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Linda's day off: Monday

Sunday 20th June 2021

A Note from Linda

In the Gospel text from the Lectionary this week (Mark 4:35–41) the disciples find themselves in a boat with Jesus in the middle of a storm. In their fear they accuse Jesus of not caring for them. Jesus' words, "Peace. Be still!" calm the storm.

How often have you found yourself in a storm – when life feels out of control? It is in these moments that it helps to remember: God is always with us, and we can rely on God.

Who do you know that needs to hear these words of encouragement today?

I hope you will be able to join in as we gather for Worship this Sunday onsite and online at 9.30am - with Nola Pearce preaching and onsite for Messy Church at 4pm.

Blessings

Linda

WORSHIP THIS WEEK

Messy Church

Messy church is on this Sunday from 4-6pm. We are celebrating the anniversary of the Uniting Church in Australia, our identity and learning about joy! Please use this link to register:

<https://athelstone.elvanto.com.au/form/a7306b30-23da-4343-b3b0-48d78446e957>

We also have a new Facebook page which you can follow and share with family and friends - search Messy Church Athelstone on Facebook. If you have any questions or need more information please speak to Meg Edwards.

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

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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

EVENTS

50th Anniversary Meeting

Are you interested in being part of a brainstorming meeting to come up with ideas on how we can celebrate our 50th Anniversary in October? If so, you are welcome to join us in the Meeting Room this Thursday 24th June at 2.30pm. Please contact Rev Linda if you'd like to know more.

De-cluttering Day

Following the success of Stage 1 of the de-cluttering exercise, a second de-cluttering exercise will be conducted at the church property this time involving both internal and external areas. An invitation is again being extended to anyone who has an interest in assisting with this de-cluttering project to come along on Saturday 26 June between 1pm and 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.' We have already received very positive feedback on what was achieved in the first stage so we look forward to the outcome of this next session.

CONNECT GROUPS



Stay and Play @ Home

Our Wirra Play Day for Term 2 is coming up on 22nd June. All enrolled Stay and Play @ Home families are invited to attend. 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 to enrolled families on 27th July and 24th August in Term 3. The Term 3 Wirra Play Day is on 14th September.

Joy and Bruce Stewart

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.

THANK YOU

Thank you from Joy Brook

Thank you to all for your love, thoughts, prayers and gifts of kindness during my illness. I'm recovering well and most fortunate that the cancer was found early and I don't have to have chemotherapy. The prayers and love of so many have been a great strength to me. Thank you
Joy Brook

MISSIONAL

Lent Event and Seven Days of Solidarity

I am pleased to advise that the following funds have been forwarded to Uniting World in relation to the recent Lent Event and Seven Days of Solidarity. Lent Event \$1,203.40. Seven Days of Solidarity \$ 90.00. The official receipt states 'Received with thanks on behalf of "The Uniting Church in Australia Commission for World Mission Overseas Programme Fund"'.
Glen Luestner

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.

NOTICES TO MEMBERS

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)

Worship and Discipleship Resources

Refer to Worship Email coming on Saturday.

WIDER CHURCH NEWS

Uluru Statement of the Heart Symposium and Workshop

Symposium - July 2, 7.30-9.30pm Pilgrim Uniting Church.

The Statement from the Heart and Sovereignty: exploring the overall picture" Guest speaker: Rev Dr Chris Budden
Panel members Rev Dr Auntie Denise Champion, Rev Dr Vicky Balabanski, Tarlee Leondaris.

Workshop - July 3, 9 AM - 4 PM Uniting College, Brooklyn Park

Topic: Sovereignty and the Statement from the Heart: Listening to the voices of First Peoples'.

Speakers and facilitators include: Rev Dr Chris Budden Rev Dr Denise Champion Rev Dr Vicky Balabanski, Eddie Synot (via Zoom from Sydney) and Indigenous facilitators. Dusty Feet Mob will do a presentation at lunchtime

For more info see attached flyer. If you are interested in attending either event, please contact Linda. We can register as a group for \$50.

Special Event - David Drury Organ Recital

Pilgrim Uniting Church, 12 Flinders Street, Adelaide 24 June 2021 1:00pm - 2:00pm. David Drury is one of Australia's most acclaimed organ virtuosos, and arguably our finest liturgical organist. He performs regularly with the Sydney Symphony Orchestra, and has undertaken many international tours, giving recitals in venues such as Westminster Abbey and Notre Dame Cathedral. For more information, Contact Julie Bradley Phone 0882123295 or email office@pilgrim.org.au

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/>

GIVING

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
Saturdays	9.30 – 11.30 pm	Main auditorium	Waratah Calisthenics
Saturdays	9.30 - 11.30 am	Lower hall	Pilates
Sunday 20th June	2.00 – 4.00 pm	Main Building	Messy Church Setup
Sunday 20th June	4.00 – 6.00 pm	Main Building	Messy Church
Sundays	Evenings – 6.30 pm usually unless told otherwise, then can come later. Occasionally clean early Monday mornings.	Main building	VIP Cleaning Service
Mondays	4.45 - 6.45 pm	Auditorium	Waratah Calisthenics
Mondays	6.30 - 8.30 pm	Lower hall	Pilates
Tuesday 22nd June	9.00 – 10.00 am	Lower hall, meeting room, kitchen, deck, wirra	Wirra Play Day Set-up
Tuesday 22nd June	10.00 – 11.30 am	Lower hall, meeting room, kitchen, deck, wirra	Wirra Play Day
Tuesday 22nd June	9.30 - 11.30 am	Auditorium	Pilates
Tuesday 22nd June	7.00 – 9.00 pm	Meeting Room	Church Council
Wednesdays	9.30 - 10.30 am	Lower hall	Pilates
Wednesdays	6.30 - 8.30 pm	Auditorium	Waratah Calisthenics
Wed 1 st and 3 rd	1.30 – 3.30 pm	Meeting Room	Fellowship Group (Nola)
Thursday 24th June	2.30 – 3.30 pm	Meeting Room	50th Anniversary Planning Meeting
Thursdays	7.30 – 8.30 pm	Auditorium	Worship Practice
Thursdays	6.30 - 8.30 pm	Lower hall	Pilates
At all times	Clinics operate at various times depending on demand. Top hall remains out of bounds <u>at all other times</u>	Top hall & Top car park	Medical HQ Vaccination and Covid Testing Clinics
Saturday 26th June	1.00 – 4.00 pm	Main Building	De-clutter Day

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

	20 th June	27 th June
Prayer with Preacher	Bob Stevenson	Di Curtis
Preacher	Nola Pearce	Linda Driver
Worship Leader	Nola Pearce	Di Curtis
Singers	Ann Brown Lynton Nicholas Janet Luestner	Bob Stevenson Robyn Stevenson Allan Amber
Sound	Noel Maywald	Don Brown
Data	David Walker	Samantha Walker
Chair Steward	Glen Luestner Brenton Summers	Jeff Dry Paul Howland
Flowers	Ruth Henderson	Raelene Anderson
Building Steward	Richard Read	Paul Howland
Covid Marshall	Jeff Dry/David Walker	Jeff Dry/David Walker
Door Greeter	Ray Walter Carole Walter	Brenton Summers Coralie Summers
Tick and Flick	Brenton Summers	Lee O'Connell
Notices	Lee O'Connell	Don Brown
Bible Reader	David Walker	Ann Brown
Count Offering	Paul Howland Lynton Nicholas	Glen Luestner Friederike Ashby-Weiss
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**

