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Rev Linda Driver:

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Linda's day off: Monday

Sunday 17th October 2021

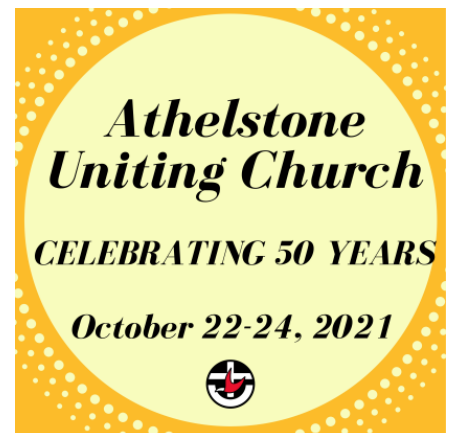
A Note from Linda

Who do we turn to when we have questions? Where do we go to seek wisdom? This is our focus for worship this Sunday morning. In Mark 10:35–45, the disciples are concerned with attaining power and status, but Jesus teaches that God's ways are different, and helps us to learn and follow them.

Looking forward to seeing you on Sunday!

Blessings,

Linda



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

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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.

UPCOMING WORSHIP

STAR WORD SERVICE – Sunday 31st October

There will be a Star Word service on Sunday 31st October, where our church family will share their star word and what that has meant for them this year. If you would like to share your word, please let me (Di Curtis) know. Love and blessings, Di Curtis (0419-862-606)

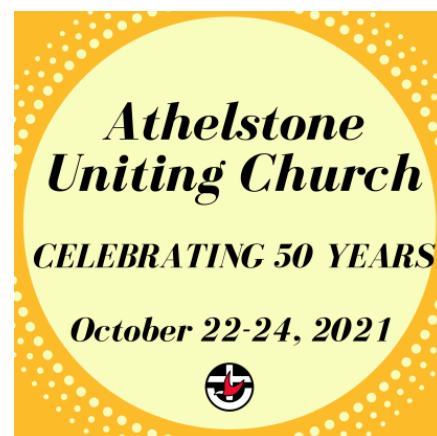
EVENTS

50th Anniversary Celebrations

Our weekend of celebrations is next week! I hope you are catching the excitement. There are lots of different ways that people can connect with us as we celebrate that all that God has done, is doing and will do through our Congregation.

If you haven't RSVP'd yet, please do so as soon as possible – even for the Sunday worship!

Use the online form <https://forms.office.com/r/yHbWC1V8qx> or pick up a hard copy form from the Church Entry and pop it in the Offering Box so that it can be passed onto Carol, our Office Coordinator.



First Aid Person Required – 50th Anniversary Community Afternoon

We are in need of a First Aid Person to be on site at the Community Afternoon on Saturday 23rd Oct between 12 and 4 pm. You/they will need a current first aid certificate. Please contact Robyn Fry if you can volunteer your time and/or know someone who can.

Hanging pictures

Linda is seeking people with expertise or experience in picture frame hanging systems. Please let Linda know if you, or someone you know, can provide advice.

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

Bookings for our 50th Anniversary Wirra Play Sessions (Session 1: 9.45 am – 10.45 am and Session 2: 11 am – 12 pm) on 23rd October can be done via the website, www.athelstonechurch.org or made via this link: <https://forms.office.com/r/yHbWC1V8qx>. Our theme is “Building connections – building with nature, building friendships”.

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.

Joy and Bruce Stewart



MISSIONAL

An update on the Shoeboxes!

Now that September is well and truly here, it is time we again think about filling those shoeboxes. Most importantly, pray for the child who will receive your gift. I will have the shoeboxes and pamphlets on hand each Sunday for you to take. ToFS will again use their October meeting to pack shoeboxes.

Due to COVID I will **not** have a display up each week but am happy to answer questions you might have. If you feel that you are unable to pack a box, there are other ways that you can help: We still need donations, not only of goods, but also of money. It costs \$10 for each shoebox and our congregation has been wonderful in the past in helping to cover these costs for us. You can now give boys and girls in need a tangible expression of God's love through a gift-filled shoebox packed from your computer or mobile device.

Just follow this link: <https://occdonations.samaritanaspurse.org.au/product/pack-a-shoebox-online/>

Bless you all. Friederike



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

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

Dernancourt Uniting Plant Sale & Sausage Sizzle

Dernancourt Uniting is holding a plant sale and sausage sizzle on Saturday 16 October from 9 am to 12 noon. All welcome.

Dernancourt UC is located at 1 Vingara Drive, Dernancourt.

New Times

The Oct-Nov issue of New Times is available to collect this Sunday morning, or available online here: <https://sa.uca.org.au/new-times/new-times-print-edition/>



If you turn to page 22, you will find an article thanking Eric Hurrell for his years of service with the homeless. Congratulations Eric!

You will also note that there is a major focus on studying and growing in faith. If you would like to talk about what might be involved in taking up study at Uniting College, please ask Linda.

Seminary of the 3rd Age

The Seminary of the 3rd Age is a program conducted by respected theological scholars and leaders, offering persons young and old, of any faith or no faith, the opportunity to explore and reflect on questions of faith and spirituality relevant in the 21st century.

Venue: Effective Living Centre (26 King William Road, Wayville, SA).

14 Oct - Gerhard Rüdiger - How Kaurna People have revived: The role of the Churches

21 Oct - Rev Dr Christy Capper - How authentic Selfhood is key to Christian Mission

28 Oct - Panel discussion - How to face the Big Questions of 2021

Further information is available on the Effective Living Centre website and tickets can be purchased for the series or individual sessions via Humanitix.

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 19th Oct	2.30 – 3.30 pm	Meeting Room	Pastoral Care Meeting
Tuesday 19th Oct	7.00 – 9.00 pm	Meeting Room	Exec Meeting, 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
Friday 22nd Oct – Sunday 24th Oct	All times	Whole Building	50th Anniversary Weekend Activities
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 23 Sept. Copies are now located at entrances to the church building.

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

	17 th October	24 th October
	Morning Worship	50 th Anniversary
Prayer with Preacher	Bob Stevenson	Sheralyn Robertson
Worship Leader	Robyn Stevenson	Linda Driver
Preacher	Linda Driver	Bronte Wilson (Moderator)
Singer	Lyndon Rowe Janet Luestner Friederike Ashby-Weiss	Ann Brown Sylvia Maywald Janet Luestner
Sound Desk	David Walker	Noel Maywald
Data Projector	Samantha Walker	David Walker
Chair Steward	Glen Luestner Bob Stevenson	Paul Howland Trevor Goldsmith
Zoom Production	Paul Driver	Paul Driver
Building Steward	Eric Hurrell	Paul Howland
Covid Marshal	David Walker	Lee O'Connell
Flowers	Jenny Riggall	Carole Walter
Door Greeter	Jenny Riggall David Riggall	Brenton Summers Coralie Summers
Tick and Flick	Brenton Summers	Brenton Summers
Notices	Brenton Summers	Lee O'Connell
Bible Reader	Friederike Ashby-Weiss	Ray Walter
Count Offering	Gus Robin Glen Luestner	Friederike Ashby-Weiss Sylvia Maywald
Morning Tea	Carole Walter	Sheralyn Robertson
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**

