

Rev Linda Driver: Mobile 0458 500 656 Linda's day off: Monday

Sunday 21st March 2021

A Note from Linda

We find ourselves now in the fifth week of Lent. It's not long before Holy Week and Easter! Our theme this week: Again & Again, we are reformed.

We desire for God to write on our hearts so that the word of God can re-shape and re-form us from the inside out. Reformation is a journey of letting the old fall away for something new to emerge, of returning to God's words over and over, of being drawn into the heart of God.

This Sunday morning, we will celebrate a very special anniversary: it is 60 years since Rev Brian Ball was ordained. Come and be inspired by how passionate Brian is about his faith.

Blessings

Linda



Bible readings for this week: Jeremiah 31:31-34 | John 12:20-33

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 <u>where at all possible</u>. 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 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.

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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 via email.
- Services are also 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

Easter Services

Thursday 1 April	Maundy Thursday Reflective self-guided prayer stations	Come anytime between 6.30 and 8.30pm (allow 30-40 min)
Friday 2 April	Good Friday Worship service	9.30am
Sunday 3 April	Easter Sunday Worship service	9.30am

Lent Event

Each year during Lent we take part in Lent Event and support the work of UnitingWorld. UnitingWorld and their partners support projects in the Pacific, Asia and Africa that provide clean water, education, healthcare, leadership, child protection, small business startups, empowerment for women, and building resilience to disasters and climate change. You are invited to donate to the work of UnitingWorld through the LentEvent, and know that every dollar is part of God's mission in the world, ending poverty and building hope. This year, we will be having a special offering on Palm Sunday (March 28) or you can donate anytime online: https://donate.unitingworld.org.au/event/lent-event

Maundy Thursday Prayer

You are invited to join us on the evening of Maundy Thursday, April 1st.

The Church will be set up with self-guided prayer stations for you to reflect on. Come anytime between 6.30 and 8.30pm (allow 30-40 min). Are you available to help? Linda is looking for a few helpers to set up the stations during the day on Thursday and others to pack up at 8.30pm.

Easter Dawn Service Invitation from Campbelltown Uniting Church

In recent years we have had a combined Dawn Service with Campbelltown and Dernancourt Uniting Churches. This year we have decided not to do so due to COVID complications. The good news is that Rev Rebecca Purling has extended an invitation to us to join the Campbelltown Uniting congregation at a Dawn Service which they will hold on their church property at 6.30am on Easter morning.

Dawn Service | Sunday April 4 | 6:30am | Campbelltown Uniting Church | enter via rear carpark from Rowney Avenue

Advance Notice - 7 Days of Solidarity

We are participating in UnitingWorld's Seven Days of Solidarity – A Celebration of Our Global Neighbours from 18th – 25th April. UnitingWorld connects us to the global church. Each day UnitingWorld will tell a story of God changing the world through one of its partner churches. On Sunday April 25 we will have a special service with a speaker from UnitingWorld and video sermon from President Dr Deidre Palmer. For more information, visit https://donate.unitingworld.org.au/7dos.

Messy Church

Our next Messy Church service is on March 28 (Palm Sunday) from 4-6pm and we will be exploring the Easter story. Messy Church is an all age, interactive worship service. All invited. Please see Meg Edwards for more details

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Coffee, Chat and Chaps (17) a plenty last Wednesday, being able to sit outside gave a more pleasant atmosphere, thanks to all those who came along. Please diarise April 17 for next meeting at a location to be advised.

Stay and Play @ Home

Two families shared photos of buddy play time with our last Stay and Play @ Home program encouraging them to invite a friend to play. Continuing our theme of International Year of Peace and Trust and our term 1 focus, See the peace, the theme for our next Wirra Play Day on 23rd March will be "Sense of sight". All enrolled families will be invited to join us for a morning of fun out of doors. Thanks to Allan cutting fresh logs and to Bruce for oiling, there will be some new log steps arriving for the Wirra Play Day. Email resources will be sent out to enrolled families in Term 2 on 4th May and 1st June and the Term 2 Wirra Play Day is on 22nd June. *Joy and Bruce Stewart*



Vaccination Clinic

The Medical HQ Vaccination clinic has been approved and will commence operating from Monday 29 March every day of the week from 8am to 5pm. There will be no need to erect marquees as the site inspection done by Federal Government representatives has advised this is no longer necessary so it means we can still access that car park on Sunday mornings. The clinic will be operational until 31 December.

Vaccination Clinic - Trial Run

With the Medical HQ clinic now approved to do COVID vaccinations from Monday 29 March they want to do a trial run next week (Tuesday 23 March) to see how effectively it will work and as such they are looking for 12 volunteers prepared to be involved in the trial. It will involve turning up at 10.30am next Tuesday and be put through a 30—45 min exercise as if you were a patient. Please let Jeff know on jeffdry@bigpond.com or 0408 254 489 by 5pm this Friday. More details will be provided later on how those eligible for the first round of vaccinations can access this opportunity.

Palm Sunday Peace Walk - March 28th, 1pm

The Palm Sunday March is held in the heart of the Adelaide CBD, and has been reflecting South Australia's voice on matters of Justice and Peace for nearly 40 years. This year, it is fortunate for South Australia, that people will be able to Walk in Peace together, with representatives from across our communities. This year it has been named a PEACE WALK to recognise the sorrow, pain and continuing injustice that arises across many areas of our community. The Peace Walk is an intergenerational event, and all are welcome. It is a gentle walk beginning at Tarntanyangga (Victoria Square) along King William Road to (Tarntanya Wama) Elder Park, where there will be three short presentations and an invitation for all to stroll in prayerful presence along the banks of the Karrawirra Pari (Torrens River). More info here: https://churchestogethersa.org.au/events/peace-walk-for-palm-sunday/

Synod Art Project: Artists' Launch

On Tuesday March 9, CMLA and the General Secretary, Felicity Amery, welcomed a number of the artists who have created work for the Synod Art Project, to a viewing of the artwork. This included Meg Edwards and Rev Linda on behalf of our congregation. It was a delight to spend the evening looking at and discussing the work, gaining insights into the creative process and the inspiration behind what is on display. Athelstone's community artwork is on display in the Synod staffroom.









CMLA Event: Autumn

An art and reflection workshop in mixed media. *Highly recommended!* Autumn brings us change and colour with the turn of season. As it is in our outer life, so in our spiritual life. Join Karan Hudson and play with wet and dry techniques - with watercolour, coloured pencil, inks, charcoal and soft pastel on papers. Reflect on the seasons in your life and play with expressive compositions. Materials included. Bring an apron, lunch, some photos or collections of seasonal things which speak to you (autumn leaves, fruit or flowers).

Time: 10am-4pm Date: Saturday, 17 April Place: Brougham Place Uniting Church, North Adelaide Cost: \$120 (all materials included)

Book here: https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing?eid=734443&mc cid=030a7f97a5&mc eid=b051e35fb9

Other Centre for Music Liturgy and the Arts (CMLA) events coming up:

Music in Worship event – exploring the art of music and musicianship. Sat 15 May, 10am-4pm, Rosefield Uniting. Winter Retreat – June 18-19 at Nunyara. Reconnect with your inner artist and be spiritually nurtured in this retreat. Kaurna Pilgrimage – September 11

President's Conference: Called by God 2

Secure your spot for Called by God 2 - Dr Deidre Palmer's second President's Conference to take place in April in Adelaide. Thursday 29 April, 4pm – Sunday 2 May, 1pm at U-City, 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 their profession and living out their Christian discipleship in their relationships, families, communities and daily life. More info here: https://uniting.church/presidents-conference-2021/

UCA Act2 Project

Last year in November, the Assembly launched the UCA Act2 Project – a whole-of-church consultation on the future together as a people of God on the way - in the words of paragraph 18 of the Basis of Union. Through the UCA Act2 Project, in the lead up to the 16th Assembly in July 2021, members of the Church, in congregations, agencies, schools and other Councils are being invited to consider a shared vision for the future. To find out more about Act2 and how you can be part of this important conversation, first read the Introduction to the Project at this

link: http://form.jotform.com/203201030312024. You are also invited to take the survey and to review further information from the Assembly General Secretary Colleen Geyer about the Act2

theme: https://uniting.church/whats-in-a-name-uca-act2/

AKWAK hot water bottles

You are invited to participate in the latest AKWAK project: hot water bottles. You can do this by either making a hot water bottle cover or buying a good quality hot water bottle to donate. More information in attached flyer. Who is AKWAK again? – Aussies knitting for war affected kids.

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	Main building	VIP Cleaning Service
	otherwise, then can come		
	later		
Mondays	4.45 - 6.45pm	Main auditorium	Waratah Calisthenics
Mondays	6.30 - 8.30 pm	Lower hall	Pilates
Tuesday 23 rd March	9.30 - 11.30 am	Auditorium	Pilates
Tuesday 23 rd March	9.00 – 11.30 am (includes	Lower hall, Kitchen, Deck,	Wirra Play Day
	setup)	Meeting Room, Wirra	
Wednesdays	9.30 - 10.30 am	Lower hall	Pilates
Wednesdays	6.30 - 8.30 pm	Main auditorium	Waratah Calisthenics
Wed 1 st and 3 rd	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
Sunday 28 th March	4.00 – 6.00 pm	Main building	Messy Church
At all times	Clinic operates Mon & Thurs	Top hall &	Medical HQ
	12.30-5.30pm but top hall	Top car park	
	remains out of bounds <u>at all</u>		
	other times		

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

	21 st March	28 th March
Prayer with Preacher	Ann Brown	Meg Edwards
Preacher	Linda Driver	Music Service
Worship Leader	David Walker	Di Curtis
Singers	Ann Brown	Sylvia Maywald
	Marie Bartsch	Bob Stevenson
	Allan Amber	Lynton Nicholas
Sound	Don Brown	Noel Maywald
Data	Samantha Walker	Shelley Walker
Chair Steward	Paul Howland	Scott Tilley
Chair Steward	Bob Stevenson	Sharon Tilley
Flowers	Di Curtis	Jenny Riggall
Building Steward	Paul Howland	Eric Hurrell
Covid Marshall	Jeff Dry/David Walker	Jeff Dry/David Walker
Door Greeter	Lee O'Connell	Jenny Riggall
	Robyn Fry	David Riggall
Tick and Flick	Trevor Curtis	Trevor Curtis
Notices	Don Brown	Lee O'Connell
Bible Reader	Lee O'Connell	Eric Hurrell
Count Offering	Glen Luestner	Sylvia Maywald
	Paul Howland	Glen Luestner
Communion Prep	N/A	N/A
Communion Server	N/A	N/A
Cleaning		Carole Walter
Cicalilia	VIP	Julie Goldsmith

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

