



**Minister:**

Rev Linda Driver:

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Linda's day off: Monday

## Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2021

Welcome to worship this morning.

### A Note from Linda

This week is all about love and connection. The theme is *Beloved, Be Loved. Be Love.*

When we trust God, when we abide in God, the love of God revealed in Jesus bears much fruit in us, and our relationships with God and one another.

In the morning service next week, we will have a Thanksgiving and Blessing for Lilly Edwards.

I hope you can join us!

*Blessings, Linda*

### Save the Date – 50<sup>th</sup> 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!

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.

### 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.

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***Please email newsletter items to [newsletter@athelstonechurch.org.au](mailto:newsletter@athelstonechurch.org.au) by 5pm Wednesday.***

## 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](mailto:pddriver@gmail.com)

## De-cluttering Project

Church Council has recommended that a de-cluttering exercise be conducted at the church property involving both internal and external areas. A small group of people have been approached to participate in this exercise and so anyone who has an interest in assisting with this de-cluttering project is welcome to attend the first session which is being held on **Tuesday 4 May from 4pm**. This action has been identified in our Strategic Plan as a way of 'refreshing our worship space and surrounds to be more attractive and creative.' So if you have an interest in a particular area/space/room within the church building and grounds then please come along and help with this exercise.

## 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 no later than Monday May 3<sup>rd</sup>. 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.

## Packing Day 2021!

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 6<sup>th</sup> and Monday June 7<sup>th</sup>**.

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.

## Stay and Play @ Home



Term 2 starts with a new initiative! With thanks to Linda, Stay and Play @ Home now has its very own Facebook site to assist our young families to stay connected. Veronica will be assisting with administration of this group. Check out the Church website to enroll for Stay and Play @ Home, get some ideas for preschoolers at home, make new friends through Facebook, Buddy Play Dates and join us at Wirra Play Days. New families and team members welcome. Email resources are sent out on 4<sup>th</sup> May and 1<sup>st</sup> June and the next Wirra Play Day is the 22<sup>nd</sup> June.

*Joy and Bruce Stewart*

## COVID Vaccination Clinic

Everyone over 50 years old is now eligible for the AstraZeneca vaccine. To book an appointment, call 8166 2125 or go to <https://tinyurl.com/arccvac>. You may need to copy and paste this link to get it to work, or search for 'Athelstone Respiratory Clinic' to find the page. Please advertise this clinic to friends and others in your local community and to those at other churches you may see.

*Four happy Church members were able to receive COVID vaccinations thanks to the caring staff at Medical HQ using our Upper Hall.*



## Creative Winter Retreat, CMLA

**Winter Retreat, 18-19 June, Nunyara:** A time for creative community, writers, visual and performing artists. Be tucked away in the Adelaide Hills to practise your craft and to be inspired. Reconnect with your inner artist and be spiritually nurtured in this retreat. You will have the option of going for the full overnight retreat, starting Friday evening, or the day only retreat from 9-5 on Saturday. **Sean Gilbert** and **Sharonne Price** will be leading the retreat. Check out our speaker bios, program and registration information on [cmla.org.au](http://cmla.org.au).

## Chaplaincy Service at Rostrevor Baptist Church (RBC)

RBC is having a chaplaincy focussed service at RBC **on May 2<sup>nd</sup>**. 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.

## 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.

## 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 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup>	1.30 – 3.30 pm	Meeting Room	Connect Group (Nola)
Thursdays	6.30 - 7.30 pm	Lower hall	Pilates
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

	2 <sup>nd</sup> May	9 <sup>th</sup> May
<b>Prayer with Preacher</b>	Di Curtis	Sheralyn Robertson
<b>Preacher</b>	Linda Driver	Linda Driver
<b>Worship Leader</b>	Jeff Dry	Jeff Dry
<b>Singers</b>	Janet Luestner Allan Amber Jeanine Dry	Friederike Ashby-Weiss Jean Richardson Lyndon Rowe
<b>Sound</b>	Noel Maywald	Noel Maywald
<b>Data</b>	David Walker	Samantha Walker
<b>Chair Steward</b>	Brenton Summers Trevor Goldsmith	Paul Howland Jeff Dry
<b>Flowers</b>	Ruth Henderson	Carole Walter
<b>Building Steward</b>	Noel Maywald	Paul Howland
<b>Covid Marshall</b>	David Walker	Jeff Dry/David Walker
<b>Door Greeter</b>	Stella Waugh Robyn Fry	Jan Robin Gus Robin
<b>Tick and Flick</b>	Trevor Curtis	Trevor Curtis
<b>Notices</b>	Don Brown	Lee O'Connell
<b>Bible Reader</b>	Ray Walter	Friederike Ashby-Weiss
<b>Count Offering</b>	Lynton Nicholas Glen Luestner	Sylvia Maywald Friederike Ashby-Weiss
<b>Communion Prep</b>	Friedericke Ashby-Weiss	N/A
<b>Communion Server</b>	Leanne Shirlock Robyn Fry Friedericke Ashby-Weiss	N/A
<b>Cleaning</b>	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**

