



Minister:

Rev Linda Driver:

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Linda's day off: Monday

Sunday 5th September 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

Spring has sprung! The days are getting longer, we are enjoying the occasional warm and sunny day, birds are nesting, magpies are swooping, trees are blossoming, and sweet scents fill the air. In the southern hemisphere, Spring is such a wonderful time to celebrate the Season of Creation. There are signs of new life and renewal all around us.

During September, Christians around the world take part in acts of worship and action focused on how we live in relationship with and care for God's creation. The international theme for the 2021 Season of Creation is *a home for all? Renewing the Oikos of God*. Oikos is the Greek word for "home," or "household." The theme calls us to reflect on the integral web of relationships that sustain the Earth, our common home.

This Sunday is also Father's Day. We give thanks for all the Dads in our church community. We remember all the Dads we miss. We pray for Dads at all stages of parenthood and pray a blessing over each one.

Blessings,

Linda



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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.

Given the ever changing covid restrictions we are doing our best to keep the congregation informed as things change. Currently we have a density ruling of 1 person per 2 sq metres, masks must be worn and seated morning tea is allowed.

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

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.

A word about Singing in Worship from the Synod:

Attendees at indoor religious services may sing during worship and members of choirs or chorus groups may perform or rehearse indoors, if they wear masks while doing so.

The following exemption from mask wearing during singing applies to us: 'the singer is performing individually' – this applies for our worship leader or a soloist.

(To ensure masks remain effective and protect you, you should change your mask as soon as it becomes damp and also after you have finished singing. Make sure you bring spare masks, a bag to keep used masks in, and hand sanitiser to use before and after putting on or taking off a mask).

UPCOMING WORSHIP

Blessing of the Animals

Our Season of Creation will culminate with a Blessing of the Animals service on Sunday October 3rd.

Linked to Saint Francis Sunday, there is a growing tradition of churches hosting Blessing of the Animals services. It is a time to show our gratitude for the animals that have graced our lives. This is the first time that I (Linda) am aware of that we will be having such a service and will be a wonderful way for us to build connections with our local community and our world. We are working with Campbelltown Council to request holding the service in a local park and inviting people from the community to join us. All will be invited to bring along their pets or a picture of an animal they love or an endangered species they care about. All animals must be on a lead or in a secure pen for the safety of other animals and humans. This service will be held in the morning at a slighter later time (10am). More details to come.

CHURCH COUNCIL

Congregational meeting

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

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.

Bruce Stewart still needs photos, slides and prints from the 1970s, 1980s and 1990s, so if you come across any please let Bruce know so they can be included in the display for the AUC 50th.

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.

TOFS

Our next TOFS coffee and cake catch up is on Tuesday 7th September at 2pm. We are meeting at The Messy Tomato, which is a new café at the Newton Village Shopping Centre, 299 Montacute Rd, Newton.

TRIPLE C'S

This coming Wednesday 08 September @1030 am. I have booked PRIMO CAFE AT THE DERNANCOURT SHOPPING CENTRE. WHY HAVE I? It should prove quieter which will allow those of us with a hearing problem to partake more in conversations, of which I hope there will be many. Contact Ray or Bob should a lift be required.

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

Our Term 3 Wirra Play Day for Stay and Play @ Home enrolled families is coming up on 14th September. We will explore the theme "Feel the peace – Sense of touch". 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 19th Oct and 6th Nov in Term 3.

Joy and Bruce Stewart



MISSIONAL

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 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

Thank you

Lisa (Pastoral Care Worker) and the staff of East Torrens Primary School have send a Thank you Card expressing their appreciation for all the delicious homemade food provided for morning tea and lunch. It's on the notice board for those who wish to read it. Thank you to all involved in make this day special for the staff at East Torrens.

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 Child Protection week

National Child Protection Week (first full week in September) is a campaign occurring annually across Australia to raise awareness of child abuse prevention. Concern for the safety and well-being of all, including children and young people, is part of our call to universally respect and value people.

At home this week, families may wish to make us of the attached colouring in sheet. You might also like to have a conversation, and complete this sentence: We are a safe church when ...

More about Child Safe Week here: <https://safechurch.uca.org.au/join-us-for-child-safe-sunday-and-other-activities/>

Assembly Standing Committee begins its work

The newly elected Assembly Standing Committee (ASC) met for the first time over the weekend beginning its work for this triennium. The members of the committee include the youngest and most diverse representation of Uniting Church members elected to the ASC. Read more here: <https://uniting.church/new-asc-begins-its-work/>

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

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
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

	5 th Sept	12 th Sept
Prayer with Preacher	Robyn Fry	Meg Edwards
Worship Leader	David Walker	Dean Pearce
Preacher	Linda Driver	Linda Driver
Singer	Jean Richardson Marie Bartsch (Slade) Shelley Walker	Bob Stevenson Robyn Stevenson Nola Pearce
Sound Desk	Noel Maywald	Noel Maywald
Data Projector	Samantha Walker	David Walker
Chair Steward	Paul Howland Glen Luestner	Bob Stevenson Bernie O'Hara
Zoom Production	Paul Driver	Paul Driver
Building Steward	Paul Howland	Richard Read
Covid Marshal	David Walker	David Walker
Flowers	Raelene Anderson	Jenny Riggall
Door Greeter	Robyn Fry Stella Waugh	Brenton Summers Coralie Summers
Tick and Flick	Lee O'Connell	Trevor Curtis
Notices	Sylvia Maywald	Meg Edwards
Bible Reader	Sylvia Maywald	Ray Walter
Count Offering	Gus Robin Paul Howland	Friederike Ashby-Weiss Lynton Nicholas
Morning Tea	Sam George	Jenny Riggall
Communion Prep	Leanne Shirlock	N/A
Communion Server	Louse Jennings Graham Jennings	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**

