



Minister:

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Linda's day off: Monday

Sunday 22nd 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

This Sunday morning, our preacher will be Rev Elizabeth Vreugdenhil. Elizabeth brings much wisdom about spirituality at different stages of our life.

How are you going with the weekly readings through Ephesians? These will be coming to an end this coming week with the passage about the armour of God.

The focus for next week's morning service will be a look back over Ephesians, drawing together some of the major themes under the title, "It's All About Love".

You are invited to share your insights as part of this service. I invite you to go back through your SOAP journal notes and see if there are any nuggets of wisdom that you'd be willing to share. You can either send me a few words to read on your behalf, send me a short video clip or come up the front and speak for a minute or two. Please let me know ASAP if you have something you'd like to share.

In addition, next Sunday morning, we will share our plans so far for our upcoming 50th Anniversary celebrations. It's time to get excited and think about how you could be involved!

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.

Every person who attends activities on our church property is required to register their attendance by using the COVID Safe Check-In. 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 high risk locations identified by SA Health.

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.

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

Given the ever changing covid restrictions we are doing our best to keep the congregation informed as things change. Currently we have a slightly larger capacity in the church with a density ruling of 1 person per 2 sq metres, masks must be worn and seated morning tea is allowed. While Church Council is working through the ruling on congregational singing there will still be music during the service and we can still come with thanksgiving and praise in our hearts.

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 Saturday.

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.

Stillpoint Spirituality Centre

Stillpoint Spirituality Centre, which is part of Synod Mission Resourcing, is available to resource local Uniting Churches as they journey together in prayer and in deepening their relationship with God. Our library has over 400 books on the spiritual life available for loan.

The Stillpoint Faith Community worships in a contemplative style at Christ Church Uniting, 26 King William Road Wayville on the second and fourth Sunday evenings of the month at 6pm, preceded by a cuppa at 5.30pm. All are most welcome. In addition we visit groups with our prayer program – Taste and See that the Lord is Good – which teaches many different kinds of listening prayers.

Rev Frances Bartlett leads workshops on Mindful Movement and Meditation which provide an experience of the opening of body, mind and soul to the Spirit with gentle prayerful movement and meditation. Her next workshop is on Sat. August 28 from 10.30 to midday, at Christ Church Uniting and is suitable for all ages and abilities. Tickets for \$5 available at Humanitix <https://events.humanitix.com/spirit-space-workshop-with-rev-frances-bartlett>.

Another of Stillpoint's programs is "Spirituality of Ageing" which is the focus for today's Worship Service. We have developed and published two books on Spiritual Reminiscence which enable the reader to review their life history with God as their companion. These books are on sale today for \$15 each.

For more information please contact us at 8271 0329 on Thursdays from 10 am to 2pm, email at stillpoint@internode.on.net., facebook page, and website <https://stillpointsa.org.au> or talk to Elizabeth Vreugdenhil in person on 0400 934 778, email elger@adam.com.au .

CHURCH COUNCIL

Church Council wishes to advise you that a Congregational meeting will be held on Sunday 12 September at 11am following our morning service.

Ann Brown, Secretary congregation

EVENTS

Community Garden

The community garden is taking shape! Thanks to the wonderful volunteers who worked to set up the garden beds on Wednesday. Would you like to be involved? Contact Wendy Rowe for more info.



Christmas Lunch 2021 meeting

We are hoping to host a community lunch on Christmas Day. We are having a planning meeting on Saturday 4th September at 2 pm at Indigo Espresso Café. If you are interested in helping please contact Robyn Fry.

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.

Thank you!

A big thank you to all AUC members who have sent in photos of events held at AUC over the last 50 years. I know some more are still looking and look forward to seeing these. I still need photos, slides, prints from the 1970s, 1980s and 1990s, so if you come across any please let me know so they can be included in the display for the AUC 50th.

Bruce Stewart

CMLA Music and Worship Workshop

Due to the current singing restrictions, the CMLA have decided to change the date of the Music and Worship Workshop to 23 October. This is on the same weekend when we are planning celebrations for our 50th Anniversary. If you have already told Di Curtis that you are planning to go and this new date doesn't suit, please let Di know.

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.

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! 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 on 2nd and 4th Tuesdays from 2-4 pm at the Indigo cafe.

Stay and Play @ Home

Join in the rock fun! A collection of S.A. Rocks have been dropped through the wirra. Can you find any? You are welcome to take one or two and leave elsewhere, posting them on the S.A. Rock facebook site. Join Stay and Play @ Home families and "Feel the peace" of the earth with the next program's theme exploring "Feathers, fur and fins". 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 are welcome. Email resources will be sent out to enrolled families a little earlier than the 24th August as Bruce and Joy will be travelling. The Term 3 Wirra Play Day is on 14th September.

Joy and Bruce Stewart



MISSIONAL

Research on Knitting

Researchers from Adelaide College of Divinity are seeking participants for research on knitting in Christianity. If you are aged over 18 years and have been involved in a knitting project like Common Grace Knit for Climate Action or Christmas Angels and are willing to be interviewed about your experiences, they would love to hear from you. More information: <https://www.facebook.com/ordinaryknitters> or from Steve Taylor (+642 2155 2427 or kiwidrsteve@gmail.com). An info flier is also attached with this newsletter.

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/>.

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

NOTICES TO MEMBERS

Worship Rosters

The new roster for Sept-Nov will be emailed out this week. Please collect a hard copy from the entry foyer if you need one. Please consider your availability to assist in any of the roles on days which say 'volunteer required' and let Carol know if you can help.

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 Resourcing Expo Events

Chasing the Wind of the Spirit:

Commencing this September, the Synod is holding six expo events throughout South Australia. These free events are being designed to be engaging, enabling and will act as a catalyst for the church. It will include speakers both from within and beyond the church in South Australia and a host of workshops and information that will help us all to take another step in pursuing God's plans for the church.

The theme of 'Chasing the wind of the Spirit', speaks to God's activity already occurring around us and the Spirit calling us to follow to where God's mission is taking the church; making disciples to be part of God's mission in congregations and through connections with local communities. To quote Paul Dearborn, 'It's not the church of God that has a mission; it is the God of Mission who has a church.'

The Synod is planning six events commencing on September 18th with an Expo at Adelaide West Uniting Church before travelling to five regional areas in October and early November. It is imagined that these events will take on a 'fair-like atmosphere' warmly welcoming everyone. Food vendors and community groups are encouraged to participate with stalls during the breaks. These free events are open to church groups and individuals who may or may not be regularly involved in church. We aim to connect people while at the same time resourcing them in areas of interest and passion.

This is a milestone event for our Synod. It is not just another conference or meeting. It is an opportunity not to be missed. The church was never supposed to be just for Sundays, it is a pursuit of a higher purpose that connects with our world, an opportunity to identify and partner in God's mission locally.

God's mission is exciting and will take us to places that we never imagined. More info and to register:

https://events.humanitix.com/copy-of-synod-expo-adelaide-west-sept-18th?_ga=2.65329704.783926649.1627540635-315234110.1626333542

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
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
Tuesday 24th August	7.00 – 9.00 pm	Meeting Room	Church Council
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: Current version of covid-safe plan is dated 12th August 2021. Density requirements are back to one person per two square metres: 175 people (maximum including staff) in auditorium and 2 persons only at any one time in the toilets. 40 people are allowed in the lower hall. Please ensure you review the latest covid-safe plan (copies in office and side entry as well as emailed to you when available). Masks are currently still required in indoor public settings.

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

	22 nd August	29 th August
Prayer with Preacher	Di Curtis	Sheralyn Robertson
Worship Leader	Robyn Stevenson	David Walker
Preacher	Elizabeth Vreugdenhil	Linda Driver
Singer	TBC depending on covid restrictions: Bob Stevenson Ann Brown Allan Amber	TBC depending on covid restrictions: Sylvia Maywald Friederike Ashby-Weiss Ann Brown
Sound Desk	David Walker	Noel Maywald
Data Projector	Shelley Walker	Shelley/Sam Walker
Chair Steward	Trevor Goldsmith Brenton Summers	Glen Luestner Bernie O'Hara
Zoom Production	Paul Driver	Paul Driver
Building Steward	Eric Hurrell	Noel Maywald
Covid Marshal	Jeff Dry/David Walker	David Walker
Flowers	Marie Hickman	Carole Walter
Door Greeter	Jenny Riggall David Riggall	Ray Walter Carole Walter
Tick and Flick	Brenton Summers	Brenton Summers
Notices	Brenton Summers	Don Brown
Bible Reader	Friederike Ashby-Weiss	Don Brown
Count Offering	Friederike Ashby-Weiss Glen Luestner	Sylvia Maywald Volunteer needed
Morning Tea	Jan Robin	Lee O'Connell
Communion Prep	N/A	N/A
Communion Server	N/A	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, contact Linda Driver or the worship leader for that service. Thank you.

**Practice
Good
Hygiene**

