



Minister:
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Linda's day off: Monday

Sunday 10th April 2022

A note from Linda

The mornings are getting crisper, the leaves are turning... Autumn is approaching. The Kurna word for Autumn is Parnati. We are also in a change of season in the Church calendar. Lent is coming to an end and this Sunday (Palm Sunday) we begin to look towards Jesus' journey to the cross.

Palm Sunday is a time of great celebration. Hosanna! On Sunday morning we will celebrate Jesus' entry into Jerusalem and the baptism of 2 precious children, Charlotte and William. In the afternoon, we'll have Messy Easter, a time to tell the story of Jesus' death and resurrection.

Please come prepared to donate to the Lent Event (or give online).

Blessings,

Linda

Baptisms

This Sunday (April 10), we will have 2 baptisms in our morning service! Charlotte, daughter of Victoria and Matt Andrew; and William, son of Tori Silverblade and Tom Fry. Grandchildren of Robyn and Ian Fry.

Worship on-site

Every person who attends activities on our church property is STILL REQUIRED to register their attendance by using 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

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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. Thank you for those who have already volunteered to help. Please contact Linda for more details.

Wondering about what happens at our Maundy Thursday Prayer? Here are reflections from Lee and Ray who attended last year.

“The Maundy Thursday Service last year, set up as a number of reflective but also interactive stations was for me a very meaningful time of contemplation. Sensitively congruent with the Easter Story, the various stations stimulated many varied emotions for me, some sad and confronting others enlightening and comforting but always I felt inspired and held by the gentle presence of the spirit. In the transition time from Lent through the passion to Easter it was a very worthwhile and transformative opportunity which I would recommend to you all.” (Lee O’Connell)

“As I made my way around the various Stations, it was a time to appreciate and remind me of and strengthen my faith and beliefs. Also, to in an illustrated way, bring points home.” (Ray Walter)

Campbelltown Easter Dawn Service

We are invited to the Campbelltown Easter Dawn Service that is held at Campbelltown Uniting Church at 6.30 am on Easter Sunday.

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 THIS SUNDAY April 10. You can email him at nichjl@bigpond.com

MISSIONAL

Tearfund Useful Gifts Fundraiser

I know Christmas seems a while ago, but we have just received the Tearfund Australia certificate confirming our Christmas fundraising total of \$2,260 through the Useful Gift Shop. Many thanks to BRIAN who inspires my discipleship with his passion for the Kingdom values on earth! Also thanks to all supporters of our overseas mission activities. Blessings and peace to all.

Don Brown



Five Leaf Eco-Award

Recently Jessica Morthorpe from 5 Leaf Eco Awards presented us with an Eco-Worship award. Thanks to Bruce Stewart who took the photo at Wirra Play Day. Well done everyone for your part in earning this award. More information here: <https://fiveleafecoawards.org/>



Baggage Decluttering Challenge for Lent

Have you had an opportunity to declutter as part of Lent? We are still looking for donations for Packing Day, so it's not too late! Perhaps you can think about an Easter or school holiday de-cluttering change?

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 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/>.

NOTICES TO MEMBERS

Long Service Leave

A reminder that I will be taking Long Service in May, June and July! I am thankful for this opportunity to rest, be refreshed, build stronger connections with my loved ones, complete some post-graduate study and enjoy the wonder and beauty of God's good creation through some travel.

Actual Dates when I will be away:

23rd April – 2nd May - Annual Leave

3rd–9th May – Uniting Church Assembly Meeting (I will be available for emergency pastoral calls from 3rd–5th May, but will then be flying to Queensland for the meeting)

10th May – 31st July – Long Service Leave

While I am away, you will be well supported with a Supply Minister: Rev Paul Turley. And as usual, you will have a number of lay and guest preachers on the days when Paul is not preaching.

Linda

A little about Rev. Paul Turley

While Linda is taking her Long Service Leave we will welcome Rev Paul Turley as our supply minister. Paul comes to us after finishing a recent placement at Clayton Wesley Uniting where he has been in ministry for the past 10 years. Prior to arriving at Clayton Wesley in mid 2011, Paul was minister in the Nightcliff and Palmerston Uniting Churches in the Northern Territory. Paul has worked in churches and not for profit agencies in Australia, the United Kingdom and the United States.

Paul has a passion for community outreach and in his time at Clayton Wesley he was involved with many programs and projects to build community, including Hope's Café, The Spire Community Garden, ESL classes for newly arrived peoples, an op shop, legal support for refugees and asylum seekers and emergency relief. Paul also has a history with the Schools Ministry Group as he was involved in its establishment in 1991 as their first coordinator.

Paul's partner, Jana, is a PHD student at Adelaide University. Paul has two adult children and four grandchildren and currently resides at Dulwich.

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

We welcomed a new Stay and Player at our Wirra Play Day and had a photo shoot for the Five Leaf Eco Award. More team helpers for Wirra Play Days in 2022 are needed. Only 3 sessions this year to go! Help set up/pack up, chat to carers or play with children.

Joy and Bruce Stewart



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)

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	2 nd & 4 th 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)	April 13th at Café Settebello. 10.30 am. Do not let the date put you off!	Need a lift? Contact Ray or Bob.
TOFs	1 st Tuesday of the month, 2pm – 4 pm. Venues vary.	Sheralyn Robertson
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 & Bruce Stewart
Wirra Play Days	28 th June, 20 th Sept & 6 th Dec. In the wirra!	Joy & Bruce Stewart

WIDER CHURCH

CMLA Art Journaling Workshop

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

Here at Athelstone Uniting Church. **If you are planning to attend please let Carol from the office know.**

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

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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
Sunday Apr 10	2.00 -4.00 pm	Main building	Messy Church Set-up
Sunday Apr 10	4.00 -6.00 pm	Main building	Messy Church
Saturdays	9.30 – 11.30 pm	Main auditorium	Waratah Calisthenics (not over Easter weekend)
Saturdays	9.00 - 11.30 am	Lower hall	Pilates (not over Easter weekend)
Mondays	Morning	Main building	VIP Cleaning Service
Mondays	4.45 - 6.45 pm	Auditorium	Waratah Calisthenics (not over Easter weekend)
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
Thursday Apr 14	7.00 – 8.30 pm	Auditorium	Maundy Thursday Prayer
Friday Apr 15	9.30 – 10.30 am	Auditorium	Good Friday Service
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	10 th Apr	15 th Apr	17 th Apr	Role	10 th Apr	15 th Apr	17 th Apr
	Palm Sunday	Good Friday	Easter Sunday		Palm Sunday	Good Friday	Easter Sunday
Prayer with Preacher	Robyn F	Tara S	Lee O'C	Tick & Flick	Brenton S	Brenton S	Lee O'C
Worship Leader	Robyn S	David W	Nola P	Door	Ray W Carole W	Lee O'C Stella W	Coralie S Brenton S
Preacher	Linda D	Linda D	Linda D	Notices	Meg E	-	Don B
Singer	Ann B Bob S Shelly W	Jean R Lyndon R Lynton N	Jean R Allan A Sylvia M	Count Offering	Friederike A- W Bob S	David W (lent envelopes only)	Don B Sylvia M
Sound Desk	Noel M	Paul D	Don B	Bible Reader	Noel M	Ann T + WT	Friederike A-W
Data Projector	David W	Sam W	David W	Morning Tea	Carole W	N/A	N/A
Chair Steward	Bob S Bernie O'H	Bob S Bernie O'H	Brenton S Trevor G	Communion Server	N/A	N/A	TBA
Building Steward	Noel M	Eric H	Eric H	Communion Prep	N/A	N/A	TBA
Flowers	Marie H	N/A	Carole W	Covid Marshall	David W	Lee O'C	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.

Note to Chair Stewards: There will be no calisthenics classes in the auditorium on Easter Saturday or Easter Monday. However, there will likely be some classes held during the rest of the April school holidays because competitions are coming up soon and Lee-Ann intends to hold classes where possible (numbers permitting).