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Linda's day off: Monday

Sunday 17th April 2022

A note from Linda

It is that significant time in the Christian church calendar when we remember all that Jesus has done for us as we recall those events over Holy Week and Easter. Together, we have journeyed with Jesus into Jerusalem and have (hopefully) lightened some of our baggage on the way. Now it is time to prayerfully consider what Jesus' death and resurrection means for each of us.

We have three services to help you with this: Maundy Thursday Prayer Stations, Good Friday and Easter Sunday. In addition, worship resources will be emailed out with the worship email. Please use this opportunity to pray and to give thanks for our wonderful Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Please note that Easter Sunday will be my last service before heading off on Annual Leave, then Assembly, then Long Service Leave.

Blessings,

Linda

Holy Week and Easter Services

14 April (7.00-8.30pm)	Maundy Thursday prayer	A time for individual prayer. The church will be set up with a number of prayer stations focussed on Jesus' journey to the cross. There will also be a prayer station for the situation in Ukraine. Drop in anytime – takes around 30 minutes.
15 April (9.30am)	Good Friday service	A reflective service that focuses on Jesus' path to the cross and crucifixion.
17 April (9.30am)	Easter Sunday service	A service of celebration as we give thanks that Christ is risen!

Worship on-site – COVID update for congregations

From Good Friday, SA government mask requirements in indoor public places (including churches) have been removed – but masks are still strongly recommended in crowded spaces.

So whilst you are **no longer required to wear a mask** it is our hope that **an individual's choice to wear a mask will be supported and respected for those who wish to maintain this practice.**

Please still don't attend in person if you are unwell or if you have been notified by anyone that you may be a close contact. **From Good Friday, you will no longer be required to use QR codes or fill in contact tracing records but you are encouraged to continue with hand sanitizing.** As a church we are still required to provide a covid marshal and continue to clean frequently.

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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

UPCOMING WORSHIP

Maundy Thursday

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.

MISSIONAL

Meals on Wheels need volunteers

Campbelltown Meals on Wheels is desperately in need of more volunteers to deliver meals in our area.

This is a chance to help make Campbelltown a more caring community by taking a meal and a smile to those who need it. If you feel you can help please contact

Meals on wheels (SA) Inc

Email info@mealsonwheelssa.org.au

Phone 1800 854 453

Federal Election Bake Sale for Frontier Services

Our church has been chosen to host a Federal Election Polling Booth on Saturday 21 May. Church Council has agreed to use this opportunity to provide our local community with some food options while they are waiting to vote. As such a BBQ and cake stall will be held during the day. We have invited Morialta Rotary to run the BBQ and our church community will look after the cake stall. So we are seeking your support and assistance with the cake stall by offering to bake goods and/or be willing to be on a volunteer roster to help on the day. If you are able to get involved then please write your name on the Cake Stall sheet that will be on display for the next few Sunday mornings. Church Council has agreed that all funds raised during the cake stall will be donated to Frontier Services to support their designated projects.

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/>.

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. Dates & Venues vary	Ray Walter
TOFs	1 st Tuesday of the month, 2 pm – 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

NOTICES TO MEMBERS

Worship Rosters for June – Aug 2022

It is coming up to that time again when I will be putting rosters together in May for the June – Aug 2022 roster period. Can you please log in to Elvanto and update any new dates of unavailability for this period if you have not already done so. Please do this by May 1st 2022 (After 1st May you will not be able to amend dates or make swaps in Elvanto for a couple of weeks whilst I'm building the new rosters. Once the new rosters have been released then I will open your access up again so you can make any swaps required). If you'd rather email your dates to the office then please also do so **no later than 1st May 2022.**

Inputting unavailability dates straight into Elvanto:

The simplest and most accurate method is for you to enter your dates of unavailability straight into Elvanto yourself. You do this by simply logging in, clicking on unavailability and entering your dates in the form that comes up and then clicking Submit. If you need help logging in to Elvanto, Carol can assist and set you up with login details.

Carol (from the Office)

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, building stronger connections with my loved ones, complete some post-graduate study and enjoying 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

I will return on 2 August and will recommence preaching on 14 August

While I am away, you will be well supported with a Supply Minister: Rev Paul Turley and our Pastoral Care team. 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

Stay and Players travel safely in the wirra.

Come and join us for Wirra Play Days. 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)

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

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
Thursday Apr 14	7.00 – 8.30 pm	Auditorium	Maundy Thursday Prayer
Friday Apr 15	9.30 – 10.30 am	Auditorium	Good Friday Service
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
Wed 20th Apr	2.30 – 4.30 pm	Meeting Room	Private Hirer - Inner Wheel
Wednesdays	6.30 - 8.30 pm	Auditorium	Waratah Calisthenics
Thursdays	7.30 – 8.30 pm	Auditorium	Worship Practice (not Maundy Thursday)
Friday	1.30 – 3.30 pm	Meeting Room or Deck	Private Hirer - Wimala Presbytery
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	15 th Apr	17 th Apr	24 th Apr	Role	15 th Apr	17 th Apr	24 th Apr
	Good Friday	Easter Sunday	Star Words Service		Good Friday	Easter Sunday	Star Words Service
Prayer with Preacher	Tara S	Lee O'C	Glen L	Tick & Flick	Brenton S	Lee O'C	Brenton S
Worship Leader	David W	Linda D	Lynton N	Door	Lee O'C Stella W	Coralie S Brenton S	Jayne and Lynton N
Preacher	Linda D	Linda D	Various	Notices	-	Don B	Sylvia M
Singer	Jean R Lyndon R Lynton N	Jean R Allan A Sylvia M	Janet L Shelly W Ann B	Count Offering	David W (lent envelopes only)	Don B Sylvia M	Trevor G David W
Sound Desk	Paul D	Don B	Noel M	Bible Reader	Ann T + WT	Friederike A-W	Eric H
Data Projector	Sam W	David W	Sam W	Morning Tea	N/A	N/A	N/A
Chair Steward	Bob S Bernie O'H	Brenton S Trevor G	Glen L Don B	Communion Server	N/A	Eric H Friederike A-W	N/A
Building Steward	Eric H	Eric H	Noel M	Communion Prep	N/A	Friederike A-W	N/A
Flowers	N/A	Carole W	Raelene A	Covid Marshall	Lee O'C	David W	David W

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.

Swapping your turn on a published roster

Once a roster is published and released, if you can't do your turn then it is your responsibility to swap with someone. Please notify the office of any swaps so we can also ensure we update our master roster accordingly.

For Elvanto users, please note that it is possible for you to make your own swaps or replacements using Elvanto.

This can usually be done up until 2 weeks before a scheduled service. See Carol in the office if you want assistance.

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).