



**Minister:**

Rev Linda Driver:

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Linda's day off: Monday

## Sunday 20<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 Sunday morning, we will hear from guest preacher, Anna Wilson. Anna will preach on the theme of forgiveness and showing grace. Looking forward to seeing you there if you can!

*Blessings, Linda*

### Attending worship and other activities 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 many of our everyday activities such as Sunday morning worship, Messy Church and other connection activities are defined by SA Health as public activities. **So please ensure you bring your mobile phones to anything on site**. A sign in sheet will be available when use of the QR code is impossible. Please don't come if you are unwell or if you have been notified by anyone that you may be a close contact. Please **wear a mask** unless you have a valid reason not to wear one. 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

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.

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).

## MISSIONAL

### CommuniTEA volunteers

Last Wednesday was the first of 3 CommuniTEA events co-hosted with Campbelltown Council and Campbelltown Uniting. The first was a great success with those attending (Council's Home Support clients – all local older people) really enjoying sampling the teas and most importantly, the conversation.

Venue: 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? Linda is still looking for a volunteer for Wednesday 2 March (arrive 9.30am, finish by 12noon). Training will be provided. Please contact Rev Linda as soon as possible.

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

## PACKING DAY: SAVE THE DATE, START COLLECTING!

Once again the Athelstone Uniting Church is coordinating the packing of goods for indigenous communities in northern and central Australia. **Please save the dates: Sunday June 5<sup>th</sup> and Monday June 6<sup>th</sup>**

This event is a chance for our church community to engage in some fellowship and I would love to have you join us in the camaraderie of the Packing Day.

As in previous years we are collecting for the communities north of Darwin so require clothing and manchester that would be suitable for these tropical destinations.

Attached to the Newsletter is a flyer detailing the goods required.

Along with used goods, there are some **new** items that could be purchased – underwear, stationery, toiletries.

Goods can be dropped off at Church on Sunday mornings. See Jayne and she will arrange for them to be stored in the shed. If you have any questions please ask Jayne Nicholas 0418836266.

## Uniting Communities – Food Donations

Please keep bringing in your donations and let's fill the giving table!

*Brenton Summers*

## What do you do with plastic bread tags?

Bring them to church to support the charity Aussie Bread tags for Wheelchairs.

You'll find a container in the Church Entry. More details here: <https://ozbreadtagsforwheelchairs.org.au/>.

## 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. Please refer to our website for more information.

Connect Group	When/Where	Contact
Threads	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesdays 2-4 pm Indigo Espresso Cafe	Linda Driver
Book Club	1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays at 9 am, Indigo Espresso Cafe	Linda Driver
Fellowship Group	1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays at 1.30 pm Indigo Espresso Cafe	Nola Pearce
Stay n Play at Home	Material circulated 8 <sup>th</sup> March	Joy and Bruce Stewart
Wirra Play Days	29 <sup>th</sup> March at 10 – 11.30 am	Joy and Bruce Stewart

## Stay and Play @ Home

Look at what has appeared in the wirra after the rains. Families are exploring our theme for 2022, International Year of Glass, and looking forward to our first Wirra Play Day for this year. 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*



## NOTICES TO MEMBERS

### Annual General Meeting of the Congregation

We will be holding our AGM on Sunday 27 February 2022 at 10.45am. Reading material for the congregational meeting has been circulated today via email. There will be limited hardcopies available for those who require one on the day.

### 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. Full instructions were emailed out this week. Briefly,

To complete online:

Open the following link to complete the survey – <https://attendersurvey.ncls.org.au/>

On opening the survey before commencing enter the **NCLS Church Code UA460201**

To complete a paper copy: Please take a paper copy from the cupboard in the church entry.

### Peaches

Janet and John Armstrong have a very productive peach tree. Grant was able to preserve quite a few and we'd like to share them with you. I will have some there on Sunday and all we ask in exchange is a gold coin donation towards Frontier Services. *Freddie*

### 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

### World Day of Prayer 2022 – England, Wales and Northern Ireland

You are invited to join [Campbelltown Uniting](#) in a special prayer service as part of the World Day of Prayer.

When: Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March at 10 am. Location: Campbelltown Uniting Church, Lower North East Road, Campbelltown. Parking off Rowney Ave. Contact Person is Alison Warren 8265 0546.

### 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/>

Uniting Church in Australia News: <https://uniting.church/news/>

## 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
<b>Wed 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb</b>	<b>4.30 – 5.30 pm</b>	<b>Lower hall</b>	<b>Pilates (Extra Class)</b>
Wednesdays	6.30 - 8.30 pm	Auditorium	Waratah Calisthenics
Thursdays	7.30 – 8.30 pm	Auditorium	Worship Practice
Thursdays	6.30 - 8.30 pm	Lower hall	Pilates
Top hall remains out of bounds <b>at all times</b>	Clinics operate at various times depending on demand.	Top hall & Top car park	Medical HQ Vaccination and Covid Testing Clinics

## SUNDAY WORSHIP ROSTER

	20 <sup>th</sup> Feb	27 <sup>th</sup> Feb
	<b>Morning Worship</b>	<b>Morning Worship</b>
<b>Prayer with Preacher</b>	Bob Stevenson	Glen Luestner
<b>Worship Leader</b>	Lynton Nicholas	Robyn Stevenson
<b>Preacher</b>	Anna Wilson	Linda Driver
<b>Singer</b>	Shelley Walker Friedericke Ashby-Weiss Jean Richardson	Janet Luestner Ann Brown Bob Stevenson
<b>Sound Desk</b>	Don Brown	Noel Maywald
<b>Data Projector</b>	Samantha Walker	David Walker
<b>Chair Steward</b>	Sharon Tilley Scott Tilley	Brenton Summers Trevor Goldsmith
<b>Zoom Production</b>	Paul Driver	Paul Driver
<b>Building Steward</b>	Noel Maywald	Richard Read
<b>Flowers</b>	Di Curtis	Marie Hickman
<b>Door Greeter</b>	Robyn Fry Stella Waugh	Lynton Nicholas Jayne Nicholas
<b>Tick and Flick</b>	Trevor Curtis	Brenton Summers
<b>Notices</b>	Don Brown	Lee O'Connell
<b>Bible Reader</b>	Sylvia Maywald	Eric Hurrell
<b>Count Offering</b>	Sylvia Maywald Sam George	Glen Luestner Lynton Nicholas
<b>Morning Tea</b>	Marie Hickman	Sam George
<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**

