

Sunday 4 April 2021

A Note from Linda

Holy Week and Easter have arrived! This is a significant time in the Church calendar as we remember God's love for us in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus.

Maundy Thursday – 6.30-8.30pm. 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)

Good Friday – 9.30am. Again & Again we find ourselves here... Again and again, we find ourselves at the foot of the cross, at the pit of despair, in the face of death. "Here" is an emotional place. "Here" is grief. "Here" is the reality of sin and brokenness. On Good Friday, we are called to sit in the silence of death, knowing that God is here.

Easter Sunday – 9.30am. Again & Again the sun rises.. We are reminded that Easter comes to us, again and again, even if we don't know what to make of God's resurrection ways. Again and again, the sun rises. And some days, that is enough.

Resources will be sent out via email for those going away and don't forget you can connect in via Zoom for both the Good Friday and Easter Sunday services.

Please note that I will be away next week, returning Tuesday 13 April.

Wherever you are this Easter, I pray that you will find the opportunity to connect with the Easter story, remembering the love that God has for you.

Blessings, Linda



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

Palm Sunday service

Many thanks to Di Curtis for coordinating and leading a special and meaningful service. Thank you to Chris Pritchard, Jenny Riggall, Marie Slade, Dean Brook and Celine Leslie for sharing. For those who were not able to be there, or if you'd like to watch it again... here is the recording of the full service:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/13DziYnbr4dPWzyOzthGZLTObkONArEXL/view?usp=sharing>

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Worship on-site

If you are coming to join us for worship onsite:

- Please wear your name tag.
- Please read all of the COVIDSafe reminders in this week's newsletter.
- If you need a drink, please bring your own (eg a water bottle, coffee or tea in an insulated cup). Morning tea will not be served. The kitchen remains closed on Sunday mornings – we ask that only those who are preparing Communion enter this area. Please don't use glasses or cups from the kitchen. A small supply of water bottles are available at the kitchen servery if you forget your own.

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

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.

Lent Event Special Offering

It's not too late to give to the LentEvent appeal. Pop your donation in a marked envelope and add it to the Offering Box on Sunday morning or you can donate anytime online: <https://donate.unitingworld.org.au/event/lent-event>
Know that every dollar is part of God's mission in the world, ending poverty and building hope.

Funeral – Mervyn Ey – Wed 7th April 1.30 pm

Please be advised that we are hosting the funeral service of Mervyn Ey on Wednesday 7th April at 1.30 pm.

StarWord service – Sun April 11 9.30am

On Sunday April 11 we will be having a StarWord service. Bob Stevenson will be your facilitator. Have a think about your starword: what does it mean? What was your first reaction? How has it helped you in your prayer life during Lent and Easter? If you are willing to share about this on the 11th, be ready to volunteer on the day – or feel free to contact Bob beforehand to let him know you're keen!

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!

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.

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

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 6th April

Our next TOFS coffee and chat will be on Tuesday 6th 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 14th 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 group each week, want to know more contact Ray or Bob.

Stay and Play @ Home

Easter is here! Don't forget to explore the wirra and choose your woollen egg. The nest was crafted by Carole W from bracken, dodda and paper bark and the eggs by an "eggspert" group of 4 yarn bombers. So far, children from Stay and Play @ Home and Messy Church have been lucky recipients so don't miss out! Check out the Wirra Blog on the Athelstone Uniting Church website to find out more of our Wirra happenings. Email resources will be sent out to enrolled families on the 4th May and 1st June. The next Wirra Play Day is on 22nd June.

Joy and Bruce Stewart



COVID Clinic is now taking vaccination bookings

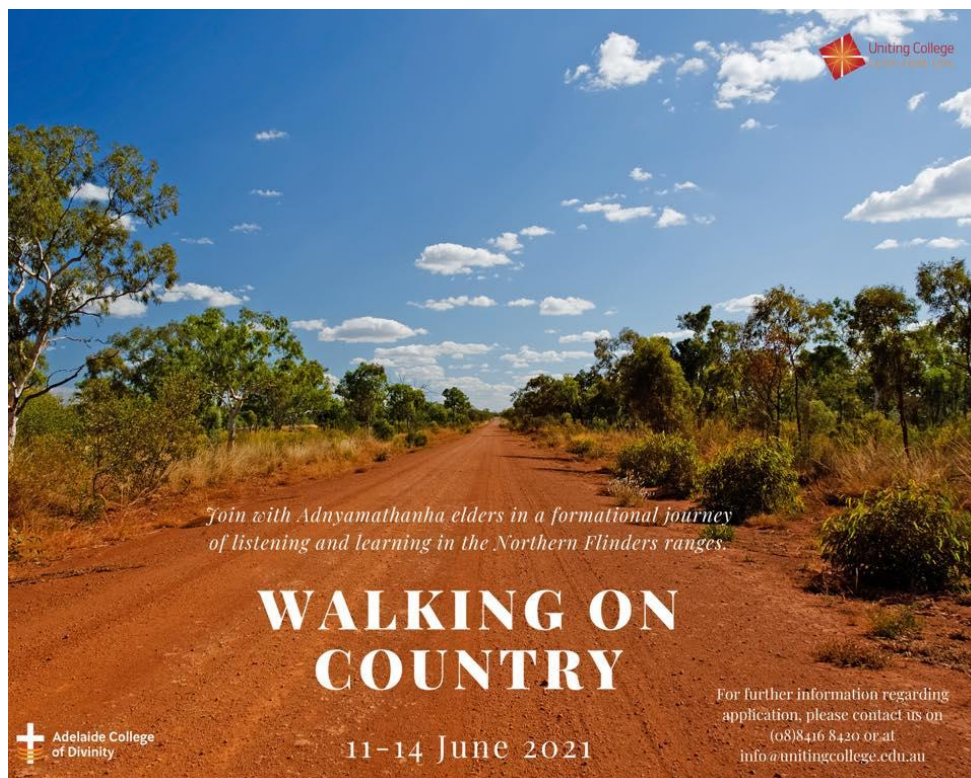
For all congregation members over 70 years of age or who have compromised health issues - Medical HQ is now inviting you to register online for the COVID vaccination. Look up Athelstone Respiratory Clinic online and log on to hotdoc.com.au and then 'book appointment' using the 'COVID-19 Vaccine Room 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.

Chaplaincy Service at Rostrevor Baptist Church (RBC)

RBC is having a chaplaincy focussed service at RBC on **May 2nd** at both their 9am and 11am services. Rev Linda will go to the **11am** service. 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. You are welcome to join Linda as we show our support for our local Pastoral Care Workers.

Walking on Country 11-14 June 2021

Join with Adnyamathanha elders in a formational journey of listening and learning in the Northern Flinders Ranges. This special experience is being hosted by Uniting College. Candidates will have first priority, however there are likely to be spaces available. Register your interest by contacting the college: 8416 8420 or email info@unitingcollege.org.au. Rev Linda has been on a Walking on Country experience like this and highly recommends it.



'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 18th 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.

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.

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/>

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 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 and on Thurs or Fri 8 or 9th April due to funeral	Evenings – 6.30 pm unless told otherwise, then can come later	Main building	VIP Cleaning Service
Tuesday	9.30 - 11.30 am	Lower hall	Pilates
Wednesday	9.30 - 10.30 am	Lower hall	Pilates
Thursdays	6.30 - 7.30 pm	Lower hall	Pilates
Thursday 1st April	6.30 -8.30 pm	Main auditorium	Maundy Thursday Service of Prayer and Reflection
Thursday 1st April	8.45 - 9.45 pm	Main auditorium	Worship Practice
Friday 2nd April	9.30 – 10.30 am	Main auditorium	Good Friday Service
Wed 7th April	12.30 – 4.30 pm	Whole Building	Funeral – Mervyn Ey
Wed 7th April	6.30 - 8.30 pm	Lower Hall	Waratah Calisthenics
Saturday 10 th April	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 at all other times	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 Marshal 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

	Thursday 1 st April	Friday 2 nd April	Sunday 4 th April	Sunday 11 th April
Prayer with Preacher	N/A	Sheralyn Robertson	Lee O'Connell	Glen Luestner
Preacher	Linda Driver	Linda Driver	Linda Driver	Star Words Bob Stevenson (Facilitator)
Worship Leader	Linda Driver	David Walker	David Walker	Di Curtis
Singers	N/A	Marie Bartsch Sylvia Maywald	Jean Richardson Lyndon Rowe	Lynton Nicholas Ann Brown Janet Luestner
Sound	N/A	Noel Maywald	Noel Maywald	Don Brown
Data	N/A	Samantha Walker	Shelley Walker	David Walker
Chair Steward	N/A	Bob Stevenson Jeff Dry	Bob Stevenson Jeff Dry	Trevor Goldsmith Brenton Summers
Flowers	N/A	Ruth Henderson	Ruth Henderson	Marie Hickman
Building Steward	N/A	Richard Read	Noel Maywald	Richard Read
Covid Marshall	Linda Driver	Jeff Dry/David Walker	David Walker	Jeff Dry/David Walker
Door Greeter	Meg Edwards Robyn Fry Lee O'Connell	Lynton Nicholas Jayne Nicholas	Stella Waugh Coralie Summers	Jayne Nicholas Lynton Nicholas
Tick and Flick	N/A	Brenton Summers	Brenton Summers	Brenton Summers
Notices	N/A	Brenton Summers	Brenton Summers	Don Brown
Bible Reader	N/A	Ray Walter	Shelley Walker	Jayne Nicholas
Count Offering	N/A	Lynton Nicholas Paul Howland	Sylvia Maywald Freddie Ashby-Weiss	Glen Luestner Lynton Nicholas
Communion Prep	N/A	N/A	Robyn Stevenson	N/A
Communion Server	N/A	N/A	Louise Jennings Graham Jennings Eric Hurrell	N/A
Cleaning	Jayne Nicholas	Sheralyn Robertson Jeanine Dry	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**

