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Linda's day off: Monday

Sunday 30th May 2021



A Note from Linda

Niina marni!

This Sunday we will celebrate both Trinity Sunday and Reconciliation Sunday.

Trinity Sunday is a celebration of who God is for us: Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer – Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Reconciliation Sunday is the first Sunday of National Reconciliation Week (held 27 May – 3 June each year). For the past fourteen years, the Synod of South Australia has encouraged this celebration as one way of continuing to recognise the Covenant between the Uniting Aboriginal and Islander Christian Congress (UAICC) and the Uniting Church in Australia. Reconciliation Sunday encourages us to participate in one of the major themes of our Christian faith: God was in Christ reconciling the world. We too can contribute to this reconciling by developing mutually respectful relationships between First and Second Peoples within our congregation, the wider church and wider community.

Reconciliation is an important issue in the Australian context. The Uniting Church in Australia remains on a journey of reconciliation with First Peoples. And because the Trinity evokes the theme of community and relationships and restoring human relationships as a part of God's reconciling mission in our world, the two belong together.

This week, as we gather to worship, we acknowledge the Kurna Peoples, the first inhabitants of this place from time beyond remembering. We acknowledge that through this land, God nurtured and sustained the First Peoples of this country, the Aboriginal and Islander peoples. We honour them for their custodianship of the land on which we gather. We acknowledge that the First Peoples had already encountered the Creator God before the arrival of the colonisers; the Spirit was already in the land, revealing God to the people through law, custom and ceremony. We acknowledge that the same love and grace that was finally and fully revealed in Jesus Christ sustained the First Peoples and gave them particular insights into God's ways; and so we rejoice in the reconciling purposes of God found in the good news about Jesus Christ.

If you are planning to join us on Sunday morning (whether onsite or online), I encourage you to bring a gum leaf or two with you.

Blessings

Linda

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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

Strategic Plan Update

Strategic Plan Stage 1 - As you will be aware Church Council has been working on a new Strategic Plan for the past 12 months and at our AGM in February the draft Plan was endorsed by the members. Further revision of the Plan has occurred and as such the extensive list of action items have been reduced down and prioritised. While much of the Strategic Plan will be the responsibility of Church Council to implement, Church Council is now seeking the support and assistance of members of the congregation to 'play their part' in helping bring this Strategic Plan to life. The Strategic Plan priorities provide an opportunity for members of the congregation to volunteer their time and gifts to action specific priority areas that Church Council believes have a broader church community responsibility. In the attached document to this week's newsletter you will find a copy of the revised Strategic Plan Stage 1 and it highlights those priority items in which Church Council is seeking Expressions of Interest (EOI) from the congregation. Please check it out and if you feel a calling to get involved in working with Church Council to implement or help with any of those EOI items please contact either Linda Driver or Jeff Dry.

Baby Grand Piano

There will be a Baby Grand Piano in the auditorium from Thursday 3rd June until Tuesday 8th June. This piano is owned by a private hirer and will be used for the Adrian Hookway Music School Concert on Saturday 5th June. Adrian graciously allows our worship team (adult musicians) to use the piano if they wish in morning worship services. However, please do not place items on top of this piano and Adrian asks that we not permit children to play on it if possible while it is here. Thank you.

Church Council Update from meeting held Tuesday 25th May

- While it has been decided not to conduct the Christmas Tree Festival in 2021 Council has not ruled out running the festival in future years if the interest is there and a coordinator can be found. Council wishes to acknowledge the tremendous work of Julie Goldsmith in coordinating this event over the past years.
- The implementation of the Strategic Plan will occur in the coming months hopefully with members of the congregation having indicated their interest in assisting with the areas of responsibility for the priority strategies.
- The success of the Messy Church program was acknowledged, with the highlight being that currently there are 96 people (children, parents, grandparents, leaders and volunteers) that have attended a session during the past 2 years. Huge thanks to the leadership team and the numerous volunteers that assist.
- A small sub-committee is meeting next week to finalise designs for new signage at the front of the church
- The weekend of 24 October 21 has been identified for a 50 year Anniversary Celebration with a working group meeting to plan activities for the event.

Chaps Coffee & Chat – Triple C's

Next gathering of the above will be June 9 at Cafe Va Bene at normal time of 1030hrs. So come along and join in, get the latest gossip and c if u r in time for a vanilla slice! Need a lift contact Ray or Bob.

TOFS Tuesday 1st June - 2pm

Our next TOFS coffee and chat will be on Tuesday 1st June at Fine Foods Cucina at 5 Meredith St, Newton. This is an industrial area and parking is limited so people may wish to share a ride. We will meet at 2pm. All are welcome. Please RSVP to Sheralyn.

Book Group

At Athelstone Uniting Church we encourage everyone to find ways to find connections within our church community. One of our Connect groups is our Book Group. We meet regularly to read and discuss books together. We meet on the first and third Tuesdays of the month at 9am in the Indigo Espresso Cafe in the Athelstone shopping centre across the road. We are about to start a new book, "Faith after Doubt" by Brian MacLaren. You are welcome to join us! For more info, ask Rev Linda.

Packing Day – 1 week to go – June 6th and 7th

Packing Day is only 1 week away so now is the time to go through your cupboards and recycle your clothing and household goods! Pass the word around to your friends and families for donations, in particular lighter weight garments and plenty of menswear.

We have a shed full of items ready to be packed either to Indigenous communities east of Darwin, the Old Timer's Fete in Alice Springs or to Goodwill. I hope that you will be able to join us packing up these items and share some fellowship and fine food. Yes! The whole event is going to be superbly catered for by Ann Brown and Robyn Fry with donations from congregation members and 15 pizzas donated from Café Settebello.

If you have no suitable clothing or household goods to donate we would also appreciate the donation of the following new items - underwear for men, women and children; stationery items; toiletries.

Jayne Nicholas 0418 836 266

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.

Stay and Play @ Home

Need a beanie? An ex Stay and Play @ Home Grandma has crocheted some. She has also donated clothing and sewing aids to Packing Day.

Stay and Play @ Home now has its own Face book site to assist 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 Face book, 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



What do you do with plastic bread tags?

Are you passionate about recycling? Would you like to make a difference?

We are pleased to announce that we are supporting the charity Aussie Bread tags for Wheelchairs.

How does it work? We collect up our plastic bread tags and bring them in to Church. (You'll find a container in the Church Entry). The tags are collected and sent to recyclers in Robe. The recyclers (Transmutation) make a donation for the tags. These donations fund wheelchairs for disadvantaged people, currently in South Africa. Transmutation makes door knobs, coasters, bowls, cheese boards, clocks and pens from the bread tags.

More details here: <https://ozbreadtagsforwheelchairs.org.au/> and in the attached flier.

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.

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.

CMLA Movie Fundraiser

June 27, 2.30pm. Wallis, Mitcham. Tickets \$20. Come and join us for a wonderful afternoon of entertainment with the feel-good movie 'Finding You'. Funds raised go to supporting the Centre for Music, Liturgy and the Arts.

Book here: https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing?eid=763998&mc_cid=a27bc2165f&mc_eid=1cd3d6f2be

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.

How to give electronically

Regular electronic giving or one off donations can be made using the following details:

Account name: Athelstone Uniting Church Account BSB: 704 095 Account number: 110043

Application forms for setting up regular e-giving through UC e-give are available at <https://ucinvest.com.au/forms-and-information#page=page-1>. Contact Glen Luestner for more information.

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	Fellowship Group (Nola)
Thursdays	6.30 - 8.30 pm	Lower hall	Pilates
Thursday June 3rd to Tuesday June 8th	Delivered Thursday am and Collected Tuesday am	Main auditorium	Baby Grand Piano will be present in auditorium.
Saturdays	9.30 – 11.30 pm	Main auditorium	Waratah Calisthenics
Saturdays	9.30 - 11.30 am	Lower hall	Pilates
Saturday 5th June	12.00 – 6.00 pm	Main auditorium	Adrian Hookway Music Concert Private Hire
Sunday 6th June – Monday 8th June	11.00 – 6.00 pm Sunday and storage until Monday	Main auditorium/Kitchen	Packing Day & Storage
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

	30 th May	6 th June
Prayer with Preacher	Glen Luestner	Lee O'Connell
Preacher	Linda Driver	Linda Driver
Worship Leader	Linda Driver	Lynton Nicholas
Singers	Jeff Dry Jeanine Dry Allan Amber	Marie Bartsch Lyndon Rowe Jean Richardson
Sound	Don Brown	David Walker
Data	David Walker	Samantha Walker
Chair Steward	Jeff Dry Glen Luestner	Bob Stevenson Trevor Goldsmith
Flowers	Di Curtis	Jenny Riggall
Building Steward	Richard Read	Noel Maywald
Covid Marshall	Jeff Dry/David Walker	Jeff Dry/David Walker
Door Greeter	Jenny Riggall David Riggall	Jan Robin Gus Robin
Tick and Flick	Trevor Curtis	Brenton Summers
Notices	Lee O'Connell	Lee O'Connell
Bible Reader	Eric Hurrell	Lee O'Connell
Count Offering	Lynton Nicholas Friedericke Ashby-Weiss	Sylvia Maywald Paul Howland
Communion Prep	N/A	Friedericke Ashby-Weiss
Communion Server	N/A	Friedericke Ashby-Weiss Ros Howland Paul Howland
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**

