

Sunday 11th October 2020

Greetings and welcome to this week's newsletter.

Today's Preacher is Rev Allan George –Welcome Allan

Worship Onsite

It is so important for us to remain 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.

Today's Lectionary Readings

October 11, 2020

Exodus 32: 1-14; Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23;

Philippians 4:1-9

Matthew 22: 1-14

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 Caffe Settebello and the Rezz on Sundays) or consider inviting others to share a coffee in your home.
- We 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 <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86912199103>
- Meeting ID: 869 1219 9103
- We will also provide a lectionary-based Worship at Home resource.

Linda and Carol's Annual Leave

Linda and Carol will both be back next week from Tuesday 13 October.

For pastoral concerns during Linda's absence, please contact any of the pastoral care team or Jeff Dry.

Our Pastoral Care Team are: Brenton Summers: 0400 632 829, Bob Stevenson: 0400 641 242; Ann Brown: 0413 581 554 and Lee O'Connell: 0438 865 508. Please let them know if you are need of support.

Thanks

Office Volunteers - special thanks to Stella Waugh, Annette Latham, Jan Robin and Ann Brown for their assistance in volunteering in the church office over the past 2 weeks.

Mission Connection Celebration

This afternoon at the Burnside City Church between 2 and 4pm, a special event is being held to honour and celebrate the work of missionaries over the past 30 years. Our own Brian and Winsome Ball spent years in missionary work in Thailand and their contribution will be acknowledged at this Celebrating Mission Connections event. Brian and Winsome will join other past and present missionaries to share stories of their experiences. For more information see the link - <https://sa.uca.org.au/events/details/2010-celebrating-mission-connections>.

Church keys

Thanks to those who returned unwanted keys during the week but there is still an opportunity for members of the congregation who may no longer have a need for their church key to return them so we can update our key register. These spare keys can be dropped off at church office during office hours (Tuesday/Thursday 9.30am to 12.30pm) or handed to Jeff Dry next Sunday.

Medical HQ

Jeff has some exciting news to share on our agreement with Medical HQ. They have received an invitation from the Federal Government to extend the Athelstone Respiratory Clinic to 31 March 2021. Church Council has given its approval on behalf of the congregation. As such it has been agreed to extend the current lease for the church hall to 30 April 2021 allowing the extra month to pack up the clinic. As the number of patients presenting at the Respiratory Clinic has dropped significantly in the last few weeks the clinic will now no longer operate on Fridays and Saturdays from the week beginning 6 October 2020.

Just Earth App

If you have a Smartphone, we encourage you to download the **Just Earth app**. This is a beautiful free App to use as a daily devotion during The Season of Creation. More info

here: <https://www.environmentalaction.org.au/post/2018/12/10/just-earth>

The Season of Creation provides for **different Bible Readings** than the Revised Common Lectionary. You will find these texts listed on the front page of this newsletter.

Worship Roster Planning for Nov 2020 – Jan 2021

In order to help me plan the worship rosters for Nov 2020 through to Jan 2021, please collect a Roster Planning form from the table in the church foyer and fill it out. Completed forms can be placed in the marked tray in the vestry, or emailed to Carol in the Office by 15th October. Please fill in the forms with what you would like to volunteer for in the next roster period, how often you wish to serve in each role, and any of unavailability. Thank you! *Carol Lang*

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 at Indigo café.

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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. The Indigo café owners are spreading us out due to their covid-safe plan, so please come with the understanding that they are doing this as part of meeting their own covid-safe requirements.

An update on the Shoeboxes!

My thanks to the ToFS ladies who managed to pack 25 boxes in record time, being COVID aware and still have a coffee at Café Indigo in our allotted two hours.

We have some things like pencil bags, book bags, skirts and shorts left over, so I will leave them on the table near the kitchen. Please help yourself to them if you would like to use them in your boxes.

I hope to have a dedication during the service later in October and will let you know the date when it is finalised. Thanks again for your commitment to this project.

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Stay and Play @ Home



Email resources will be sent out to enrolled families on the dates below.

DATES for 2020 - Term 4

20th October, 3rd November, 17th November, 1st December

So good to join two of our families with 5 children enjoying a Buddy Play Date in the Wirra during the school holidays. There was fun climbing trees in The Nook, using the new street library and mixing up "brews" in the Wardli, as well as chats for the adults.

Our theme for Term 4 "Every child is a different kind of flower and all together, make this world a beautiful garden" is the final of our Stay and Play @ Home series for 2020 celebrating the International Year of Plant Health – Save the plants, save the planet".

In Term 4 we are planning two Wirra Play Days for our Stay and Play @ Home families, 20th October and 1st December. Bruce and Joy Stewart

TRIPLE C'S: Chaps, Coffee, Chat

Following a successful get together on 9/9 at VA BENE we will gather there again on OCTOBER 14 at 1030.

Our numbers were a little down and to those who missed through ill health, we pray life as far as possible will return, or has returned, to normal ASAP. ARE U OK? If not let us know.

Regards Ray

Food Donations to Uniting Communities

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

COVID Marshal Update

In order to comply with COVID Marshal requirements, any future activity held on site **must have** a covid marshal in attendance. The training can be completed at <https://marshal.clickontraining.com.au/>. The training should take you no more than 15 minutes to complete. Please notify Carol once you have finished the training and email the office a copy of your certificate of completion. Covid Marshall badges are located in the cupboard in the vestry for you to wear, along with a hard-copy record of the COVID Marshal certificates, should you need to produce them during an inspection.

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/>

Wimala Presbytery News: <https://www.facebook.com/Wimala-Presbytery-109646960529095/>

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)

Lectionary readings

Refer to your Uniting Church Calendar for lectionary readings and key dates. Readings are on Page 1 of this newsletter.

Church Bookings

| Day | Time | Location | Hirer/User |
|--|--|------------------------|----------------------|
| Sundays | Evenings – 6.30 pm unless told otherwise, then can come later | Main building | VIP Cleaning Service |
| Mondays | 4.45 - 6.45pm | Main auditorium | Waratah Calisthenics |
| Mondays | 6.30 - 8.30pm | Lower hall | Pilates |
| Tuesdays | 9.30 - 10.30am | Lower hall | Pilates |
| Tuesdays (1 st & 3 rd)* | 9.00 – 10.30 am | Main auditorium | Book Club |
| Wednesdays | 9.30 - 10.30am | Lower hall | Pilates |
| Wednesdays | 6.30 - 8.30pm | Main auditorium | Waratah Calisthenics |
| Thursdays | 6.30 - 7.30 pm | Lower hall | Pilates |
| Thursdays | 7.30 -8.30pm | Main auditorium | Worship Practice |
| Saturdays | 9.30 – 12.00 pm | Main auditorium | Waratah Calisthenics |
| Saturdays | 9.30 - 11.30am | Lower hall | Pilates |
| At all times | Clinic operates Mon-Fri 12.30-5.30pm and Sat mornings but top hall remains out of bounds at all other times | Top hall & Top carpark | Medical HQ |

*Held fortnightly on 1st and 3rd Tuesday of month

**Practice
Good
Hygiene**



Church Roster

| | 11th Oct | 18th Oct |
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| Prayer with Preacher | Glen Luestner | Robyn Fry |
| Preacher | Allan George | Linda Driver |
| Worship Leader | Nola Pearce | David Walker |
| Sound | Don Brown | Don Brown |
| Data | David Walker | Samantha Walker |
| Chair Steward | Glen Luestner Jeff Dry | Don Brown Bernie O'Hara |
| Flowers | Carole Walter | Jenny Rigall |
| Building Steward | Paul Howland | Eric Hurrell |
| Door Greeter | Raelene Anderson Robert Anderson | Janet Jacob Howard Jacob |
| Tick and Flick | Trevor Curtis | Trevor Curtis |
| Notices | Lee O'Connell | Brenton Summers |
| Bible Reader | Friederike Ashby-Weiss | Ann Brown |
| Count Offering | Gus Robin Friederike Ashby-Weiss | Paul Howland Friederike Ashby-Weiss |
| Cleaning | VIP | VIP |
| Communion Prep | | NA |
| Communion Servers | | NA |

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.