



Minister:

Rev Linda Driver:

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Linda's day off: Monday

Sunday 1st August 2021

Worship this Sunday will be at Church on Sunday morning *or* Online.

You are welcome to join us at Church (wearing your face mask)

or connect in with our Zoom service

or download a hard copy of a self-guided service.

Look out for the regular email with worship and discipleship resources coming out on Saturday.

A Note from Linda

The good news for this week is that with Lockdown ending on Wednesday morning, we can meet together again on Sunday morning. There will be no congregation singing but there will still be music and we can still come with thanksgiving and praise in our hearts.

If you choose to come, please remember to wear your facemask and keep your distance. You can take your mask off to have communion and then again for morning tea (served safely and consumed while seated).

This Sunday is Lay Preachers Sunday – it is very appropriate that our Lay Preacher, Nola Pearce will be leading. Our focus this year is on the ministry of pastoral care. We are very blessed to have so many people in our congregation who use their gifts to care for one another.

God calls us to live a connected life, to come together in community, and to grow together in truth and love. It is in this that we engage ministry and become part of the work of God's salvation.

I encourage you to continue with the Ephesians readings and look forward to seeing you in person or online.

The Church Office will reopen on Tuesday 3rd August. Face masks are also required to be worn in the office area. Carol and I can be contacted by email or my mobile.

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 required to register their attendance by using the COVID Safe Check-In where at all possible. 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 ensure you print your name and phone number neatly so that it can be read by contact tracers.

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.

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

Please wear a mask unless you have a valid reason not to wear one. This is currently a mandatory requirement for indoor public spaces, including our church building.

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 as you arrive or at the end of the service. A receptacle is provided on the Giving Table near the exit. We continue to encourage regular giving through direct debit or electronic transfer.
- 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 wish to join in our online Zoom service on Sunday morning at 9.30am, you can view the service as it is happening, using this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88191652947?pwd=M1pMZCtXY2FGOENtaGN3M3EwcVh6Zz09>

or enter this **Meeting ID:** 881 9165 2947 and **passcode:** 7777

Worship and Discipleship resources will be sent out on Friday.

Services are recorded each week. 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

Worship by Zoom – no masks required and you can sing!

If you have a device on which you can watch YouTube videos, then you have all the technology you need to be able to view our Zoom services. This could be a desktop or laptop computer, tablet or smartphone which is connected to the internet. It is helpful to have a camera and microphone so you can interact if you choose, but you don't need to. If you have never tried Zoom or are unsure about whether you can connect to our online service, please call Paul Driver (M 0428 161 918) before Sunday morning. He can talk you through what to do and test your connection so that you will feel confident on Sunday morning.

EVENTS

50th Anniversary Celebrations

50th Anniversary Celebration Plans are starting to come into shape for our anniversary celebrations in October. It will be 50 years since we have had a Church on this site and we have much to be thankful to God for. We are planning a weekend of events, so please keep the weekend free: Friday evening (Oct 22) through to Sunday afternoon (Oct 24). If you have any questions, please direct them to one of the planning team: Rev Linda Driver, Allan Amber, Max Amber, Robyn Fry and Bruce Stewart.

Christmas Lunch 2021

We are hoping to host a community lunch on Christmas Day. If you are interested in helping please contact Robyn Fry. We hope to be able to schedule a planning meeting soon.

Help Please!

Later in the year AUC will be celebrating 50 years since our current church building was opened. We hope to have a display of activities that have occurred over the years and we need any old images you may have of any of the activities that your family has partaken in during these 50 years. This includes as members of sporting teams, children's activities, church camps, Fridays at 5, Coffee Corner, home groups, quiz nights, Sunday School anniversaries and more. If you have any slides, prints or negatives could you please let Linda or Carol in the office or Bruce Stewart know so that we can arrange to obtain copies of the images.

CMLA Music and Worship Workshop – AUC Group Registration

CMLA Music and Worship Workshop – AUC Group Registration Music is important in worship, it can enliven and deepen worship, and it can do the opposite. What we sing shapes our theology and our knowledge of God. CMLA (Centre for Music, Litany and the Arts) are holding a workshop on Music and Worship on Saturday 21 August 2021 (10:00 AM to 4:00 PM). Saturday, August 21st at Rosefield Uniting Church. Di Curtis and Rev Linda are going and would love to have anyone join us who is passionate about offering their gifts in music and worship. Church Council has kindly agreed to pay for a group registration. Please RSVP to Di.

CONNECT GROUPS

At Athelstone Uniting Church we encourage everyone to find ways to find connections within our church community. Here are some of the Connect Groups you might consider joining.

TOFFs

TOFFs will be meeting at Café Primo Dernancourt Shopping Centre, LNE Road Dernancourt on Tuesday 3rd August at 2pm. Time to catch up and enjoy a coffee and chat with your Athelstone friends following the recent lockdown. As Café Primo is quite roomy present distancing requirements are easy to maintain. Please contact Jenny Riggall and indicate if transport is needed. Sheralyn will not be available this week as she is recovering from surgery.

Triple Cs

Due to all the uncertainty with Covid possible restrictions the lunch at Marche Club is cancelled for now. Next get together will therefore be August 11 @ TBA.

Regards Ray.

Book Club

We meet regularly to read and discuss books together. We normally 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 reading, "Faith after Doubt" by Brian MacLaren. You are welcome to join us! Our next gathering will be on the 3rd August. For more info, ask Rev Linda.

Threads

If you enjoy creating with thread, or would like to learn, and/or enjoy a chat over a cuppa, come join us 2nd and 4th Tuesdays from 2-4pm at the Indigo café. Threads will next meet again on 10th August.

Stay and Play @ Home

Have you checked out the new plants in the wirra? Stay and Play @ Home families have received their first program of activities for Term 3 this week. The theme “Plough and plant” encourages them to utilize all the beautiful rain, to get into the garden and “Feel the peace” of the earth. Check out the Church website to enroll for Stay and Play @ Home, get some ideas for preschoolers at home, make new friends through Facebook and Buddy Play Dates, or explore the Wirra Blog. New families, team members and wirra workers 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



MISSIONAL

Uniting Communities – Food Donations

The ongoing need for food donations to Uniting Communities, especially during this cold winter, continues. Please bring in your donations and let's fill the giving table! The management of Uniting Communities at Beulah Park is very grateful for the ongoing generous support of the Athelstone congregation.

Brenton Summers

What do you do with plastic bread tags?

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

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 when we are back worshipping together). 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/>.

NOTICES TO MEMBERS

Church Rosters

It is now time to start planning the rosters for September to November. Please consider your availability and email Carol any known dates of unavailability by the 13th August. If there are any changes to your volunteer roles and usual preferences please also let Carol know by this date. For those who can't email me, I will put some volunteer forms in the vestry next week.

Worship and Discipleship Resources

Refer to Worship Email coming on Saturday.

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)

WIDER CHURCH NEWS

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>.

Those who give in cash offerings are invited to place your offerings in the receptacle on the giving table.

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
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
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

Note to Covid Marshals:

Density requirements are currently back to 1 person per 4 square metres: 87 people (maximum including staff) in auditorium and 1 person only at any one time in the toilets. Only 20 people are allowed in lower hall. Please review the most up to date version of the covid-safe plan (copies in office and side entry as well as emailed to you). Masks are required in indoor public settings.

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

	1 st August	8 th August
Prayer with Preacher	Lee O'Connell	Jeff Dry
Worship Leader	Nola Pearce	Di Curtis
Preacher	Linda Driver	Linda Driver
Singer	Marie Bartsch Lyndon Rowe Sylvia Maywald	Nola Pearce Janet Luestner Marie Bartsch
Sound Desk	Don Brown	Noel Maywald
Data Projector	David Walker	David Walker
Chair Steward	Jeff Dry Bernie O'Hara	Bob Stevenson Don Brown
Zoom Production	Paul Driver	Paul Driver
Building Steward	Noel Maywald	Eric Hurrell
Covid Marshal	Jeff Dry/David Walker	Jeff Dry/David Walker
Flowers	Jenny Riggall	Di Curtis
Door Greeter	Lee O'Connell Stella Waugh	Jan Robin Gus Robin
Tick and Flick	Brenton Summers	Lee O'Connell
Notices	Lee O'Connell	Brenton Summers
Bible Reader	Friederike Ashby-Weiss	Noel Maywald
Count Offering	Friederike Ashby-Weiss TBC	Sylvia Maywald Glen Luestner
Morning Tea	Jean Richardson	as per Sheralyn's Roster
Communion Prep	Robyn Fry	N/A
Communion Server	Tara Shirlock Leanne Shirlock	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**

