



Minister:

Rev Linda Driver:

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Linda's day off: Monday

Sunday 25th July 2021

Worship this Sunday will be Online Only.

Connect in with our Zoom service or download a hard copy of a self-guided service.

Look out for an email with further details coming out on Friday.

A Note from Linda

How quickly life changes! We find ourselves back in lockdown – and this time, with even more restrictions. I'm aware that this experience is different for each of you. Some are catching up on tasks and being creative around the home, some are still needing to work (at home or onsite as an essential worker), some are caring for children and supporting their learning, some are unwell, some are needing to have COVID tests and enduring long queues, some are slowing down, some are speeding up, some are finding this a welcome break, some are finding this a lonely, stressful, or bewildering time. Please join me in praying for one another. Please connect with others in our community with messages of encouragement and support. And please reach out if you are struggling.

As a way of remembering our connection with God and with each other, I invite you to light a candle on Sunday morning. Those who are connecting through Zoom will be invited to light a candle at the same time early in the service.

I encourage you to continue with the Ephesians readings and look forward to seeing you online – or in person... hopefully very soon!

The Church Office is closed. Carol and I can be contacted by email or my mobile.

Please note the communication from the General Secretary at the end of the newsletter.

Blessings

Linda

WORSHIP THIS WEEK

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

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.

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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.

Help Please!

This week might be a good time to search for any old images you may have to go in our 50th Anniversary display of activities that have occurred over the year. 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 or Bruce Stewart know so that we can arrange to obtain copies of the images when we can next do so.

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.

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.

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.

Triple Cs

Well that other C for Covid forced cancellation of mini c's last Wednesday.

Hopefully however all will be back to normal for the Wednesday August 4th luncheon 12 noon*at The Marche Club Cnr Newton Gorge Roads. Cost is \$18.00 and I have to notify numbers by July 27th i.e. Tuesday of the coming week. I have advised there will be at least 14 of us so now prove me wrong! * To be confirmed.

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 once lockdown ends! For more info, ask Rev Linda.

Threads

Threads will not be meeting this week due to the lockdown.

Stay and Play @ Home

No matter what your age, the wirra is the perfect place to sit for a moment. Come and join us for a Wirra Play Day. 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 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



MISSIONAL

Uniting Communities – Food Donations

The ongoing need for food donations to Uniting Communities, especially during this cold winter, continues. As we are not able to attend our normal Church service on Sundays until the current lock down ceases, may I suggest that if you wish to continue to support the Uniting Communities food donations appeal, that you do so by storing your donations until such time it is possible to deliver any items to the Church. 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

Accommodation Required

An overseas student completing her Master's degree in Public Health is seeking to rent independent living space in the Rostrevor area. A granny flat or similar personally secure space is desired, with affordability a major concern. Please contact Dean or Nola Pearce if you know of any possibilities. Ph 0448 764 471 (Dean) or 0427 995 799 (Nola)

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 Friday.

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 into an envelope ready to bring next time we meet face to face 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
Please note that all activities onsite are cancelled until the end of the statewide lockdown.			
<i>Saturdays</i>	<i>9.30 – 11.30 pm</i>	<i>Main auditorium</i>	<i>Waratah Calisthenics</i>
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<i>Sundays</i>	<i>Evenings – 6.30 pm usually unless told otherwise, then can come later. Occasionally clean early Monday mornings.</i>	<i>Main building</i>	<i>VIP Cleaning Service</i>
<i>Mondays</i>	<i>4.45 - 6.45 pm</i>	<i>Auditorium</i>	<i>Waratah Calisthenics</i>
<i>Mondays</i>	<i>6.30 - 8.30 pm</i>	<i>Lower hall</i>	<i>Pilates</i>
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>9.30 - 11.30 am</i>	<i>Lower hall</i>	<i>Pilates</i>
Tuesday 29th July	6.30 – 8.30 pm	Meeting online via Zoom	Church Council
<i>Wednesdays</i>	<i>9.30 - 10.30 am</i>	<i>Lower hall</i>	<i>Pilates</i>
<i>Wednesdays</i>	<i>6.30 - 8.30 pm</i>	<i>Auditorium</i>	<i>Waratah Calisthenics</i>
<i>Wed 1st and 3rd</i>	<i>1.30 – 3.30 pm</i>	<i>Meeting Room</i>	<i>Fellowship Group (Nola)</i>
<i>Thursdays</i>	<i>7.30 – 8.30 pm</i>	<i>Auditorium</i>	<i>Worship Practice</i>
<i>Thursdays</i>	<i>6.30 - 8.30 pm</i>	<i>Lower hall</i>	<i>Pilates</i>
Saturday 31st July	1.00 pm – 4 .00 pm	Lower hall	Private Function
<i>At all times</i>	<i>Clinics operate at various times depending on demand. Top hall remains out of bounds at all other times</i>	<i>Top hall & Top car park</i>	<i>Medical HQ Vaccination and Covid Testing Clinics</i>

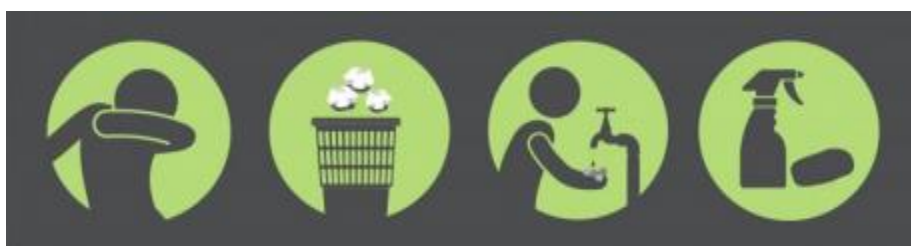
Reminder re activities in the church during Covid-19, when not in lockdown: In order to comply with COVID Marshal Requirements any activity held on site **must have** a covid marshal in attendance. The training can be completed at <https://marshal.clickontraining.com.au/>. The training should take you 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

Even in lockdown, if you are rostered on, please keep this time free. You might still be invited to serve in some way in our online services as appropriate

	25 th July	1 st August
Prayer with Preacher	Glen Luestner	Lee O'Connell
Worship Leader	Lynton Nicholas	Nola Pearce
Preacher	Linda Driver	Linda Driver
Singer		Marie Bartsch Lyndon Rowe Sylvia Maywald
Sound Desk		Don Brown
Data Projector		David Walker
Chair Steward		Jeff Dry Bernie O'Hara
Zoom Production	Paul Driver	Paul Driver
Building Steward		Noel Maywald
Covid Marshal		Jeff Dry/David Walker
Flowers		Jenny Riggall
Door Greeter		Lee O'Connell Stella Waugh
Tick and Flick	Trevor Curtis	Brenton Summers
Notices	Don Brown	Lee O'Connell
Bible Reader	Shelley Walker	Friederike Ashby-Weiss
Count Offering		Friederike Ashby-Weiss TBC
Morning Tea		Jean Richardson
Communion Prep		Robyn Fry
Communion Server		Tara Shirlock Leanne Shirlock
Cleaning		VIP

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ATTACHMENT TO THE NEWSLETTER

Urgent Update from the General Secretary of the Uniting Church SA Synod to Congregations and other Ministries

LATEST COVID-19 UPDATES

July 20th, 2021: Update to COVID-19 Restrictions in SA

The Premier has announced that from 6pm Tuesday 20 July, South Australia will be under Level 5 restrictions. This means a state-wide, 7 day lockdown in South Australia. From 6pm on Tuesday 20 July 2021, there will only be 5 reasons to leave your home:

- Care and compassion reasons such as caring for a loved one
- Essential work
- Medical reasons including vaccination and testing
- Purchase of essential goods such as food
- Exercise – with people in same household, within 2.5km from home, once a day for maximum 90 minutes.

The Premier has made clear that this is a stay at home order. This is a greater level of restriction than we have experienced up until now, due to the current outbreak being the Delta strain of COVID-19.

This means that all activities at churches need to be cancelled for the next 7 days. There is NOT an option for a small group to gather at church to pre-record worship for Sunday. The Emergency Management Direction provides that, 'faith leaders broadcasting services or ceremonies at places of worship' are considered essential workers. This means that only the Minister or person in placement in the Ministry of Pastor is authorised to go to the church to broadcast worship.

We encourage you to be creative about how you worship together this Sunday.

The only other reason that someone may attend the church site is in the event of an emergency (e.g. the alarm goes off; a weather event causes damage)

The Emergency Management Direction also considers to be essential workers those who are providing 'care services for people with particular needs because of homelessness, age, infirmity, disability, illness.... Or other essential support services'. This means that churches who are designated UnitingCare SA Emergency Relief Centres may continue to operate. For further information contact UnitingCare SA.

All Synod sites (Pirie Street office, Brooklyn Park campus and Uniting Venues) will be closed for the next 7 days, with staff working from home. Please continue to be in touch with staff as you need to and to monitor the [SA Government website](#). In this very challenging time, please look after yourselves and each other. Be attentive to the pastoral needs in your community and be gentle with yourself and your loved ones.

Grace and peace,

Felicity Amery

General Secretary

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