



**Minister:**

Rev Linda Driver:

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Linda's day off: Monday

**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2021**

## **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**

Jesus' hometown crowd didn't think much of him – they said he was behaving way above his station. Why weren't they happy a local had made good? Human nature is like that, when people we know change, we don't hesitate to remind them of the foibles of their past as if their changing is offensive to us. But God's story is one of transformation; shepherds become kings, fisher-folk become evangelists. God desires authentic change. This Sunday morning, inspired by the Gospel reading Mark 6:1-13), we are challenged to consider our call, as individuals and as a church; who accompanies us, and whom do we accompany; how and whom do we reject; how and whom do we cheer on; what do we carry on our journey. How might inclusivity be encouraged as we take our place in the accomplishment of God's vision of mercy, justice, and peace?

*Blessings,*

*Linda*

## **WORSHIP THIS WEEK**

### **COVID Update**

As you would be aware there have been some changes this week. Worship will still go ahead this Sunday morning with a few changes. More information will be available later today (Thursday). Keep an eye on your InBox!

### **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.

### **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)

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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
- 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.

## CHURCH COUNCIL

### Declutter Day

Thank you to those who came to our second De-cluttering Day. We hope you have noticed some changes as we refresh our worship space and surrounds to be more attractive and creative.

### 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.



## CONNECT GROUPS

### TOFS

Our next TOFS coffee and chat will be on Tuesday 6th July at Cafe Primo, Dernancourt Shopping Centre. We will meet at 2pm. All are welcome. Please RSVP to Sheralyn.

### Stay and Play @ Home

Most of the plants donated and delivered by Marc O'Conaill from Campbelltown Landcare last Tuesday have been planted and are enjoying the winter rain. We thank Marc for his enthusiastic support of our Wirra over the years and invite others to 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, 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. 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.

## 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/> 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 soon book online at <https://www.adelaidecovidclinic.com.au/> or call the clinic.

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 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 - Postponed**

Symposium and Workshop: Uluru Statement from the Heart and Treaty, Friday 2 and Saturday 3 July. 2021

Due to circumstances beyond our control, and current COVID uncertainty this event has been postponed. We apologise for any inconvenience. Please pass this on to others who plan to attend. For online bookings and refunds please contact Robyn Boyes, [business@pilgrim.org.au](mailto:business@pilgrim.org.au), or the office, 8212 3295, [office@pilgrim.org.au](mailto:office@pilgrim.org.au). Alternatively, you may wish Pilgrim to hold your payment until events are rescheduled.

### **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

	4 <sup>th</sup> July	11 <sup>th</sup> July
<b>Prayer with Preacher</b>	Sheralyn Robertson	Robyn Fry
<b>Preacher</b>	Linda Driver	Linda Driver
<b>Worship Leader</b>	David Walker	Jeff Dry
<b>Singers</b>	Shelley Walker Jeff Dry Jeanine Dry	Jeanine Dry Jean Richardson Janet Luestner
<b>Sound</b>	Don Brown	Don Brown
<b>Data</b>	Samantha Walker	Meg Edwards (David Walker Prep)
<b>Chair Steward</b>	Bernie O'Hara Don Brown	Brenton Summers Bob Stevenson
<b>Flowers</b>	Marie Hickman	Jenny Riggall
<b>Building Steward</b>	Eric Hurrell	Noel Maywald
<b>Covid Marshall</b>	Jeff Dry/David Walker	Jeff Dry/David Walker
<b>Door Greeter</b>	Jan Robin Gus Robin	Lee O'Connell Robyn Fry
<b>Tick and Flick</b>	Trevor Curtis	Trevor Curtis
<b>Notices</b>	Don Brown	Brenton Summers
<b>Bible Reader</b>	Jayne Nicholas	Shelley Walker
<b>Count Offering</b>	Paul Howland <b>TBC</b>	Glen Luestner Gus Robin
<b>Communion Prep</b>	Leanne Shirlock	N/A
<b>Communion Server</b>	Tara Shirlock Leanne Shirlock	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**

