

## Sunday 28th February 2021

### A Note from Linda

We find ourselves now in the second week of Lent. Our theme this week: Again & Again, we are called to Listen. "... a voice came from the cloud: "This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him!" (Mark 9:7)



Do you have your Lenten Devotional booklet yet? If not, please pick up your copy this Sunday, or contact me so I can get a copy to you. A guide on how to use the booklet can be found in the worship email coming out on Saturday.

I encourage you to engage as much as you are able this season and pray that you will experience an even deeper connection with our God who chooses us.

This week we are delighted to welcome the families and guests of Amelie Stevenson, who will be baptised in the morning service.

*Blessings*

*Linda*

### Worship on-site

***It is so important for us to remain vigilant with regard to our response to COVID-19.*** As you prepare to come to worship onsite, here are some important things to remember...

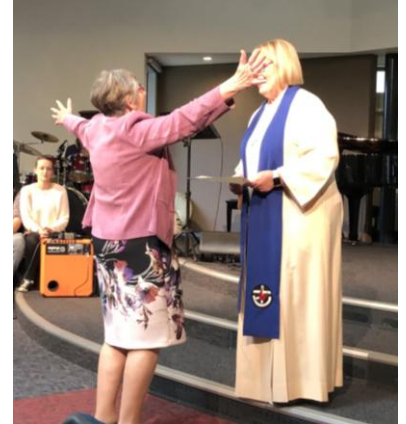
- Every person who attends activities on our church property is now required to register their attendance by using the COVID SAfe Check-In where at all possible. This is a government requirement, so please ensure you bring your mobile phones to church. A sign in sheet will be available when use of the QR code is absolutely impossible.
- Please don't come if you are unwell or if you have been in any of the high risk locations at times identified by SA Health.
- Think about wearing a mask, although this isn't mandatory it is one more thing we can do to keep others and ourselves safe in enclosed spaces.
- Also remember to:
  - Wear warm clothes! We'll have the exhaust fans on and windows open to keep the air circulating.
  - 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. 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.
  - 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.
  - 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.

## 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.

## Congratulations Nola!

At the recent Synod Celebration of Ministry service, Nola Pearce was one of a number of people who were acknowledged for their faithful service as a Lay Preacher. You might recall that we acknowledged Nola's 40th anniversary of lay preaching in a service here a while ago. Well done Nola!



## Recordings of Services

As you would be aware, you can join our morning services on line each Sunday using Zoom. A link is sent in the weekly worship email and is on the church website. This is available as a recording. To request a copy, contact Paul Driver who will send you a link to download the video. Paul: 0428-161-918 or [pddriver@gmail.com](mailto:pddriver@gmail.com)

## Small Groups

Are you part of a small group? ... particularly a small group who studies the Bible together and grows in faith as you share deeply together? We have four groups like this at Athelstone:

**Friday Night Small Group** - meet every two weeks. Their Home Group is limited to 10 people. They currently have a vacancy of one person. Words to describe this group are: Curious, open, tolerant, purposeful, caring, frank, supportive, Christ-centered, friendly, welcoming, and with thoughtful discussion aimed at understanding the Bible better. If you are interested in joining, contact Co-Leaders Sheralyn Robertson or Sam Bailes.

**Mid Week Bible Study** - Nola Pearce is starting a new group. Her focus will be on getting to know the Bible and learning how to appreciate and love ourselves. Please contact Nola on 0427 995 799 if you are interested in joining this group. Where: Athelstone Uniting Church, in the meeting room off the lower Hall (Enter via the Patio) When: 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed afternoons 1.30-3.30 after starting on Wed 24<sup>th</sup> Feb. Main Focus: Scriptures for the next Sunday. Secondary Focus: I would like to share some techniques I have learned which encourage us to appreciate and love ourselves more. Please Bring: your Bible, a notebook, pen, and your drink. A minimum of 4 people would be appreciated.

**Lenten Small Group** - will *not* be meeting this year. Instead, 2 or 3 folk will meet occasionally in March over a coffee to talk about the Lenten devotional material. If you would like to join, please let Linda know.

**Stevenson Home Group** - meets every three weeks. Currently they are at capacity with no space for new members.

Small groups are a wonderful way to connect with God and with others. Perhaps you are considering starting a small group of your own. If so, we encourage it, and ask that you contact Rev Linda.

## TOFS

Our next TOFS catch up will be Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March at Sosta and Gusta Café, 161 St Bernard's Rd, Rostrevor at 2 pm. This is a new café near Romeo's Foodland. Their coffee is good and they have a range of cakes and gelati. It was fun last month to have so many people turn up to enjoy each other's company. Please RSVP to Sheralyn.



## Stay and Play @ Home

As we enter the season of Lent, our yarn bombers are knitting and crocheting again and again for the Wirra and Carole W is creating a nest. If you would like to be an "eggspert" yarn bomber too, speak to Linda or Joy. Patterns and wool are available.

Term 1 email resources will be sent out to enrolled families on the 2<sup>nd</sup> March. A Wirra Play Day will be held on 23<sup>rd</sup> March.

## Messy Church

We are back for 2021 and this year we are learning more about the fruits of the spirit. We would love to have more helpers in our team! So if you would like to know more, feel called to share your talents, or love to talk to people then please speak to Meg Edwards to find out more.

## Bigpond Users and Elvanto Emails

Paul Howland and his IT team have been working on resolving the email issue that has cropped up between our Elvanto church management system and Bigpond email users. Some of you may have seen some test emails from Paul's IT team using Elvanto as they work through this. For now, you should be receiving emails due to a temporary fix and it is hoped this will be resolved more permanently soon. You can talk to Paul Howland for more details if you want to understand the exact nature of the issue.

*Carol Lang*

## Use of the Kitchen during the Covid Pandemic

Please remember that the kitchen is still out of bounds and not cleaned regularly. Remember to bring your own water bottles to church services or to other activities at the church. Please do not take glasses or mugs from the kitchen.

## Synod Property Report

At the AGM, Rev Linda mentioned that a report had been discussed at the Synod meeting following a full audit of Uniting Church properties across the Synod. If you are interested, an extract can be found here: <https://sa.uca.org.au/documents/synod/Synod-Meeting-2021-Reports/Property-Review-Short-Report.pdf>

## Uniting College Enrolments

Enrolments open soon for higher education or vocational training at Uniting College (Adelaide College of Divinity). They offer a range of accredited courses in ministry and theology. See [www.acd.edu.au](http://www.acd.edu.au) for more information.

## Adelaide Theological Library

Did you know that there is a Theological Library associated with the Adelaide College of Divinity that you can access as a community member? Check out their website at [www.atl.org.au](http://www.atl.org.au) for more information.

## Wider Church News

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/>

Wimala Presbytery website: <https://wimala.ucasa.org.au/>

## 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.

## Church Bookings

*Special Event or changes to regular bookings or location are highlighted in bold.*

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 - 8.30 pm	Lower hall	Pilates
Tuesdays	9.30 - 11.30 am	Lower hall	Pilates
Wednesdays	9.30 - 10.30 am	Lower hall	Pilates
Wednesdays	6.30 - 8.30 pm	Main auditorium	Waratah Calisthenics
Wed 1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup>	1.30 – 3.30 pm	Meeting Room	Lenten Study (Nola)
Thursdays	6.30 - 7.30 pm	Lower hall	Pilates
Thursdays	7.30 -8.30 pm	Main auditorium	Worship Practice
Saturdays	9.30 – 12.00 pm	Main auditorium	Waratah Calisthenics
Saturdays	9.30 - 11.30 am	Lower hall	Pilates
At all times	Clinic operates Mon-Thurs 12.30-5.30pm but top hall remains out of bounds <b>at all other times</b>	Top hall & Top car park	Medical HQ

**Reminder re activities in the church during Covid-19:** In order to comply with COVID Marshal Requirements any 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.

## Church Roster

	28 <sup>th</sup> Feb	7 <sup>th</sup> Mar
<b>Prayer with Preacher</b>	Sheralyn Robertson	Di Curtis
<b>Preacher</b>	Linda Driver	Linda Driver
<b>Worship Leader</b>	Meg Edwards	Jeff Dry
<b>Singers</b>	Lyndon Rowe Sylvia Maywald Jeanine Dry	Jean Richardson Marie Bartsch Jeanine Dry
<b>Sound</b>	Noel Maywald	David Walker
<b>Data</b>	David Walker	Samantha Walker
<b>Chair Steward</b>	Glen Luestner Don Brown	Glen Luestner Jeff Dry
<b>Flowers</b>	Ruth Henderson	Raelene Anderson
<b>Building Steward</b>	Richard Read	Richard Read
<b>Covid Marshall</b>	David Walker	Jeff Dry/David Walker
<b>Door Greeter</b>	Ray Walter Carole Walter	Carole Walter Ray Walter
<b>Tick and Flick</b>	Trevor Curtis	Trevor Curtis
<b>Notices</b>	Brenton Summers	Brenton Summers
<b>Bible Reader</b>	Sylvia Maywald	Ray Walter
<b>Count Offering</b>	Sylvia Maywald Paul Howland	Gus Robin Friederiike Ashby-Weiss
<b>Communion Prep</b>	N/A	Leanne Shirlock
<b>Communion Server</b>	N/A	Leanne Shirlock Tara Shirlock Sheralyn Robertson
<b>Cleaning</b>	VIP	VIP

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 or the worship leader for that service. Thank you.

**Practice  
Good  
Hygiene**

