



Minister:

Rev Linda Driver:

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Linda's day off: Monday

Sunday 9th May 2021

Welcome to worship this morning.

A Note from Linda

This week we continue on the theme of love: "The Joy of Love"

We are called to love one another as God in Christ has loved us. This steadfast love requires much of us, even as far as laying down our lives for another; yet, this love gives much: joy, inclusion, divine and human friendship, security, deliverance, equity, justice.

How can we help but make a joyful noise to God?

The service will include the *Thanksgiving for and Blessing of Lilly Edwards*.

I hope you can join us!

Thank you so much to all those who came on Tuesday for the first stage of our decluttering.

Blessings

Linda

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.

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.

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

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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 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.

TRIPLE C'S

Chaps, Coffee & Chat time again this coming Wednesday May 12, again at Cafe Va Bene, corner Lower N E Roads. Usual time of 1030 hrs. So come and discover something new about your fellow Chaps, or find a solution to something that maybe a worry or problem, you're not alone. Need a lift? Contact Ray or Bob.

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



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.

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 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.

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.

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.

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.

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
Tuesday 11th May	2.30 pm – 3.30 pm	Pastoral Care Meeting	Meeting Room
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
Sunday 16th May	2.30 – 4.30 pm	Lower hall, Deck, Toilets	Yoga Workshop
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 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

	9 th May	16 th May
Prayer with Preacher	Sheralyn Robertson	Robyn Fry
Preacher	Linda Driver	Victoria Pederick
Worship Leader	Jeff Dry	Di Curtis
Singers	Friederike Ashby-Weiss Jean Richardson Lyndon Rowe	Marie Bartsch Friederike Ashby-Weiss Janet Luestner
Sound	Noel Maywald	Don Brown
Data	Samantha Walker	David Walker
Chair Steward	Paul Howland Jeff Dry	Brenton Summers Trevor Goldsmith
Flowers	Carole Walter	Raelene Anderson
Building Steward	Paul Howland	Eric Hurrell
Covid Marshall	Jeff Dry/David Walker	Jeff Dry/David Walker
Door Greeter	Jan Robin Gus Robin	Jayne Nicholas Lynton Nicholas
Tick and Flick	Trevor Curtis	Trevor Curtis
Notices	Lee O'Connell	Brenton Summers
Bible Reader	Friederike Ashby-Weiss	Jayne Nicholas
Count Offering	Sylvia Maywald Friederike Ashby-Weiss	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**

