



Minister:

Rev Linda Driver:

Mobile 0458 500 656

Linda's day off: Monday

Sunday 14th November 2021

This morning we welcome Alice Kroker as our guest speaker.

Linda is on annual leave this week and will return on Tuesday 16th November.

Worship on-site

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.

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.

UPCOMING WORSHIP

Christmas services

6.30 pm Christmas Eve - a service aimed at families - "a VERY Messy Christmas"

9.30 pm Christmas Eve – a more reflective service with Carols and Candles

9.30 am Christmas Day – a Christmas Celebration

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Please email newsletter items to newsletter@athelstonechurch.org.au by 5pm Wednesday.

Sunday 26 December service

In last week's newsletter, reference was made to a decision by Church Council not to offer a service on the Sunday after Christmas Day (26th December). As a result of further discussions and a commitment from a team of volunteers to be involved, I am pleased to advise that Church Council has amended its decision and a service will be held on Sunday 26 December at 9.30am. We are still looking for more volunteers to assist that morning so if you are available then please contact me and I can pass on your interest to those who will be planning the service.

Jeff Dry

Worship Rosters

November is the time that we will need to set up rosters for the next roster period, December 2021 through to February 2022. We also need to start planning our Christmas Services. Please consider your dates of availability, or unavailability for this next roster period and our Christmas services and either input them straight into Elvanto, or email them to Carol **no later than this Sunday 14th November**.

Inputting dates straight into Elvanto:

The simplest and most accurate method is for you to enter your dates of unavailability straight into Elvanto yourself. You do this by simply logging in, clicking on unavailability and entering your dates in the form that comes up and the clicking Submit. If you need help logging in to Elvanto, Carol can assist and set you up with login details. If you'd rather email them to Carol then please still do so.

CHURCH COUNCIL

Church Council Update

Church Council update - at the recent meeting of Church Council the following matters were discussed and a summary of the key points have been detailed in order to keep our congregation informed.

Church Council nominations

In February 2022 there will be numerous vacancies on our Church Council as the term of office for 6 current members will be completed. In the coming weeks we will be seeking nominations for the 2022 Church Council and so you are asked to carefully consider whether you would like to nominate for any of these vacancies.

A Church Council helps build the congregation up in faith and love which involves encouraging each member of the congregation to be active disciples in all of their life, not just while in the church building. Church Council members should be Christian servants and role models with spiritual gifts that lend to, among others, leadership, wisdom, and administration.

If you believe God might be calling you to consider this opportunity and you would like to know more before you make the decision then please speak to either Linda or Jeff in the coming weeks.

NCLS

Our church is joining with thousands of churches across the country in the 2021 National Church Life Survey. This involves our church members participating in a survey one Sunday following our normal service. Church Council has chosen Sunday 5 December as the preferred date so please note this date in your diary and be prepared to remain behind on that Sunday to take part in this important survey process. More details to follow in coming weeks.

Annual Reports for AGM

With our AGM occurring in Feb2022 it is time for leaders of our church groups/activities to commence thinking about their annual reports. A template will soon be provided to the leaders to use for completing their report. The template will be asking leaders to report on how their activity aligns with our strategic plan mission and priorities. Reports need to be submitted to Carol in the office **by the 9th December** for collation before the summer office closure.

Annual General Meeting - Advance Notice

Our next annual general meeting of the congregation will be held on 27th February. Please note this date in your diaries.

THANK YOU

Morialta Rotary

A big thank to the Rotary club in Morialta for being part of our 50th Community event on Saturday afternoon. Thank you to Brenton for selling the ice creams and to the crew who manned the bbq. Also for the donation of fruit boxes that were given out to the children for free.



Thank you

I would just like to extend my sincere gratitude to the Athelstone Uniting leadership and congregation for the amazing care, concern and love shown to me and my family during Mike's recent illness and death. I have felt totally surrounded and held by a circle of love, kindness and compassion as you have all expressed the love of Christ in such generous ways. This truly is a congregation that shines Christ's light in the world and especially in my life at this present time. Thank you.

Lee O'Connell

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.

Stay and Play @ Home

Builders were at work in the wirra for our 50th celebration and we built on our Stay and Play @ Home family by welcoming at least 2 new families.

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 Facebook 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 16th Nov in Term 4 and then the next Wirra Play Day is on the 7th Dec.



MISSIONAL

An update on the Shoeboxes!

Today (Wednesday) I took our shoeboxes to the processing centre in Port Adelaide. Lynnette Beck was pleased to see me and passed on greetings to you all.

She was able to tell me that all this year's shoeboxes from Australia will be to Cambodia. Bless you all.

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Thank you!

I am pleased to advise that over the last month we have collected the following funds to be distributed to Frontier Services and the Animal Welfare League.

Frontier Services \$ 421.75

Animal Welfare League \$ 321.50

Once again the generosity of the people of Athelstone Uniting Church in supporting organizations outside ourselves has been demonstrated.

Glen Luestner, Treasurer

A letter from AWL

Thank you so much for organising the donations for AWL. I can say I have personally seen the animals loving their new toys and enjoying the good treats, food and blankets. Every bit helps brighten the day for the animals in care with us.

Here are some photos of one of the cats playing with one of the toys, hopefully will help brighten your day a bit.



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

Act2

Have you heard about the biggest conversation that's happening in the Uniting Church? You are invited to be part of a conversation about the future to which God is calling our Church.

To find out more about Act2 and how you can be part of this important conversation, first read the Introduction to the project at this link: <http://form.jotform.com/203201030312024>.

There will be a number of opportunities to participate across the Church between now and the end of the year. Assembly General Secretary Colleen Geyer has also written an explanation of the Act2 theme which is available here: <https://uniting.church/whats-in-a-name-uca-act2/>.

In addition, new bible studies are being offered on the Basis of Union. Access them here: <https://uniting.church/our-life-together-reflections-on-the-basis-of-union/>

CMLA – Celebratory Dinner

The Centre for Music, Liturgy and the Arts is celebrating more than ten years of ministry. Now is the time to have some relaxing fun and to enjoy the company of kindred spirits at the CMLA Celebratory Dinner.

On the 3-course menu will be great food from the team at Nunyara, views of the city lights on a late spring evening, offerings from MiniM choir and Subtle Bricks and other musicians. A silent auction will be part of the festivities too. Come and join the celebrations and fundraising dinner.

Date: Sunday 14th November 2021

Venue: Nunyara Conference Centre, Belair, SA

Time: 5.30 pm – 9.30 pm

Cost: \$70 per person or book a table for 12 for \$750 – a great reason to bring friends with you.

Enquiries to Sharonne Price on 0417811517, sharonneprice@gmail.com or Anne at the CMLA: admin@cmla.org.au

Bookings: www.cmla.org.au

CommuniTEA – Volunteers needed

Did you have the opportunity to participate in the CommuniTEA sessions at our 50th celebrations?

CommuniTEA is a unique experience where people get to share a lovely cup of tea over conversation with the goal of getting to know others. We had lots of positive feedback from our CommuniTEA sessions. We now have the opportunity to offer CommuniTEA sessions to more people through Campbelltown Council's Ageing Well Expo on the 23rd of November. This is a wonderful opportunity to build our connections in the community. Linda is looking for volunteers who would be willing to come and be part of the Tea Crew. Sessions will be at 10.45am, 11.45 am and 12.45pm. The Tea Crew is needed to help set up beforehand, serve during the sessions, and then pack up afterwards. Linda needs at least 2 Tea Crew per session. For more information and to volunteer, please email Linda: minister@athelstonechurch.org.au.

Ageing Well Expo & Celebration

Tuesday 23 November, 10.30am – 3.30pm.

Campbelltown Function Centre & Council Chambers

Campbelltown City Council's Ageing Well Expo and Celebration provides an opportunity to showcase information, local organisations and services, social groups and facilities that are available to older people in the Campbelltown area. It provides an opportunity for older people to connect to others within our community and to find ways to Age Well in the City of Campbelltown.

The expo and celebration is intended for people over 60, their families, care givers and friends. There will be information stalls, talks, workshops, light refreshments and entertainment. A complimentary BBQ lunch, and tea and coffee will be available. The day will conclude with a fashion show, commencing at 2.30pm in the Function Centre.

Visit www.campbelltown.sa.gov.au/activeageing for a full program. Everyone is welcome to attend the Expo; however bookings are required for some sessions. To book, visit <https://ageingwellexpo.eventbrite.com.au>.

For enquiries or assistance with transport to the event, please contact Bianca on 8366 9272

or bconnelly@campbelltown.sa.gov.au.

Please see attached flier. For enquiries about CommuniTEA, please contact Linda.

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
Friday 12th Nov	9.00 – 1.00 pm	Main building	Private Hirer – Ordination Retreat (Wimala)
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
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 located at entrances to the church building. 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

	14 th November	21 st November
	Morning Worship	Morning Worship
Prayer with Preacher	Glen Luestner	Lee O'Connell
Worship Leader	David Walker	Lynton Nicholas
Preacher	Alice Kroker	Linda Driver
Singer	Janet Luestner Marie Bartsch Sylvia Maywald	Ann Brown Bob Stevenson
Sound Desk	Noel Maywald	Don Brown
Data Projector	Samantha Walker	David Walker
Chair Steward	Glen Luestner Bernie O'Hara	Bob Stevenson Brenton Summers
Zoom Production	Paul Driver	Paul Driver
Building Steward	Eric Hurrell	Paul Howland
Covid Marshal	Jeff Dry	David Walker
Flowers	Carole Walter	Raelene Anderson
Door Greeter	Jenny Riggall David Riggall	Gus Robin Jan Robin
Tick and Flick	Lee O'Connell	Trevor Curtis
Notices	Don Brown	Brenton Summers
Bible Reader	Eric Hurrell	Lee O'Connell
Count Offering	Sylvia Maywald Glen Luestner	Paul Howland Friederike Ashby-Weiss
Morning Tea	Jan Robin	Coralie Summers
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**

