

## Sunday 28th March 2021

### A Note from Linda

This is the last Sunday in Lent. In the morning, Di Curtis will lead a special Palm Sunday music service with a number of people sharing about a hymn or song that is important to them. They will share why, and we'll sing it. It should be a great service. Then on Sunday afternoon we will have our Messy Easter Service. All welcome!



Our theme this week: Again & Again, we draw on courage. On Palm Sunday, we remember that Jesus' entry into Jerusalem was not a risk-free, palm party. It was a protest parade—a protest against those in power, a parade to prepare the way for a different kind of king. And this was all happening with plots to kill Lazarus (and Jesus) building in the background. We're reminded that the crowds were brave to show up that day, and that Jesus drew on courage to face his journey to the cross. The root of courage is "cour," meaning "heart." Courage is deep within us; drawing on courage is both internal and external. We often find it when we most need it, when everything else has been stripped away.

Last Sunday we celebrated the significant anniversary of 60 years since Rev Brian Ball was ordained. I had the honour of interviewing Brian in our morning service.

Brian has sent this follow up note, which I think you would all want to hear:

*Many thanks for the opportunity to share my 60 years with you and the congregation today. It was a special privilege for me.*

*One of the things I had planned to say in response to your question about being open to re-formation throughout life was*

*that I am more and more convinced that Jesus is the way for me to journey as a Christian. The only way.*

*It is from Jesus that I learn that compassion matters, that I meet him when I care about others and share my resources with the needy.*

*To me that is central to the expression of my faith.*

*Brian*

Thanks Brian!

*Blessings, Linda*

### Lent Event Special Offering this Sunday morning

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. We will be having a special offering on Sunday morning or you can donate anytime online: <https://donate.unitingworld.org.au/event/lent-event>

## 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 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.

## 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/88191652947?pwd=M1pMZCtXY2FGOENtaGN3M3EwcVh6Zz09>
- Meeting ID: 881 9165 2947 Passcode : 7777
- 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](mailto: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

## Zoom

Please note the new link for joining our Sunday morning worship service online through Zoom:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88191652947?pwd=M1pMZCtXY2FGOENtaGN3M3EwcVh6Zz09>

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Passcode: 7777

## Maundy Thursday Prayer

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

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.

## TOFS - Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> April

Our next TOFS coffee and chat will be on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> April at the Wattle Park Bakery and Patisserie, 470 Kensington Rd, Wattle Park. We will meet at 2pm and if it is a lovely day, we will be sitting outside. All are welcome. Please RSVP to Sheralyn.

## TRIPLE C'S – Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> April

Somewhere a gremlin infiltrated last week's advice re April meeting. Please diarise **Wednesday April 14** venue TBA. You may not know but on in between Wednesday's we have mini C's these are smaller gatherings of around 8 who meet to give respite, problem solve, discuss whatever, get to know each other better and have a laugh or 3. Not the same groups each week, want to know more contact Ray or Bob.

## Stay and Play @ Home

Thanks to Allan cutting fresh logs and to Bruce for oiling, there were some new log steps for children to explore at Wirra Play Day last week.

We found a new "koala" in a tree, painting was popular and even the babies shared tummy and sitting time. Families all left with smiles on their faces and children chose an egg made by our "eggspert yarn bombers."

*Joy and Bruce Stewart*



## COVID Clinic is now taking vaccination bookings

For all congregation members over 70 years of age or who have compromised health issues - Medical HQ is now inviting you to register online for the COVID vaccination. Look up Athelstone Respiratory Clinic online and log on to hotdoc.com.au and then 'book appointment' using the 'COVID-19 Vaccine Room 1 or 2' option for vaccination bookings and follow the prompts to book your preferred date and time. They are also still doing COVID testing.

## 'Serenity' Open Garden

'Serenity' is an expansive, award winning garden sited on top of a hill with views to the Coorong. The cottage garden to the east and cool secret garden hidden beneath the canopy of the spreading Chinese elm contrast with the warm Western garden and the north facing native garden. Intriguing statues, old farm implements, collections of pots and strategically placed garden seats add to the interest. The vegetable garden features a large covered orchard, raised garden beds a glass house and shade house as well as bee hives and chickens. Out in the paddocks alpaca will be watching with interest. Working scale model train display in the shearing shed. Funds raised support the work of the Scout Social and Service Group. **Date:** Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2021, 10 am – 4 pm. **Location:** 775 Old Bull Creek Road, Strathalbyn. **Entry:** \$10 includes light refreshments. Cash only. No concessions. Children under 12 free. See flier on noticeboard.

## Hosanna in the Highest, Ecumenical Service

This event will be telecast via Zoom on **Saturday 27th March**, the day before Palm Sunday at 5:00pm Adelaide / 8.30am Jerusalem time. The [Palestine Israel Ecumenical Network](#) in Australia and [Sabeel Ecumenical Liberation Theology Centre](#) in Jerusalem are organising a joint Ecumenical service. As we mark the beginning of Passion Week, clergy and lay people from both countries will offer prayers, praise, readings and reflections proclaiming the liberation and presence of God even as we acknowledge the situation in the Holy Land today. This is a unique event providing the opportunity for Christians in Australia and Palestine to worship together at this significant time of the year. A very special element will be the Gospel reading from the Church of the Holy Sepulchre (the church that is purported to be the site where Jesus was crucified and the site of his empty tomb). Permission is rarely granted for filming to occur within this sacred church. What a significant way for Christians in Australia to see inside this most holy of places at such a commemorative time, particularly as travel to the Holy land is currently unavailable. Register to attend the hour long service at: [https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJYldeivqD8iGdb6q6ohm\\_EUscq3yZMtfGB?fbclid=IwAR1fJy1gP\\_uClbrGsASHUCnXThmKIHRPbHAGL63V7z6CkzN0iic9B3pKZfQ](https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJYldeivqD8iGdb6q6ohm_EUscq3yZMtfGB?fbclid=IwAR1fJy1gP_uClbrGsASHUCnXThmKIHRPbHAGL63V7z6CkzN0iic9B3pKZfQ).

## 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/>

## Mental Health Seminar with Rev Mark Boyce

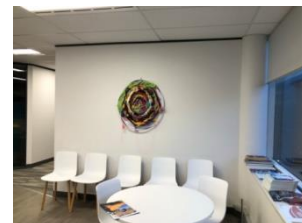
An invitation is extended to people across all Presbyteries (UCASA) and friends to attend a day seminar for volunteers and non-professionals (and professionals who want to learn more): being with people who live with mental health issues and addiction with Rev Mark Boyce (Chaplain Mental Health and Minister Grange UCA).

**Date:** Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2021. **Location:** Enfield Uniting Church (crnr Park Street and Main North Road, Sefton Park.

**Time:** 10 am – 3.30 pm. Free parking or Bus stop 17 (Main North Road). RSVP: [office@enfielduca.org.au](mailto:office@enfielduca.org.au) (Ph: 7120 7837) by Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> may 2021. Light Lunch provided under covid restrictions.

## 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](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/>

## 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.

## 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/>

## 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
<b>Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>4.00 – 6.00 pm</b>	<b>Main building</b>	<b>Messy Church</b>
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
<b>Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April</b>	<b>6.30 -8.30 pm</b>	<b>Main auditorium</b>	<b>Maundy Thursday Service of Prayer and Reflection</b>
<b>TBA</b>	<b>TBA</b>	<b>Main auditorium</b>	<b>Worship Practice</b>
<b>Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> April</b>	<b>9.30 – 10.30 am</b>	<b>Main auditorium</b>	<b>Good Friday Service</b>
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 - Fri 8 am to 5 pm but top hall remains out of bounds <b>at all other times</b>	Top hall & Top car park	Medical HQ Vaccination and Covid Testing Clinics

**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> March	Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> April	Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> April
<b>Prayer with Preacher</b>	Meg Edwards	N/A	Sheralyn Robertson	Lee O'Connell
<b>Preacher</b>	Music Service	Linda Driver	Linda Driver	Linda Driver
<b>Worship Leader</b>	Di Curtis	Linda Driver	David Walker	Jeff Dry
<b>Singers</b>	Sylvia Maywald Bob Stevenson Lynton Nicholas	N/A	Marie Bartsch Sylvia Maywald	Jeanine Dry Jean Richardson Lyndon Rowe
<b>Sound</b>	Noel Maywald	N/A	Noel Maywald	David Walker
<b>Data</b>	Shelley Walker	N/A	Samantha Walker	Shelley Walker
<b>Chair Steward</b>	Scott Tilley Sharon Tilley	N/A	Bob Stevenson Jeff Dry	Bob Stevenson Jeff Dry
<b>Flowers</b>	Jenny Riggall	N/A	Ruth Henderson	Ruth Henderson
<b>Building Steward</b>	Eric Hurrell	N/A	Richard Read	Noel Maywald
<b>Covid Marshall</b>	Jeff Dry/David Walker	Linda Driver	Jeff Dry/David Walker	Jeff Dry/David Walker
<b>Door Greeter</b>	Jenny Riggall David Riggall	N/A	Lynton Nicholas Jayne Nicholas	Stella Waugh Coralie Summers
<b>Tick and Flick</b>	Trevor Curtis	N/A	Brenton Summers	Brenton Summers
<b>Notices</b>	Lee O'Connell	N/A	Brenton Summers	Brenton Summers
<b>Bible Reader</b>	Eric Hurrell	N/A	Ray Walter	Shelley Walker
<b>Count Offering</b>	Sylvia Maywald Glen Luestner	N/A	Lynton Nicholas Paul Howland	Sylvia Maywald Freddie Ashby-Weiss
<b>Communion Prep</b>	N/A	N/A	N/A	Robyn Stevenson
<b>Communion Server</b>	N/A	N/A	N/A	Louise Jennings Graham Jennings Eric Hurrell
<b>Cleaning</b>	Carole Walter Julie Goldsmith	Lynton Nicholas Jayne Nicholas	Sheralyn Robertson Jeanine Dry	

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**

