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Linda's day off: Monday

Sunday 20th March 2022

A note from Linda

Here we are approaching week three of Lent. Our series entitled *Baggage* is halfway through. We've spent the last few weeks preparing for Easter as we've watched various bags 'arrive on the conveyor'. We've looked at what we can pack in our bags and what needs to be taken out, to lighten some of the load of some of the 'baggage' we carry around. Bible study and prayer resources have been provided and you're encouraged to join the Decluttering Challenge.

This Sunday morning, we will also be joined by Howard Clark from UnitingWorld. I hope you will be able to join us – onsite or online.

*Blessings,
Linda*

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 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

Baggage Decluttering Challenge for Lent

How are you going with the 40 Bags in 40 Days Decluttering Challenge? This is a forty-day period (coinciding with the 40 days of Lent) where you go through your home and declutter one area a day. It's not too late to start! More information here: <https://www.whitehouseblackshutters.com/40-bags-in-40-days/>

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Lent Bible Study Resources

Forgiveness: the aim of these Studies is to help individuals and communities with healing and new beginnings.

Printed copies are available from Linda for \$15 or free copies of the e-book can be downloaded from here:

<https://athelstone.elvanto.com.au/file/cb9b2c6a-157e-48cd-8bdb-153d070ae206/>

(You will need to log in to Elvanto to download)

Lent Event: “How To Be A Good Global Neighbour”

A series of Bible studies on how we can partner with the global church for justice.

Download here: <https://d2ozon8d7ta3c6.cloudfront.net/e034f9e4a22b86e0163b5084b0c9aff6.pdf>

UPCOMING WORSHIP

Star Words Service

Want to share your Star Word? Lynton Nicholas is Worship Leader on April 24 and he is organising a Star Word sharing segment in lieu of a visiting preacher. If you would like to share your star word and the impact of it in your life, please contact Lynton by Sunday April 10. You can email him at nichjl@bigpond.com

NOTICES TO MEMBERS

Stuck in Isolation?

Are you stuck in isolation either as a close contact or someone with COVID... or for any other reason? Please do let us know so we can support you.

Rev Linda for the Pastoral Care team

Stay and Play @ Home needs helpers

Have you found the new visitors in the wirra? Come and meet our geckos at Wirra Play Day. 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. *Joy and Bruce Stewart*



Seeking a house for rent - A note from our friends at Rostrevor Baptist Church

Do you have a larger home available for rent – or know of one within driving distance of Dernancourt Primary School?

Rostrevor Baptist Church (RBC) are supporting a single African mum and her 5 boys who have experienced significant trauma. The family are in temporary accommodation and need to move by July 2022. They are in need of a 3–4-bedroom house (preferably 4). They have been made cat 1 with Housing SA but even community housing organisations and Housing SA have not been able to find suitable housing for them yet. They can afford up to \$450 per week (preferably a bit less) and mum has an excellent rental payment and house-keeping record. Please contact Rev Linda if you can help.

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.

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)

MISSIONAL

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 5th and Monday June 6th.** 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. 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. You will find the packing list flier on the church website.

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.

Connect Group	When/Where	Contact
Book Club	1 st and 3 rd Tues at 9 am Indigo Espresso Café	Linda Driver
Fellowship Group	1 st & 3 rd Wed at 1.30 pm Indigo Espresso Café	Nola Pearce
Threads	2 nd & 4 th Tues 2-4 pm Indigo Espresso Café	Linda Driver
Triple Cs	Men's Coffee & Chat Group.	Ray Walter
Stay & Play @ Home	Theme is International Year of Glass. Enroll via the Church website to get some ideas for preschoolers at home, make new friends through Facebook and attend buddy play dates.	Joy and Bruce Stewart
Wirra Play Days	29 th March, 10-11.30 am. Enjoy some nature play in the wirra!	Joy and Bruce Stewart

WIDER CHURCH NEWS

Flood Appeal

Uniting Church in Australia President Rev Sharon Hollis has launched a national appeal to support people and communities impacted by the intense rainfall and devastating flooding across the East Coast. The Uniting Church's National Disaster Relief Fund is administered by the National Assembly and seeks to support the wider community in these times of hardship and loss. Donations are welcome here: <https://uniting.church/east-coast-flooding-emergency-appeal/>

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/>

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	9.00 - 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 – 10.30 am	Lower hall	Pilates
Wednesdays	9.30 - 10.30 am	Lower hall	Pilates
Wednesdays	6.30 - 8.30 pm	Auditorium	Waratah Calisthenics
Thursdays	7.30 – 8.30 pm	Auditorium	Worship Practice
Thursdays	6.30 - 8.00 pm	Lower hall	Pilates
At all times	Covid clinics operate at various times. Top hall remains out of bounds at all other times	Top hall & Top car park	Medical HQ

SUNDAY WORSHIP ROSTER

Role	13 th Mar	20 th Mar	Role	13 th Mar	20 th Mar
Prayer with Preacher	Di C	Meg E	Tick & Flick	Trevor C	Trevor C
Worship Leader	David W	Nola P	Door	Gus & Jan R	Jenny & David R
Preacher	David W	Linda D	Notices	Brenton S	Don B
Singer	Lyndon R Allan A Freddie A-W	Jean R Ann B Jeanine D	Count Offering	Sylvia M David W	Gus R Trevor G
Sound Desk	Noel M	Don B	Bible Reader	Ann T	Shelley W
Data Projector	Sam W	David W	Morning Tea	Coralie S	Jan R
Chair Steward	Scott T Sharon T	Trevor G Brenton S	Communion Server	N/A	N/A
Building Steward	Noel M	Richard R	Communion Prep	N/A	N/A
Flowers	Di C	Jenny R	Covid Marshall	Jeff D	David W

Please swap with someone if you can't do the date that 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.