton Nicholas	Sylvia Maywald Paul Howland	Friederike Ashby-Weiss Lynton Nicholas
Cleaning	VIP	VIP	VIP
Communion Prep	First Sunday of month only		
Communion Servers	First Sunday of month only		

Roster as revised 4th August 2020

Please swap with someone if you can't do the date you are assigned and if possible, please also notify the office of the change. It is 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.