



**Minister:**

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Linda's day off: Monday

## Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2022

### A note from Linda

In this season of Epiphany, we explore how we find God in our everyday lives, sometimes in unexpected and surprising ways. This week, I encourage you to consider your blessings – those times when you have felt happy or content.

As we are blessed, we are called to be a blessing to others. Reflect on how you might be a blessing to others, especially to those who are poor, hungry, sad or excluded. How might you help them to know God's presence and favour, or bring a sense of inner wellbeing, happiness and joy?

The season of Lent is coming soon!

Look out for an extra email coming out soon with details about our plans for Lent.

*Blessings,*

*Linda*

### Wood Burned Tiles – last opportunity this week

We have received the gift of some wood burned tiles with encouraging bible passages. These have been made by and kindly donated by Victoria Silverblade. On Sunday morning, you are welcome to take one or more. Victoria suggests a gold coin donation. Any money raised will go to Frontier Services as part of our fundraising to support them this year. Victoria's Instagram page if you are interested is [pyrography.by.tori](https://www.instagram.com/pyrography.by.tori).

### Worship on-site

Every person who attends activities on our church property is **STILL REQUIRED to register their attendance by using the COVID Safe Check-In**. This is because activities, including worship, are considered to be public activities.

**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 notified by anyone that you may be a close contact 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. Please wear a badge if you are exempt from wearing a mask. Thank you.

### 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 the link below:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88191652947?pwd=M1pMZCtXY2FGOENtaGN3M3EwcVh6Zz09>

or enter this **Meeting ID:** 881 9165 2947 and **passcode:** 7777

Worship resources are emailed out each 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](mailto:pddriver@gmail.com).

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*Please email newsletter items to [newsletter@athelstonechurch.org.au](mailto:newsletter@athelstonechurch.org.au) by 5pm Wednesday.*

## **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**

### **Worship Rosters for March, April and May 2022 including Easter**

It is time to prepare new rosters. Please consider your dates of availability, or unavailability for this next roster period and Easter services and either input them yourself straight into Elvanto, or email them to Carol **no later than Monday 14<sup>th</sup> February**.

Easter services include Good Friday and Easter Sunday (both at 9.30am).

There will also be a time of prayer on Maundy Thursday evening. Please let Linda know directly if you are interested in assisting with preparing prayer stations and making people welcome.

## **EVENTS**

### **Annual General Meeting of the Congregation**

Church Council wishes to advise all members of Athelstone Uniting Church that we will be holding our AGM on Sunday 27 February 2022 at 10.45am. At the AGM voting will occur for Church Council and Presbytery representatives. Nomination forms are available in the church foyer.

Please prayerfully consider who you might nominate for these very important roles. The roles to nominate for are:

- Chairperson of the Congregation - 2 year term
- Church Council member – 2 year term (up to 7 positions available)
- Presbytery Representative – 1 year term.

If you have any questions please contact Jeff Dry 0408 254 489.

*Robyn Fry*

## **CHURCH COUNCIL**

### **Volunteers**

Thanks to all those who volunteer their time to take on the many roles that assist in the conduct of our Sunday morning worship services. Please remember if you have been rostered and are unable to fulfil your role then it is your responsibility to find a replacement.

### **Church Census**

During the next month our congregation has been asked to complete the National Church Life Survey and as a result an invitation is being given to each member of the congregation to participate in the survey process. Further details [https://webmail.athelstonechurch.org.au/roundcube/?\\_task=addressbook](https://webmail.athelstonechurch.org.au/roundcube/?_task=addressbook) will be provided in the coming weeks.

### **Medical HQ bookings**

Please note the new times to book for the clinic as from the beginning of 2022 – they will be doing vaccinations from 9am to 12noon Monday to Saturday. Testing will be Monday to Friday from 1pm until 4 or 5 pm. There is a possibility that they will be doing more vaccination afternoons instead of testing in February.

## **Covid Marshal Update**

Under the current version of our covid safe plan (dated 28 January 2022) Covid Marshals are NOT required.

If you have any concerns bring them to Jeff Dry or Linda Driver.

Contact Tracing using QR codes or approved sign in procedures are STILL REQUIRED. This is because church services and other activities in our building are considered to be public activities.

## **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.

## **Triple C's**

Thank you to all 14 who showed at Settebello last Wednesday. I am sure that our visit was appreciated as there were very few other folk, Covid is really hitting their business hard. The chatter was going on all around the table which was great to hear. Diarise next get together MARCH 09 @ TBA.

*Regards Ray*

## **Threads**

If you enjoy creating with thread, or would like to learn, and/or enjoy a chat over a cuppa, come join us on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays from 2-4 pm at the Indigo cafe.

## **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.

## **Fellowship Group**

Nola's Fellowship Group will meet at Indigo Cafe, at 1.30 pm on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays of the month in 2022.

## **Stay and Play @ Home**

This week, Stay and Play @ Home families received their first on line programme exploring our theme for 2022, International Year of Glass. So whether you are a child, carer or team member, join in our play and have fun learning more about glass. More team helpers for Wirra Play Days in 2022 are needed. It's only 4 sessions/year! Help set up/pack up, chat to carers or play with children. 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 enjoy some nature play at a Wirra Play Day.

*Joy and Bruce Stewart*



## MISSIONAL

### CommuniTEA volunteers

We have been invited to co-host more CommuniTEA events with Campbelltown Council and Campbelltown Uniting. These events will be with Council's Home Support clients – all local older people.

We are looking for volunteers who would be willing to come and be part of the Tea Crew. Training will be provided.

Dates: Wednesday 16 February 10am – 11.30am, Wednesday 2 March 10am – 11:30am, Thursday 14 April 10am – 11:30am – all to be held at the Council Chambers or Function Centre.

Would you like to come and be part of this unique opportunity to connect with people in our local community?

Please contact Rev Linda as soon as possible.

### Uniting World - Thank you for the love you've shown Tonga

Our friends in Tonga are incredibly grateful for the support so many of you have shown since Hunga Tonga-Hung Ha'api erupted on Jan 15, causing a tsunami and massive destruction on remote islands. Ash fall from the volcano has also severely threatened crops and supplies of clean drinking water. With your help we've raised over \$125,000 so far for our partners to invest into their work caring for people impacted by the disaster. Thank you!

If you would like to add your support for Tonga you can still give here: <https://donate.unitingworld.org.au/tonga>

To read more and see examples of your past support in action check out: <https://unitingworld.org.au/update-from-the-tonga-disaster-response/>

### 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*

### 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/>.

## 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 (Lee O'Connell, Brenton Summers, Ann Brown, Bob Stevenson and Linda Driver). 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)

## WIDER CHURCH NEWS

### Synod Representatives in 2022

Wimala Presbytery is currently seeking nominations for Synod Representatives in 2022. The only requirement is that the nominee must be a confirmed member of the Uniting Church in Australia. Nominations can be made by the nominee themselves, or put forward by any church member (adherent or confirmed or member in association), a church council or a congregation. Nominations close 26<sup>th</sup> February 2022.

Nomination forms are available on the wimala webpage: <https://wimala.ucasa.org.au> or from Carol in the AUC office.

### Churches Together SA – Spiritual Retreat

As we enter the season of Lent and journey towards Easter, this ecumenical retreat offers a still point in the busyness for prayerful reflection and spiritual refreshment.

Sat 26 Feb 9.30am – 3.30pm. Leader: Sharonne Price. Nunyara Conference Centre. Cost: \$60 incl Lunch. Register your interest at: <https://form.jotform.com/213327745761055>

### International Women's Day Breakfast

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2022 7 – 9 am. Speaker: Rev'd. Assoc. Prof. Vicky Balabanski. Venue: Cachemira, 137 Magill Road, Stepney. Cost \$40. Confirm your place at a table via <https://form.jotform.com/213338687335059>

### 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 BUILDING - 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
Tuesdays	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
<b>Thursday 17<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>From 9.30 am</b>	<b>Auditorium, Meeting Room, Offices</b>	<b>Carpet Cleaning – Nigel Beale</b>
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 <b>at all other times</b>	Top hall & Top car park	Medical HQ Vaccination and Covid Testing Clinics

**Note to covid marshals:** Current version of covid-safe plan is dated 28 January. Copies are located in the office and at entrances to the church building. It seems that covid marshals are not currently required under this version of the covid safe plan.

## CHURCH ROSTER

	13 <sup>th</sup> Feb	20 <sup>th</sup> Feb
	<b>Morning Worship</b>	<b>Morning Worship</b>
<b>Prayer with Preacher</b>	Di Curtis	Bob Stevenson
<b>Worship Leader</b>	Di Curtis	Lynton Nicholas
<b>Preacher</b>	Linda Driver	Anna Wilson
<b>Singer</b>	Sylvia Maywald Allan Amber Nola Pearce	Shelley Walker Friedericke Ashby-Weiss Jean Richardson
<b>Sound Desk</b>	Noel Maywald	Don Brown
<b>Data Projector</b>	David Walker	Samantha Walker
<b>Chair Steward</b>	Trevor Goldsmith Paul Howland	Sharon Tilley Scott Tilley
<b>Zoom Production</b>	Paul Driver	Paul Driver
<b>Building Steward</b>	Paul Howland	Noel Maywald
<b>Covid Marshal</b>	N/A	N/A
<b>Flowers</b>	Raelene Anderson	Di Curtis
<b>Door Greeter</b>	Jan Robin Gus Robin	Robyn Fry Stella Waugh
<b>Tick and Flick</b>	Brenton Summers	Trevor Curtis
<b>Notices</b>	Brenton Summers	Don Brown
<b>Bible Reader</b>	Friederike Ashby-Weiss	Sylvia Maywald
<b>Count Offering</b>	Trevor Goldsmith Paul Howland	Sylvia Maywald Sam George
<b>Morning Tea</b>	Jenny Riggall	Marie Hickman
<b>Communion Prep</b>	N/A	N/A
<b>Communion Server</b>	N/A	N/A
<b>Cleaning</b>	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**

