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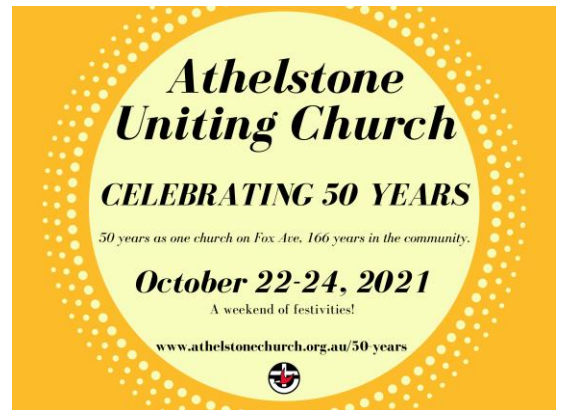
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Linda's day off: Monday

Sunday 24th October 2021

A Note from Linda

The time has come: The Anniversary Celebrations which we have been planning for and anticipating are finally here! There are lots of different ways that people can connect with us as we celebrate 50 years as one Church on Fox Avenue, 166 years in the community! Please consider our guests by providing space in the car park and making all feel welcome.



Our Sunday worship celebration will be the culmination of all our events – a time to give God the glory for all that God has done through this Church in the past, is doing now and will do in the future through our Congregation. Moderator Bronte Wilson will be our guest preacher with the theme "Take Heart". It would be lovely if you could come with a splash of yellow or gold, or wearing a heart if you have one.

Looking forward to seeing you some time over the weekend!

*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 or pddriver@gmail.com.

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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

Where is Linda next week?

Please note that Linda will be on Study Leave for a few days next week and then has a rostered Sunday off next weekend.

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

Congratulations Letter from Campbelltown UC

Dear friends in Christ,

Congratulations from the Campbelltown congregation on the 50th Anniversary of the opening of your current church building. We give thanks to God for the faithful worship, witness, and service of your congregation, and that of the many generations who have gone before you. We pray for God's blessing on your continuing ministry, as you join with God in mission in your neighbourhood, our country, and the world.

Together in ministry,

Rev Rebecca Purling On behalf of Campbelltown UC

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

Each little crocheted loop connects with the next in our “yarn bomb 50”. Let’s do that with our community this weekend.

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.

Stay and Play @ Home resources will be sent out on 6th Nov in Term 4. Special wirra play sessions will be held on 23 Oct as part of our 50th celebrations and then the next Wirra Play Day is on the 7th Dec.

Joy and Bruce Stewart



MISSIONAL

An update on the Shoeboxes!



October is collection month!

Usually, we would have a dedication as part of the service towards the end of October, but due to several circumstances that is not possible this year. So, the dedication of the boxes will be on 7th November.

This means that **boxes should be back by 31st October** with 7th November as the last resort. Thank you to the half a dozen ToFS ladies who came and helped to pack 27 boxes and to those of you who have already returned yours.

Keep them coming.

Samaritan's Purse have been blessed with the provision of a Warehouse at Port Adelaide this year in which to Process and load into shipping containers the boxes once they have been checked and packed into cartons.

If any of you are interested in participating this year in Processing the boxes, helping them on the next part of their journey, the link below will enable you to register to do this. They will be processing from the 30th October until the end of November.

<https://samaritanpurse.org.au/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/volunteer-processing-centres/>

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

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).

One event left: 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
Mondays	Morning	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
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

	24 th October	31 st October
	50th Anniversary	Star Words Service
Prayer with Preacher	Sheralyn Robertson	Robyn Fry
Worship Leader	Linda Driver	Di Curtis
Preacher	Bronte Wilson (Moderator)	Star Words Service
Singer	Ann Brown Sylvia Maywald Janet Luestner	Nola Pearce Lyndon Rowe Marie Bartsch (Slade)
Sound Desk	Noel Maywald	Noel Maywald
Data Projector	David Walker	Shelley Walker
Chair Steward	Paul Howland Trevor Goldsmith	Scott Tilley Sharon Tilley
Zoom Production	Paul Driver	Paul Driver
Building Steward	Paul Howland	Richard Read
Covid Marshal	Lee O'Connell	Jeff Dry
Flowers	Carole Walter	Ruth Henderson
Door Greeter	Brenton Summers Coralie Summers	Gus Robin Jan Robin
Tick and Flick	Brenton Summers	Lee O'Connell
Notices	Lee O'Connell	Lee O'Connell
Bible Reader	Ray Walter	Sylvia Maywald
Count Offering	Friederike Ashby-Weiss Sylvia Maywald	Gus Robin Glen Luestner
Morning Tea	N/A	Sam George
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**

