

Sunday 7th March 2021

A Note from Linda

We find ourselves now in the third week of Lent. Our theme this week: Again & Again, we are shown the way.

According to John, Jesus begins his ministry by showing more than telling. In the temple, Jesus disrupts and overturns the systems of corruption and profiteering taking place, but ultimately points us to the promise of restoration. Paul reminds the Corinthians (and us) that God's wisdom is more expansive than we can imagine. We are shown the way, even if God's way may feel sometimes appear foolish, counter-cultural, disruptive, or uncomfortable...



This Sunday morning we will share in Communion together (don't forget to gather your elements if joining us online) and we will commission our Church Council.

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.

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

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

Church Council Report

- Following the election of officers the following people will be fulfilling the key roles - Jeff Dry as Chairperson, Robyn Fry as Secretary and Glen Luestner as Treasurer. Along with Linda they will comprise the Church Council Executive. Council will continue to meet monthly on the 2nd Tuesday of the month from 7.15pm.
- Church Council endorsed the following items:
 - ❖ Packing Day to be held on Sunday 6 June and Monday 7 June 2021. A COVID Safe Plan needs to be submitted before final approval is given.
 - ❖ Nola Pearce has been endorsed to commence and lead a new Connection Group (Small Group) to meet on Wednesday afternoons.
 - ❖ Sheralyn Robertson has been endorsed as a new co-leader for the Friday Night Connection Group to replace Chris Pritchard who is stepping down for a well deserved rest.
- Request from Meg and Andrew Edwards to baptize Lilly on 9th May 2020 and request from Victoria and Gerald Pederick for service of Thanksgiving for Eleanor on 18th April 2020.
- Property update – thanks to Ian Fry and his team for the installation of air conditioners in both of the lower halls

TRIPLE C'S

Next get together is 10 March, this Wednesday at Va Bene, Gorge Road, Campbelltown. I have requested that if the weather is favourable they set up for us outside. Reason being some of us have difficulty with hearing.

Enjoy your 'quiet time' ladies. Chaps needing a lift contact Bob S or Ray W.

Regards Ray

PACKING DAY 2021: BE EXCITED, BE INVOLVED!

Once again, AUC will be involved in Packing Day after a COVID break in 2020! Packing Day is a chance for our church community to co-ordinate the packing of clothing and household items to remote northern aboriginal communities.

What you need to do:

Save the date – **Sunday June 6th and Monday June 7th**

Start collecting clothing and household goods – we pack for tropical communities so need clothing that is suitable for this climate.

Ask friends and family to collect suitable clothing and household items – we have been particularly short of children's and men's clothing in the past.

Collected items can be brought along to church and placed in the shed.

Please speak to Jayne Nicholas (0418836266) if you have any queries.

Stay and Play @ Home

Families have been emailed their second program of @ Home activities this week. Continuing our theme of International Year of Peace and Trust and our term 1 focus, See the peace, activities will help children to use waves and smiles to welcome others, including their teddies. All programs and enrolment forms for Stay and Play @ Home are available on the AUC web site. A Wirra Play Day will be held on 23rd March.

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.

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.

Church bookings

I will be trialing using our church management software, Elvanto for managing our church calendar and church bookings this year. Please contact me to book for your events or activities. I'm still updating the events in the system, but you will soon be able to check the calendar in Elvanto on your member's page to see what's coming up when planning your event. The church diary in the office will no longer be in use or kept updated. The process is still the same though. Please continue to let me know when you'd like to book in your event/activities as you have previously been doing.

Carol Lang

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 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 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/>

Events happening through Community Connections

(Pilgrim UCA, EAG UCA, and Multi-faith SA)

At Hope's cafe:

Join us at Hope's cafe for two community events: Corner of Norwood Parade and Portrush road, Norwood for two events on Tuesday:

❖ **Connect 4 Families, at 11 – 12.30 pm on 9 March**

Bring a pre-schooler or grandchild and join us to make family in a time when Covid /big distances make it hard to be family. Time: 11 - 12.30. Date: 9 March. Please contact Liellie McLaughlin (0437794410). Created by Community Connections and supported by COFA and Morialta Trust to create a safe, inter-cultural space for new arrivals, new families and volunteers seeking community.

❖ **Interplay with Zee Emmanuel, at 1 - 2.30 pm on 9 March**

Discover your inner child, play with reflections, body-wisdom, your sense of drama, song, movement and interactions, or just come to laugh. A donation towards Zee's work will be appreciated. Supported by Community Connections.

At Pilgrim UCA /close to Pilgrim

Sacred People, Sacred Earth - Climate Change Awareness - A faith response: local and global:

1. Bell ringing to sound the alarm of awareness making and call to action. Watch and take photos of the electronic bill board and spread the vibes across the world. Time: 11 am on 11 March, 2021. Action: take a photo of yourself and post on #Sacred Earth, Sacred People or via www.arrcc.org.au/greenfaith-australia

2. The band: Planet Blue with Graham Brice as MC. Time: 11.05 - 12 pm on 11 March, 2021. Join us on the forecourt of Pilgrim to converse with passers-by, listen to the songs and sing-along, take time to pray and reflect. Action: take a photo of yourself and post on #Sacred Earth, Sacred People or via www.arrcc.org.au/greenfaith-australia. Venue: Pilgrim UCA, 12 Flinders Street, City of Adelaide

Events near Pilgrim

Join us in listening to Mark Parnell: Exploring Sacred People, Sacred Earth - towards a Hopeful Path for 2040, with Philippa Rowland, President Multi-faith SA with Leigh Newton, EAG UCA as MC. Venue: Wild Nectre Cafe, 191A King William Square, Adelaide City. Time: 5-6 pm, 11 March, 2021. Free event - welcome to bring your friends and listen to a great speaker, with a Q&A included. Participants are welcome to join or create your own response and post on www.arrcc.org.au/greenfaith-australia or <https://www.arrcc.org.au/global>. An Initiative created by Community Connections, Pilgrim UCA, EAG UCA, and Multi-faith SA

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 of 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
Tuesday 9 th Mar	From 9.30 am	Offices and Top Hall	KleanAir (Servicing Aircon)
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
At all times	Clinic operates Mon & Thurs 12.30-5.30pm but top hall remains out of bounds at all other times	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

	7 th Mar	14 th Mar
Prayer with Preacher	Di Curtis	Robyn Fry
Preacher	Linda Driver	Linda Driver
Worship Leader	Jeff Dry	Lynton Nicholas
Singers	Jean Richardson Marie Bartsch Jeanine Dry	Sylvia Maywald Janet Luestner Lyndon Rowe
Sound	David Walker	Noel Maywald
Data	Samantha Walker	David Walker
Chair Steward	Glen Luestner Jeff Dry	Trevor Goldsmith Brenton Summers
Flowers	Raelene Anderson	Marie Hickman
Building Steward	Richard Read	Noel Maywald
Covid Marshall	Jeff Dry/David Walker	Jeff Dry/David Walker
Door Greeter	Carole Walter Ray Walter	Jan Robin Gus Robin
Tick and Flick	Trevor Curtis	Trevor Curtis
Notices	Brenton Summers	Brenton Summers
Bible Reader	Ray Walter	David Walker
Count Offering	Gus Robin Friederiike Ashby-Weiss	Sylvia Maywald Paul Howland
Communion Prep	Leanne Shirlock	N/A
Communion Server	Leanne Shirlock Tara Shirlock Sheralyn Robertson	N/A
Cleaning	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**

