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Linda's day off: Monday

Sunday 27th June 2021

A Note from Linda

Themes of compassion weave through this week's scriptures (Psalm 130; Mark 5:21-43). Sometimes we feel frightened and weary. Sometimes we feel at the end of our rope. It is good to be reminded that we can turn to God, whose compassion knows no boundaries.

Congratulations to the Messy Church team for leading another successful, fun-filled, creative time of worship last Sunday. The Messy Church values of Christ-centered, for all-ages, hospitality, creativity and celebration were all evident.

Coming up soon, the Revised Common Lectionary will include readings from Ephesians. Commencing July 11 through to August 22, I'll be encouraging us all to read through the whole of Ephesians as a Congregation.

Study Leave

Last week I attended the fourth of six 3-day intensives as part of the National Executive Development Program. The last two intensives have been focused on personal formation for leadership. We covered areas including identifying our behavioural style using DiSC, our life purpose or personal charisma, neuro-leadership, meaning-making, leadership competencies, managing our well-being (Avoiding burn-out), toxic leadership and supportive relationships. I am finding this post graduate study to be challenging and insightful.

Blessings

Linda

WORSHIP THIS WEEK

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.

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Please email newsletter items to newsletter@athelstonechurch.org.au by 5pm Wednesday.

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

CHURCH COUNCIL

Church Council news

At its meeting this week Church Council considered a number of items that had been raised by members of the congregation over the past months. One of these involved the issue of morning tea after the morning service. Council was aware of the request to re-commence this and a decision has been taken to re-introduce morning tea in a manner that is COVID compliant from Sunday 4 July. A number of volunteers have already been approached to assist with the morning tea and a roster is being prepared for coming weeks thanks to Sheralyn Robertson. There is an opportunity still for others who wish to offer their assistance by advising Sheralyn of their willingness to be placed on a future roster. Church Council says thanks to those congregation members who were keen to see morning tea offered again as it has prompted Council to listen and act on the wishes of the congregation.

Another item of interest involved a presentation by Bruce and Joy Stewart on the Wakwakanarku wirra Children's Forest. The presentation covered the history of the project along with a vision and dreams for the future. We are so blessed to be able to enjoy this Children's Forest on our property and to hear of the many activities that engage children and families from our church and the wider community. Members of the congregation are encouraged to check out more information on this project by opening the following link on our church website -

<https://aucgardens.wordpress.com/>

EVENTS

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

Last Tuesday, the Wirra was a busy space with children, carers and team enjoying our Winter Wirra Play Day. The cold weather did not deter children from water or mud play! We were excited to receive 100 endemic plants, donated and delivered by Marc O'Conaill from Campbelltown Landcare. We thank Marc for his enthusiastic support of our Wirra over the years. Check out the Church website to enrol 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 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.

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

Pfizer Vaccine now available at Athelstone Respiratory Clinic

Medical HQ has advised that they will now be administering the Pfizer vaccine from 3 July 2021. As the second doses for AstraZeneca are now being issued the clinic only has the capacity to administer Pfizer on Saturday afternoons but once AZ second doses have been completed they will increase the availability for Pfizer vaccine sessions. If you or any member of your family is eligible (must be in 40-59 years category) then they can book online at <https://www.adelaidecovidclinic.com.au/>.

There is also an opportunity for any of your family or friends to be on the wait list for the Pfizer vaccinations on Saturday afternoons which may allow them to get in earlier than they have booked online. They would need to be available once contacted that day to come to the clinic. If you know anyone who wishes to be involved then please contact Jeff Dry (0408 254 489) with their details.

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 of 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.

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

Wider Church News

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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
Saturday 26th June	1.00 – 4.00 pm	Main Building	Declutter Day
Sunday 27th June	2.30 – 4.30 pm	Lower Hall	Yoga , Private Hirer
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	9.30 - 11.30 am	Lower hall	Pilates
Tuesday 29th June	6.30 – 8.30 pm	Auditorium	AGM, Private Hirer
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)
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 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

	27 th June	4 th July
Prayer with Preacher	Di Curtis	Sheralyn Robertson
Preacher	Linda Driver	Linda Driver
Worship Leader	Di Curtis	David Walker
Singers	Bob Stevenson Robyn Stevenson Allan Amber	Shelley Walker Jeff Dry Jeanine Dry
Sound	Don Brown	Don Brown
Data	Samantha Walker	Samantha Walker
Chair Steward	Jeff Dry Paul Howland	Bernie O'Hara Don Brown
Flowers	Raelene Anderson	Marie Hickman
Building Steward	Paul Howland	Eric Hurrell
Covid Marshall	Jeff Dry/David Walker	Jeff Dry/David Walker
Door Greeter	Brenton Summers Coralie Summers	Jan Robin Gus Robin
Tick and Flick	Lee O'Connell	Trevor Curtis
Notices	Don Brown	Don Brown
Bible Reader	Ann Brown	Jayne Nicholas
Count Offering	Glen Luestner Friederike Ashby-Weiss	Paul Howland TBC
Communion Prep	N/A	Leanne Shirlock
Communion Server	N/A	Robyn Fry Tara Shirlock Leanne Shirlock
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**

