



Minister:

Rev Linda Driver:

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Linda's day off: Monday

Sunday 18th and 25th April 2021

Welcome to worship.

A Note from Linda

It is good to be back after a relaxing week away with my family. With Easter and school holidays I hope that you too will have some time to slow down, relax and connect with your loved ones.

I hear that last week's Star Word service was very special. Thank you so much to Bob for facilitating and to all those who shared.

In our morning service this Sunday (April 18) we will have a Thanksgiving for and Blessing of Eleanor Pederick. We will also launch the 7 Days of Solidarity, which commences on Sunday.

The theme for the day: *We are witnesses* - We, with the first disciples, are called to proclaim the radical love in the Easter story.

Next Sunday morning will be a special 7 Days of Solidarity service with a speaker from UnitingWorld and sermon from Uniting Church President Dr Deidre Palmer (by video)

Blessings

Linda

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.

We will launch this week with a video this Sunday then on the following Sunday (April 25) we will have a special service with a speaker from UnitingWorld and video sermon from President Dr Deidre Palmer. **Please take a 7 Days of Solidarity booklet from the table by the door when you arrive at church. The booklet includes a focus on one of our Partners for each day, with information, prayer points and suggested actions.**

For more information, visit <https://donate.unitingworld.org.au/7dos>

Save the Date – 50th Anniversary Celebrations

On **October 24, 2021** it will be 50 years since we have had a church on this site. We think this is a good thing to celebrate, so please add this date to your calendar – we're thinking of having a weekend of celebrations!

Exciting news! The Moderator, Bronte Wilson, will be joining us for the Sunday morning service!

Would you like to be part of a team planning for the Anniversary? If so, please contact Rev Linda or Church Council Secretary, Robyn Fry to register your interest.

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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 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

PACKING DAY: SAVE THE DATE, START COLLECTING!

Once again the Athelstone Uniting Church is co-coordinating the packing of goods for indigenous communities in northern and central Australia. **Please save the dates: Sunday June 6th and Monday June 7th.**

This event is a chance for our church community to engage in some fellowship and I would love to have you join us in the camaraderie of the Packing Day. As in previous years we are collecting for the communities north of Darwin so require clothing and manchester that would be suitable for these tropical destinations. Pick up a flier from the foyer for a list of items to donate. This list is also available on the church website (with the April 11 newsletter). Along with used goods, there are some **new** items that could be purchased – underwear, stationery, toiletries. Goods can be dropped off at Church on Sunday mornings. Please try not to leave donated goods near doors in the entry foyers as they are safety hazard for people entering. See Jayne and she will arrange for them to be delivered and stored in the shed. If you have any questions please ask Jayne Nicholas.

No Newsletter for 25th April

There will be no newsletter next week due to Carol taking holiday leave.

Rosters for June, July & August 2021

In May, I will need to begin inputting your data and preparing the worship rosters for June, July and August. Please consider how you would like to volunteer in the next roster period and let me know any dates of unavailability. An email to me in the office will suffice if you are only sending me your unavailable dates. Volunteer forms are also available in the church entry foyer if you wish to complete a form instead. Note that completing the form can be helpful for me if you are a new volunteer, or if you are changing the role and timing preferences around how you volunteer but otherwise a quick email with dates of unavailability will do. Please place completed forms in the box in the vestry for me to collect by 30th April.

Stay and Play @ Home

Making new friends and catching up with past ones, is part of Wirra Play Days. Check out the Church website to enroll for Stay and Play @ Home, get some ideas for preschoolers at home, make new friends through Buddy Play Dates and join us at Wirra Play Days. New families and team members welcome. Email resources are sent out on 4th May and 1st June and the next Wirra Play Day is the 22nd June.
Joy and Bruce Stewart



COVID Vaccination Clinic

Medical HQ have advised Jeff Dry that there are quite a few available times for people in the 1B category to make a booking for their COVID vaccination this week. If you are over 70 years of age or have compromised health issues then you should take up this opportunity by registering 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. You do not need to be a patient of Medical HQ or have a doctor's referral to have this vaccination.

Chaplaincy Service at Rostrevor Baptist Church (RBC)

RBC is having a chaplaincy focussed service at RBC **on May 2nd**. They originally were to have 2 services and Rev Linda was going to the 11am service. They have just announced that there will be one service at **9.30am**, therefore Linda won't be going. You are still welcome to go and show our support for our local Pastoral Care Workers. (Please wear your nametag if you do!). Their plan is to have a special time of sharing around the work of our Pastoral Care Workers from local schools and also in the sports chaplaincy area. They will have a time of prayer for all chaplains and Sam Whitwell (SMG regional manager) will commission the chaplains. He will also bring the message on this day.

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 just a few weeks' time 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/>

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 15th 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 (Ph: 7120 7837) by Wednesday 12th May 2021. Light Lunch provided under covid restrictions.

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

Winter Retreat – June 18-19 at Nunyara. Reconnect with your inner artist and be spiritually nurtured in this retreat. <https://www.cmla.org.au/events/winter-retreat/>

Music and Worship event – exploring the art of music and musicianship. *Change of date* from May to Sat 21 August, 10am-4pm, Rosefield Uniting.

Repair Café – Campbelltown

The next Campbelltown Repair Café is to be held on May 16, at the Campbelltown Memorial Oval. Check out the flier on the noticeboard if you have any items that need repaired.

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 st and 3 rd	1.30 – 3.30 pm	Meeting Room	Lenten Study (Nola)
Thursdays	6.30 - 7.30 pm	Lower hall	Pilates
Thursday 27th April	7.00 – 9.30 pm	Meeting Room	Church Council Meeting
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 <u>at all other times</u>	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

	18 th April	25 th April	2 nd May
Prayer with Preacher	Jeff Dry	Bob Stevenson	Di Curtis
Preacher	Linda Driver	<i>7 Days of Solidarity Service</i> Speaker: Uniting World Ambassador, Lesley Williams and Preacher: Deidre Palmer via video	Linda Driver
Worship Leader	Robyn Stevenson	Lynton Nicholas	Jeff Dry
Singers	Bob Stevenson Jean Richardson Allan Amber	Lyndon Rowe Anne Brown Marie Bartsch	Janet Luestner Allan Amber Jeanine Dry
Sound	David Walker	Don Brown	Noel Maywald
Data	Samantha Walker	Samantha Walker	David Walker
Chair Steward	Glen Luestner Bob Stevenson	Sharon Tilley Scott Tilley	Brenton Summers Trevor Goldsmith
Flowers	Carole Walter	Jenny Riggall	Ruth Henderson
Building Steward	Eric Hurrell	Richard Read	Noel Maywald
Covid Marshall	Jeff Dry/David Walker	Jeff Dry/David Walker	David Walker
Door Greeter	Jan Robin Gus Robin	Carole Walter Ray Walter	Stella Waugh Robyn Fry
Tick and Flick	Brenton Summers	Brenton Summers	Trevor Curtis
Notices	Lee O'Connell	Don Brown	Don Brown
Bible Reader	Lee O'Connell	Eric Hurrell	Ray Walter
Count Offering	Lynton Nicholas Gus Robin	Gus Robin Glen Luestner	Lynton Nicholas Glen Luestner
Communion Prep	N/A	N/A	Friedericke Ashby-Weiss
Communion Server	N/A	N/A	Leanne Shirlock Robyn Fry Friedericke Ashby-Weiss
Cleaning	VIP	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**

