



Minister:

Rev Linda Driver:

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Linda's day off: Monday

Sunday 31st October 2021

Our service on Sunday 31st October will be a Star Word service, where our church family will share their star word and what that has meant for them this year.

A reminder that Linda is on study leave 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.

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EVENTS

Thank you!

We would like to say a huge Thank You and Congratulations to everyone who contributed to making our Anniversary Celebrations the great success that they were. Please see the attached letter from Rod Webber that captures the spirit of what the weekend was all about (printed with his permission)

Lost Purse

A coin purse with aboriginal designs was brought to Saturday's Quiz Night and may have been left or lost at the church. If you see it, please hand it in to the office, so it can find its way back to the owner.

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.

Chaps, Coffee Chat

Please diarise next meeting at Café Settebello on Wed. Nov 10 @ 1030am. All Chaps welcome to come and get, pass on or find out latest happenings. Contact Ray or Bob if a ride is 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

A busy time was had in the Wirra last Saturday morning for our 50th celebration and we welcome at least 2 new families into Stay and Play @ Home as a result. Our theme for Term 4 explores the last of the senses with "Smell and taste the peace". 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 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://samaritanspurse.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

Interfaith Forum - Story-telling with Liam Grant

A weekend of myth-making and story-sharing.

Date and Time: Friday & Saturday, 5- 6 November @ 4 pm onwards

Venue: Montacute Institute Hall, Institute Road, Montacute

Options: Camp with us (tents / caravans) or visit Friday and/ or Saturday

Cost: \$30 per person or \$50 per couple

Contents: Workshops, bushwalks, open mic and story-presentation.

RSVP to Liellie by 30 October at 0437794410 or Liellie@ozemail.com.au

Organ Concert – Payneham Road Uniting Church

Payneham Road Uniting Church is hosting an organ concert featuring PRUC Organ Scholar, Val Estrella and supporting artist on Saturday 27 November 2021 from 7.99 – 8.00 pm. Book online via

<http://www.trybooking.com/BUXQN> or tickets can be purchased from the church or at the door. Contact Church Office Ph 0438 706 957 or see their website. Address: 343 Payneham Road (enter Broad Street), Marden, SA.

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
Sunday 31st Oct	12.00 – 4.00 pm	Main auditorium	Waratah Calisthenics Concert – Private Hire
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
Tuesday 2nd Nov	7.00 – 9.00 pm	Meeting Room	Church Council Meeting
Tuesday 2nd Nov	7.00 – 8.00 pm	Main auditorium	Private Hirer
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 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

	31 st October	7 th November
	Star Words Service	Communion
Prayer with Preacher	Robyn Fry	Meg Edwards
Worship Leader	Di Curtis	Jeff Dry
Preacher	Star Words Service	Linda Driver
Singer	Nola Pearce Lyndon Rowe Marie Bartsch (Slade)	Ann Brown Jeanine Dry Jean Richardson
Sound Desk	Noel Maywald	Don Brown
Data Projector	Shelley Walker	David Walker
Chair Steward	Scott Tilley Sharon Tilley	Jeff Dry Don Brown
Zoom Production	Paul Driver	Paul Driver
Building Steward	Richard Read	Noel Maywald
Covid Marshal	Jeff Dry	David Walker
Flowers	Ruth Henderson	Marie Hickman
Door Greeter	Gus Robin Jan Robin	Ray Walter Carole Walter
Tick and Flick	Lee O'Connell	Lee O'Connell
Notices	Lee O'Connell	Meg Edwards
Bible Reader	Sylvia Maywald	Noel Maywald
Count Offering	Gus Robin Glen Luestner	Paul Howland Friederike Ashby-Weiss
Morning Tea	Sam George	Jenny Riggall
Communion Prep	N/A	Leanne Shirlock
Communion Server	N/A	Ros Howland Tara Shirlock
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**



From: Rod Webber
Sent: Sunday, 24 October 2021
Subject: Wonderful Weekend of Celebration

Hello Linda,

This is a note of thanks to you and the team at AUC.

Keren and I have just returned home from our weekend with you in celebrating the AUC 50 Years+++. We were so very blessed to be able to re-acquaint with many wonderful people who were so significant and influential in leading, developing, nurturing and encouraging us in our faith.

Some background on the significance of AUC to our family:

Two of our three children were born in Athelstone and with their grandparents in different States; we were so blessed to have Max and Val Amber fill the gap to become the pseudo Grandparents to our Adrian, Briony and Michael in their formative years.

Glen Luestner taught our son Michael drums from age 7 for several hundred lessons. It was not just the technical skills he taught but his nurturing of Michael in the privilege it is to be a musician able to minister with music in Worship. (Michael has gone on to become a Pastor in the Creative and Worship Ministries of Hill Song Victoria and Planet Shakers Internationally).

I personally came to faith in the AUC and subsequently it was our spiritual home as our family grew.

In Alan George's time as Pastor at AUC and when Dean (and Ginny) Brooks was the Evangelism Consultant to Synod, Keren's music ministry emerged and was encouraged and developed with opportunities emerging in the broader UC to become involved with the KAIROS period and the lead up to NCYC95 with Stue Cameron and Craig Bailey.

There have been many other blessings along our journey; however, we remain thankful that AUC and its people were such an influence in our walk.

Congratulations on being such a significant witness to your community and facilitating such a wonderful opportunity for the cohort of the AUC (past and present) to reflect on the rich heritage from which we have grown.

Thank you for your hospitality.

Rod Webber