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Rev Linda Driver:

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Linda's day off: Monday

Sunday 6th June 2021

A Note from Linda

Niina marni!

I hope you are having a good week and have had the opportunity to consider one way to turn Words into Action in relation to covenanting.

This Sunday morning our theme will be "We Do Not Lose Heart" – a time to celebrate how we are all part of God's family, here for one another – a good time to celebrate Communion together.

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 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.

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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CHURCH COUNCIL

Church Council - May Update

- 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.

EVENTS

PACKING DAY: this Sunday (after Church) and Monday (from 9:00am)

Join us for lunch on Sunday and stay on and help pack some boxes for Packing Day! Ann Brown and Robyn Fry are catering for us over the 2 days we will be packing. I can guarantee that the food will be good, you will have fun and you will be supporting the mission work of the Uniting Church. Even if you can only join us for a short time, we will welcome your help. Hope to see you there!

Jayne Nicholas

CONNECT GROUPS

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.

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.

Stay and Play @ Home

Have you tried the Reconciliation Week activities in the wirra? The feely bags on the gate have been there since 2020 but there is a new activity near the bridge, "Match the animals". Stay and Play @ Home now has its very own facebook 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. The next Wirra Play Day is the 22nd June.

Joy and Bruce Stewart



MISSIONAL

Blessing a Local School

Many thanks to Jayne Nicholas, Janet Luestner, Barbara Schmal, Stella Waugh and Carole Walter for providing soup, scones and fresh parsley for the staff of East Torrens Primary last week.

Rev Linda received a thank you note from Lisa Hughes, the Pastoral Care Worker. Here is some of what she said:

To Linda and the wonderful cooks at Athelstone Uniting Church,

Thank you so much for showing a practical demonstration of God's love to East Torrens primary.

Our staff absolutely loved the scones and soup with many staff passing on their thanks to you. A number of staff openly shared how they were having a very difficult week and it was so encouraging to have some love and care come their way.

For me personally, it was lovely to be able to see the staff so happy as I know their work is complex and challenging at times.

Thank you for blessing us all in this way.

I pray that you will find God's strength and renewal as you continue in your vision to connect.

With love,

Lisa 🙏

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

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.

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.

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

Synod Art Project Tours

Come join Karan Hudson, Dieter Engler and Neryl McCallum for a tour around the Synod Art Project. See our community art project on display! There are 3 dates to choose from and entry is free. However bookings are essential due to limited places.

Tour dates: June 22 @ 4pm, July 13 @ 3pm (TBC), August 17 @ 4pm Book here: www.trybooking.com/BRWOS

Induction of Aunty Denise

On Monday 7th June at 12:30 pm Rev Dr Aunty Denise Champion will be inducted into the role of Aboriginal Theologian in Residence at the Uniting College. This is a significant milestone as we live out the covenant between first and second peoples. The service will be held at Adelaide West Uniting Church. Register online

here: <https://events.sa.uca.org.au/uclt/denisechampioninduction>

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, Nunyarra: 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

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WIDER CHURCH MISSION

Letter Writing Action on behalf of the United Church in the Philippines

In February this year the Synod meeting witnessed a video testimony by Bishop Joseph of the United Church of Christ in the Philippines (UCCP). In his testimony, the Bishop spoke about on-going harassment of Christians in the Philippines. On May 31st, 2021, the Synod of South Australia received new pleas through the Synod of Victoria and Tasmania to support another UCCP Pastor who has been harassed and arrested.

Uniting Church members are urged to join a letter writing campaign to support our partners within the UCCP. A letter is being prepared on behalf of the Synod of South Australia, however, this a people-powered action. The more letters received the stronger the show of support. Please refer to the further information and letter-writing advice which has been prepared by the Synod of Victoria and Tasmania and which can be downloaded at

this link: [https://sa.uca.org.au/Letter-](https://sa.uca.org.au/Letter-writing%20action%20on%20harassment%20of%20UCCP%20members%20June%202021%20(002).pdf)

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For further information, please contact the Synod of South Australia's International Mission

Officer: internationalmission@sa.uca.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

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 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 Monday from 9.00 am	Main auditorium/Kitchen	Packing Day
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
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

Special Event or changes to regular bookings or location are highlighted in bold.

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

	6 th June	13 th June
Prayer with Preacher	Lee O'Connell	Jeff Dry
Preacher	Linda Driver	Linda Driver
Worship Leader	Lynton Nicholas	Jeff Dry
Singers	Marie Bartsch Lyndon Rowe Jean Richardson	Sylvia Maywald Jeanine Dry Friederike Ashby-Weiss
Sound	David Walker	Noel Maywald
Data	Samantha Walker	David Walker
Chair Steward	Bob Stevenson Trevor Goldsmith	Scott Tilley Sharon Tilley
Flowers	Jenny Riggall	Carole Walter
Building Steward	Noel Maywald	Eric Hurrell
Covid Marshall	Jeff Dry/David Walker	Jeff Dry/David Walker
Door Greeter	Jan Robin Gus Robin	David Riggall Jenny Riggall
Tick and Flick	Brenton Summers	Brenton Summers
Notices	Lee O'Connell	Lee O'Connell
Bible Reader	Lee O'Connell	Ray Walter
Count Offering	Sylvia Maywald Paul Howland	Gus Robin Friedericke Ashby-Weiss
Communion Prep	Friedericke Ashby-Weiss	N/A
Communion Server	Friedericke Ashby-Weiss Ros Howland Paul Howland	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**

