



**Minister:**

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Linda's day off: Monday

## Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2021

## Good news! We can sing again!

Restrictions have been reduced and we are able to sing this Sunday!

## Acknowledgement to Country

We acknowledge the Kurna people, the traditional custodians on whose land our church was built. We commit ourselves to actively work alongside Aboriginal people for reconciliation and justice.

## A Note from Linda



This week, we begin a new series building connections through Ephesians. Over the next seven weeks I encourage you to join me in slowly reading through Paul's letter to the churches in Ephesus. I have developed reading guides for you to use at home each week. These will be emailed to you and a small supply of hard copies will be available each Sunday.

For this Sunday, our theme is Lavishing Grace. In the first chapter of Ephesians, Paul speaks about the riches of God's grace that he lavished on us in Christ. Come join us, onsite or online.

*Blessings,*

*Linda*

## WORSHIP THIS WEEK

## Reading through Ephesians

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

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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 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 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 Worship and Discipleship resources each Saturday 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](mailto:pddriver@gmail.com)

## **EVENTS/MEETINGS**

### **9.30 am Worship/Music Team Gathering**

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> July – 7.30pm – 9pm at the church

For all those on the music/worship team and anyone else interested, please join Linda and myself to have a catch up. It's been a while since we've met and will be good to be together and engage in some good discussions.

For more info, contact Di Curtis (0419-862-606)

### **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.

## Christmas Lunch 2021 – Planning Meeting

We are holding a planning meeting at Café Va Bene at 10 am on Saturday July 24<sup>th</sup>.

If anyone is interested in joining us please contact Robyn Fry.

## 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.

## CONNECT GROUPS

### Chaps Coffee Chat

Triple C's this Wednesday 14 July @ 1030 at VA BENE Cnr Gorge and Lower NE Roads Campbelltown.

Want the latest Goss, who did what when why then this is where u find out Chaps!

Remember need a lift contact Ray or Bob.

### Stay and Play @ Home

Celebrate NAIDOC week (4<sup>th</sup> -11th July) by visiting the wirra to explore and consider how we can all help to "Heal Country". Come and join us with a variety of tasks, to help maintain this special place in our community.

Check out the Church website to explore the Wirra Blog, 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 27<sup>th</sup> July and 24<sup>th</sup> August in Term 3. The Term 3 Wirra Play Day is on 14<sup>th</sup> 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.

### 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 cafe.

## NOTICES TO MEMBERS

### Safe Church

The Safe Church Team would like to advise you that there is a new Safe Church Website.

To keep yourself informed about the current Safe Church policies and resources, please visit

<https://safechurch.ucasa.org.au>

The Uniting Church, at both state and national levels, has been very active in responding to the recommendations of the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse.

As part of this response, all congregations are required to undertake an annual Safe Church Audit by Monday 26 July 2021. The Athelstone Uniting Safe Church Team, led by Victoria Pederick, will coordinate the completion of our Safe Church Audit. This will be done in close collaboration with the AUC Council and our Minister, Linda Driver.

If you wish to find out more about this Audit or Safe Church generally, please contact Victoria Pederick or Bob Stevenson.

### 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.

## MISSIONAL

### 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/>

## WIDER CHURCH NEWS

### Counting Down to the 16<sup>th</sup> Assembly

With just nine days until the 16th Assembly begins, we encourage you to pray for the meeting and its members to be led by the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Linda is one of the Assembly members.



## Invitation to watch the installation of Rev Sharon Hollis as Assembly President

All Uniting Church members are invited to watch the Opening of the Assembly and the installation of Rev Sharon Hollis as President of the Uniting Church in Australia. The service will take place next Saturday 17 July at 11.30am. Tune in on our website at <https://uniting.church/16thassembly/>

Or our Face book page: <https://www.facebook.com/UnitingChurchAu>

## 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
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 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup>	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 <b>at all other times</b>	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

	11 <sup>th</sup> July	18 <sup>th</sup> July
<b>Prayer with Preacher</b>	Robyn Fry	Meg Edwards
<b>Preacher</b>	Linda Driver	Cate Baker
<b>Worship Leader</b>	Jeff Dry	Robyn Stevenson
<b>Singers</b>	Jeanine Dry Jean Richardson Janet Luestner	Lyndon Rowe Bob Stevenson Marie Bartsch
<b>Sound</b>	Don Brown	Noel Maywald
<b>Data</b>	Meg Edwards (David Walker Prep)	David Walker
<b>Chair Steward</b>	Brenton Summers Bob Stevenson	Sharon Tilley Scott Tilley
<b>Flowers</b>	Jenny Riggall	Raelene Anderson
<b>Building Steward</b>	Noel Maywald	Richard Read
<b>Covid Marshall</b>	Jeff Dry/David Walker	Jeff Dry/David Walker
<b>Door Greeter</b>	Lee O'Connell Robyn Fry	Brenton Summers Coralie Summers
<b>Tick and Flick</b>	Trevor Curtis	Trevor Curtis
<b>Notices</b>	Brenton Summers	Brenton Summers
<b>Bible Reader</b>	Sylvia Maywald	Eric Hurrell
<b>Count Offering</b>	Glen Luestner Gus Robin	? Paul Howland
<b>Communion Prep</b>	N/A	N/A
<b>Communion Server</b>	N/A	N/A
<b>Cleaning</b>	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**

