



**Minister:**

Rev Linda Driver:

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Linda's day off: Monday

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2022**

### **A note from Linda**

We are approaching week four of Lent with our series entitled *Baggage*. 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 our preacher will be Jessica Morthorpe from Five Leaf Eco-Awards

(<https://fiveleafecoawards.org/>). 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](mailto: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

### Holy Week and Easter Services

10 April (9.30am)	Palm Sunday Worship service	Will include the baptism of babies: Charlotte and William
10 April (4.00pm)	Messy Church (Messy Easter)	An interactive fun service for families of all ages! RSVP to Meg Edwards
14 April (7.00-8.30pm)	Maundy Thursday prayer	The church will be set up with a number of prayer stations focussed on Jesus' journey to the cross. In addition there will be a prayer station for the situation in Ukraine. Drop in anytime – takes around 30 minutes.
15 April (9.30am)	Good Friday service	
17 April (9.30am)	Easter Sunday service	

### Maundy Thursday

Can you help? Rev Linda is in need of helpers to set up the prayer stations in the church on Thursday afternoon, plus a few hosts to be present during the evening. Please contact Linda for more details.

### Easter Sunday

Campbelltown Uniting are hoping to have a Dawn Service on Easter Sunday morning and will be inviting us. Keep an eye out for further details in coming weeks.

### 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](mailto:nichjl@bigpond.com)

## CHURCH COUNCIL

- Church Council is seeking a volunteer prepared to take on the role of Kitchen Convenor. With the use of the kitchen now allowed under recent relaxing of Covid rules we need to ensure that the kitchen is in a suitable condition for our own use and for the use of hirers. The role would involve the volunteer doing a regular check of the kitchen to make sure it is clean and tidy. If you are willing to take on this important role then please speak to Jeff Dry.
- Our church has been selected as a polling place for the upcoming Federal election which is likely to occur in mid/late May of this year. Church Council is keen to run a cake stall on the day as a way of connecting with our community and the funds raised will be put towards supporting a Frontier Service project. We are therefore seeking a person willing to take on the role of coordinating the cake stall along with volunteers willing to 'bake a cake.' If you can assist in either capacity please speak to Jeff Dry.
- Grow Free carts are being set up across Adelaide and Church Council has been exploring setting up one on our property. The concept is where people share food they have grown giving it freely to someone else. Check out this link for more information -<http://www.growfree.org.au/carts/> - further details will be made available once a final decision has been made.
- Church Council has agreed to financially support two emergencies facing our world - the Eastern States Flood appeal and the Ukraine situation. Glen Luestner will provide further details in a separate item.

*Jeff Dry - Chairperson*

## 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*



### SPAM Emails

We have had a report that some people have received SPAM emails this week from [sos@athelstonechurch.org.au](mailto:sos@athelstonechurch.org.au). These are not from us. Please always check the exact email address before opening anything. Emails from us will be from [office@athelstonechurch.org.au](mailto:office@athelstonechurch.org.au) or [newsletter@athelstonechurch.org.au](mailto:newsletter@athelstonechurch.org.au).

### Offering

**Why do we give?** We give to support the ministry and mission of the Church. We give in response to all that God has done for us. Giving is an act of worship.

**How much do we give?** We give as we are able. Pray for wisdom on how generously you are called to give. "Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." (2 Corinthians 9:7 NIV)

**How do we give?** Regular electronic giving and 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>.

Cash Offerings are received on Sunday mornings in the Offering Box on the Giving Table. 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)

## 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) is 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.

## MISSIONAL

### Packing Day

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. 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 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tues at 9 am Indigo Espresso Café	Linda Driver
Fellowship Group	1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wed at 1.30 pm Indigo Espresso Café	Nola Pearce
Threads	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> March, 10-11.30 am. Enjoy some nature play in the wirra!	Joy and Bruce Stewart

## WIDER CHURCH

### Taizé Prayers

A gathering for young adults (18-35yo) to spend time with one of the brothers from the Taizé community.

When: Friday, April 1st (no joke)

Where: Brougham Place Uniting Church

Time: Gathering from 6 PM and share in a simple meal. There will be a time of study, reflection and discussion, followed by an evening prayer using the songs of Taizé.

**The evening prayer begins at 7:30 and is open to the public.**

Due to COVID restrictions, registration is essential. There is no cost to attend.

More information and registration details: <https://www.bpuc.org/taize2022/>

### Palm Sunday Peace Walk

If you are struggling with what is happening in Ukraine, this could be a way of expressing your deep concerns.

As a radical, visible sign of peace-making presence, respect, solace and harmony, this Walk will be in silence, with our banners as our voice. We walk for many areas of injustice.

**This year's Key Foci are:**

Reconciliation & Statement from the heart; Justice for Refugees; Environment & Climate Change; Peace & Conflict Resolution

**The Walk**

1. Gather at Tarntanyanga/Victoria Square from 1.30pm for a 2pm start
2. Bring Banners, wear symbols or statements as a visible presence
3. Welcome to Kurna Country
4. The Walk - travel down King William St, turn at North Tce and return to Victoria Square
5. Speakers on the key foci will share information
6. Engage with the Sponsors & Endorsers via the Promotion Tables & enjoy the music.

## Election Resource

Ahead of the 2022 Federal Election, the Uniting Church Assembly has released a resource which expresses our hope for Australia to become a nation where all people and the whole creation can flourish.

Drawing on the UCA document Our Vision for a Just Australia, the election resource will be a useful resource to help start discussion and for UCA members to consider as we engage with candidates about their policies.

Click here to download: <https://uniting.church/federal-election-resources/>

## CMLA Art Journaling Workshop

THURSDAY, 28 APRIL 2022 FROM 10:00-14:00

Here at Athelstone Uniting Church

For new and previous Art Journaling Workshop attendees. Come and join Karan Hudson as she leads a workshop in the art of watercolour journaling. Participants will learn simple watercolour and pen and wash techniques suitable for adding illustrations and annotations to a personal journal.

A Starter Visual Art Journal, pen and watercolour brush will be yours to keep after the workshop. Paints, pencils, and other materials supplied for use on the day.

For previous Art Journaling workshop attendees, this workshop will continue to develop the art techniques started in January. Cost will not include the journal, pen or brush. Extra pens and journals available for sale at cost on the day.

Tea and coffee available. BYO lunch

Tickets: [www.trybooking.com/BYJHX](http://www.trybooking.com/BYJHX)

## 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
<b>Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>	<b>9.30 – 10.30 am</b>	<b>Auditorium</b>	<b>Pilates</b>
<b>Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>	<b>9.00 M – 12.30 pm</b>	<b>Lower hall &amp; Wirra</b>	<b>Wirra Play Day (includes setup)</b>
Wednesdays	9.30 - 10.30 am	Lower hall	Pilates
Wednesdays	6.30 - 8.30 pm	Auditorium	Waratah Calisthenics
<b>Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> Mar</b>	<b>9.30 am – 10.30 am</b>	<b>Whole Building</b>	<b>Fire Systems Check</b>
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 <u>at all other times</u>	Top hall & Top car park	Medical HQ

## SUNDAY WORSHIP ROSTER

Role	27 <sup>th</sup> Mar	3 <sup>rd</sup> Apr	Role	27 <sup>th</sup> Mar	3 <sup>rd</sup> Apr
<b>Prayer with Preacher</b>	Jeff D	Lee O'C	<b>Tick &amp; Flick</b>	Trevor C	Brenton S
<b>Worship Leader</b>	Jeff D	Lynton N	<b>Door</b>	Jayne & Lynton N	Stella W Robyn F
<b>Preacher</b>	Jessica Morthorpe	Linda D	<b>Notices</b>	Brenton S	Lee O'C
<b>Singer</b>	Jeanine D Janet L Sylvia M	Nola P Friederike A-W Lyndon R	<b>Count Offering</b>	Lynton N Glen L	Ray W Paul H
<b>Sound Desk</b>	Noel M	Don B	<b>Bible Reader</b>	Jayne N	Noel M
<b>Data Projector</b>	Sam W	David W	<b>Morning Tea</b>	Jenny R	Marie H
<b>Chair Steward</b>	Jeff D Don B	Glen L Paul H	<b>Communion Server</b>	N/A	Ros and Paul H
<b>Building Steward</b>	Eric H	Paul H	<b>Communion Prep</b>	N/A	Friederike A-W
<b>Flowers</b>	Raelene A	Carole W	<b>Covid Marshall</b>	David W	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.