



**Minister:**

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Linda's day off: Monday

## Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> 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 week, we continue in our series building connections through Ephesians, focussing on healthy attitudes and in particular, kindness.

COVID restrictions have lifted just a little, meaning we have a slightly larger capacity in the church. Other than that, on Sunday morning, things will be similar to last week... 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. You can take your mask off for morning tea (served safely and consumed while seated).

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

*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 now 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 of the high risk locations at times 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](mailto:newsletter@athelstonechurch.org.au) by 5pm Wednesday.*

Also remember to:

- 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 to maintain the physical distancing of 1.5 m when gathering with others outside of your 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.
- Offering: 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 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](mailto: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**

### **Christmas Lunch 2021 meeting**

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

### **50<sup>th</sup> 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 50<sup>th</sup>.

*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 50<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **Triple Cs**

Chaps Coffee Chat this Wednesday August 11 @ Va Bene @ 1030 Covid permitting. So Chaps come along to impart and gather what is going on around you. Anyone who needs a lift please contact either Bob Stephenson or myself.  
C U THERE OR BE SQUARE!

*Ray Walter*

### **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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays from 2-4 pm at the Indigo cafe. Threads will next meet again on 10<sup>th</sup> August.

### **Stay and Play @ Home**

Have you checked out the new plants in the wirra? Watch out for native bulbs and the weeds too, as the winter rains renew growth! Join Stay and Play @ Home families 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 Face book 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 on 27th July and 24th August in Term 3. 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](mailto:kiwidrsteve@gmail.com)). An info flier is also attached with this newsletter.

## 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 worship rosters for September to November. Please consider your availability and email Carol any known dates of unavailability **by the 13<sup>th</sup> 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, volunteer forms are on the bench in the vestry.

### 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

### National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children's Day and Child Safe Principles

On 4 August communities across Australia celebrated and honoured First Nations children and their connections to culture as part of National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children's Day. To mark the day, the National Safe Church Unit of the Uniting Church has shared a special version of its Child Safe Principles poster for First Nation members and communities (see last page of newsletter).

Celebrated annually, National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children's Day recognises that the safety, wellbeing and development of First Nations Children are bound up with their connections to community, culture, language, and Country. The 2021 theme is Proud in Culture, Strong in Spirit. "All First Nations children have the right to grow up in a culturally-safe environment, guided by the wisdom of elders and connected to culture and community," said Alison Overeem, Leprena Aboriginal and Islander Christian Congress Tasmania (UAICC) Tasmania Manager in a shared statement from the UAICC, UnitingCare Australia, and Uniting Church in Australia Assembly.

The new Safe Church Principles poster includes artwork by Grace Williams, proud Palawa woman from the South-East nations of Lutrawita. "This artwork represents the land on which we walk, the land that nurtures us, and the land our children grow on and with," said Grace. "It represents our connection as a culture, the whole-community approach with our children and how important it is for us to keep our children safe and to raise our children strong in culture, wisdom, knowledge and education. Let's all have a role in keeping our children safe and strong." Safe Church Unit National Director Rev John Cox, said, "Today we celebrate First Nations children and their right to grow up strong in culture and spirit." "We're honoured to collaborate with Grace, and with Ps Mark Kickett, Interim National Chairperson for UAICC, to make this poster available for congregations and communities. As Grace says, we all have a part to play." The Uniting Church's Child Safe principles support the Church to grow a child safe culture across its whole life, helping children and young people feel safe, supported and connected.

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

## In Memory of Deacon Nick Kerr

Deacon Nick Kerr from the Catholic Church passed away on 27th July 2021 after an extended illness; he was 81 years of age. Nick demonstrated a great desire to serve the Church and is remembered in the Uniting Church as Editor of New Times for 17 years and deeply passionate about refugees.

## 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
<i>Saturdays</i>	<i>9.30 – 11.30 pm</i>	<i>Main auditorium</i>	<i>Waratah Calisthenics</i>
<i>Saturdays</i>	<i>9.30 - 11.30 am</i>	<i>Lower hall</i>	<i>Pilates</i>
<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>
<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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup></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>
<i>At all times</i>	<i>Clinics operate at various times depending on demand. Top hall remains out of bounds <b>at all other times</b></i>	<i>Top hall &amp; Top car park</i>	<i>Medical HQ Vaccination and Covid Testing Clinics</i>

**Note to covid marshals:** At the time of newsletter completion the office had not yet received a revised covid safe plan since the one dated 28<sup>th</sup> July. However, it is my understanding that density requirements will go back to 1 person per 4 square metres: 174 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

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

	8 <sup>th</sup> August	15 <sup>th</sup> August
<b>Prayer with Preacher</b>	Jeff Dry	Bob Stevenson
<b>Worship Leader</b>	Di Curtis	David Walker
<b>Preacher</b>	Linda Driver	Leanne Davis
<b>Singer</b>		Depending on covid restrictions: Lyndon Rowe Jean Richardson Sylvia Maywald
<b>Sound Desk</b>	Noel Maywald	Don Brown
<b>Data Projector</b>	David Walker	Samantha Walker
<b>Chair Steward</b>	Bob Stevenson Don Brown	Sharon Tilley Scott Tilley
<b>Zoom Production</b>	Paul Driver	Paul Driver
<b>Building Steward</b>	Eric Hurrell	Richard Read
<b>Covid Marshal</b>	Jeff Dry/David Walker	Jeff Dry/David Walker
<b>Flowers</b>	Di Curtis	Ruth Henderson
<b>Door Greeter</b>	Jan Robin Gus Robin	Lynton Nicholas Jayne Nicholas
<b>Tick and Flick</b>	Lee O'Connell	Trevor Curtis
<b>Notices</b>	Brenton Summers	
<b>Bible Reader</b>	Noel Maywald	Don Brown
<b>Count Offering</b>	Sylvia Maywald Glen Luestner	Gus Robin Lynton Nicholas
<b>Morning Tea</b>	Marie Hickman	Coralie Summers
<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, contact Linda Driver or the worship leader for that service. Thank you.

**Practice  
Good  
Hygiene**





# Principles of a Child Safe Uniting Church in Australia



**1** Child safety and wellbeing is part of leadership, governance and culture.



**2** We listen to children and young people and help them to know their rights and be heard.



**3** Families and communities help promote child safety and wellbeing.



**4** Everyone is respected and treated fairly.



**5** Child safety and wellbeing are important to people working with children and young people.



**6** Processes for complaints are easy for children to understand and use.



**7** Our people have education and training.



**8** Safety is promoted everywhere.



**9** Policies and procedures show how UCA is safe for children and young people.



**10** Documents are up to date. We always look for ways to improve.