



Minister:

Rev Linda Driver:

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Linda's day off: Monday

Sunday 16th May 2021

Welcome to worship this morning.

A Note from Linda

This is Ascension Sunday in the church's liturgical calendar, marking the end of the Easter season. It brings to an end the part of the story where Jesus walks the earth, and is a transition to the coming of the Holy Spirit (Pentecost). The Ascension story challenges us to seek the presence of the Risen Christ in the here and now - in our lives, our community, and our world.

This final paragraph from *The Jesus Creed* is a good way to conclude this season:

We have confidence in Jesus,
so we follow him, learn his ways, seek to obey his teaching and live by his example.
We walk with him, walk in him, abide in him, as a branch in a vine.
We have not seen him, but we love him.
His words are to us words of life eternal, and to know him is to know the true and living God.
We do not see him now, but we have confidence in Jesus. Amen.

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.

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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

Blessing the Staff of a local school

Late last year we provided soup and scones for the staff of Paradise Primary School, which was very warmly received. In partnership with local churches and the Schools Ministry Group, we have the opportunity once again to bless the staff of another of our local primary schools with a soup and bread lunch.

Would you be interested in making a soup or a batch of scones for Thursday 27th May?

If so, please Rev Linda know ASAP so that she can confirm if we can help or not.

Church Keys

We are running low on Church "C" keys in the office at the moment due to an increase in the activities of our existing hirers and the addition of some new hirers as well. If you have a key to our church that you do not need to use much at the moment then please return it to Jeff Dry or Carol Lang in the office.

Church Directory

Just a reminder that you can log in to access our church directory at any time online, using Elvanto. This is the best way to ensure you have the most up to date contact details for the person you wish to contact.

Go to <https://athelstone.elvanto.com.au/> and then sign in with your username and password.

Please contact Carol to request log in details if you do not have them.

To find a person in the directory, click on 'Our List of Members' in the top green bar and enter the name you are searching for in the search bar. You will be only able to see contact details for those who have given permission to have their contact details in the directory. If you can't manage the online directory, then you can ask Carol for a hardcopy. We will likely work on producing an accurate hardcopy later this month.

Thank you from Uniting World and Lesley Williams

Lesley Williams from Uniting World has said that she really enjoyed celebrating the work of Uniting World with us in the 25th April morning service. She said it was an excellent celebration of mission. This week she also sent the following message:

Hello to all at Athelstone.

I've today had an email advising me of a significant donation from your church and I thank you all most sincerely for that. Be assured that it will be used wisely in the wider mission area. I'm wondering if you've completed the survey regarding 7 days of solidarity. If not, it would be most interesting to UnitingWorld to hear from you.

Many blessings and I encourage you to keep up your wonderful support of UW.

Lesley Williams

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.

Stay and Play @ Home

Our first program this term will focus on “Hear the peace”, listening to voices and making music. Term 2 has started with a new initiative!

Stay and Play @ Home now has it's very own Facebook site to assist our young families to stay connected. 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 will be sent out on 1st June and the next Wirra Play Day is the 22nd June.

Joy and Bruce Stewart

Packing Day 2021!

Once again the Athelstone Uniting Church is co-coordinating the packing of goods for indigenous communities in northern and central Australia on **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.

Jayne Nicholas

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!

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.

Invigor8 Children's Ministry Conference

Saturday May 22nd: 9.30-4pm at a Hub near you. See attached flier for more information.

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.

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
Sunday 16th May	2.30 pm – 4.30 pm	Lower Hall	Yoga Workshop with Kristi
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	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	Clinics operate at various times depending on demand. 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

	16 th May	23 rd May
Prayer with Preacher	Robyn Fry	Meg Edwards
Preacher	Victoria Pederick	Linda Driver
Worship Leader	Di Curtis	Robyn Stevenson
Singers	Marie Bartsch Friederike Ashby-Weiss Lyndon Rowe	Sylvia Maywald Friederike Ashby-Weiss TBC
Sound	Don Brown	Shelley Walker
Data	David Walker	David Walker
Chair Steward	Jeff Dry Glenn Luestner	Sharon Tilley Scott Tilley
Flowers	Raelene Anderson	Jenny Riggall
Building Steward	Eric Hurrell	Noel Maywald
Covid Marshall	Jeff Dry/David Walker	Jeff Dry/David Walker
Door Greeter	Jayne Nicholas Lynton Nicholas	Brenton Summers Coralie Summers
Tick and Flick	Trevor Curtis	Trevor Curtis
Notices	Don Brown	Don Brown
Bible Reader	Jayne Nicholas	Ray Walter
Count Offering	Glen Luestner Paul Howland	Glen Luestner Paul Howland
Communion Prep	N/A	N/A
Communion Server	N/A	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**

