



Minister:

Rev Linda Driver:

Linda is on leave, for pastoral concerns contact Brenton Summers

Sunday 24th April & Sunday 1st May 2022

Our service on Sunday 24th April will be a Star Word service, where our church family will share their star word and what that has meant for them this year.

For our service on Sunday 1st May, our preacher will be Rev Cate Baker who will lead us in communion.

A Note from Linda

Christ is risen! How wonderful to be able to celebrate the central story of our Christian faith once again. I hope that whether you were able to join us over Easter, or whether you have been away with loved ones, you have been able to connect once again with this wonderful story. Hallelujah! Jesus is alive!

Thank you so much to all those who have offered their time and talents over this last week at CommuniTEA at Campbelltown Council, Maundy Thursday Prayer, Good Friday and Easter Sunday. It has been a wonderful team effort!

This is my last newsletter contribution for a while. I am on Leave for a week (from this weekend), then I'll be participating in the Uniting Church National Assembly to be held on the Sunshine Coast. And then... Long Service Leave... time to enjoy God's good creation, rest, play with my grandkids, do some study and travel with Paul. I'll be back in August. Ask me then about how many sunrises I have seen!

"The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace." (Num 6:24-26)

Blessings,
Linda

Worship on-site – Covid Update

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. You are no longer required to use QR codes or fill in contact tracing records when attending church but you are encouraged to continue with hand sanitizing and social distancing (no hugging or handshakes still!). As a church, we will continue with frequent cleaning but according to a notification from SA Health received on 14th April, we no longer need to provide covid marshals. 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.

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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

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 email Jeff (jeffdry@bigpond.com). He will then be in touch with more details. Church Council has agreed that all funds raised during the cake stall will be donated to Frontier Services to support their designated projects.

Downton Abbey 2 Fundraising Movie - Sunday, 01 May at 2:30pm

You are invited to attend this popular movie at the Regal Theatre on Kensington Rd.

This event is hosted by the TTG Inner Wheel Club (which several ladies from AUC attend), and all funds raised will be donated to FoodbankSA.

Start time is 2:30pm, and the tickets are \$15. They can be bought in the theatre foyer from Club ladies (not at the candy bar, or we don't make our profit).

Tickets can also be purchased from Sylvia Maywald, Carole Walter or Jayne Nicholas ahead of the movie.

Good Vibrations Concert – at AUC on Thursday, 26 May at 2:00pm.

The very talented Terry Nicholas will be singing a selection of the 'feel good' hits of the 70's and 80's.

Tickets are \$20pp, and included is an afternoon tea.

For catering purposes, tickets must be pre-purchased from Sylvia Maywald, Carole Walter or Jayne Nicholas.

All funds raised will be donated to FoodbankSA or other charitable organisations.

We hope to see you there!

Sylvia Maywald.

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

Uniting Church Assembly

Please pray for members of the reconvened 16th Assembly meeting which will be meeting on the Sunshine Coast in May. Leading up to Assembly, we are invited to join the #GodInEveryAct Photo Challenge

What does God look like through your lens? We're invited to snap and share photos that tell a story about how God is with us in every moment. Read this story (<https://uniting.church/godineveryact/>) for inspiration and to see the photos that have been gathered so far, then post yours using #godineveryact.

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 (No class 23 rd Apr)
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 (No class 25 th Apr)
Tuesdays	9.30 – 10.30 am	Lower hall	Pilates (No class 26 th Apr)
Wednesdays	9.30 - 10.30 am	Lower hall	Pilates (No class 27 th Apr)
Wednesdays	6.30 - 8.30 pm	Auditorium	Waratah Calisthenics
Thursdays	7.30 – 8.30 pm	Auditorium	Worship Practice
Thurs 28th May	10.00 am – 2.00 pm	Whole Building	CMLA Arts Workshop
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	24 th Apr	1 st May	8 th May	Role	24 th Apr	1 st May	8 th May
Service	Star Words Service	Communion	Morning Worship		Star Words Service	Communion	Morning Worship
Prayer with Preacher	Glen L	Jennifer C	Robyn F	Tick & Flick	Brenton S	Trevor C	Trevor C
Worship Leader	Lynton N	Jeff D	Jeff D	Door	Jayne N Lynton N	Ray W Carole W	Jenny R David R
Preacher	Various	Cate Baker	Paul Turley	Notices	Sylvia M	Brenton S	Lee O'C
Singer	Janet L Shelly W Ann B	Jeanine D Friederike A-W	Allan A Sylvia M Ann B	Count Offering	Trevor G David W	Lynton N Glen L	Ray W Paul H
Sound Desk	Noel M	Noel M	Don B	Bible Reader	Eric H	Sylvia M	Ann B
Data Projector	Sam W	David W		Communion Server	N/A	Graham J Louise J	N/A
Chair Steward	Glen L Don B	Scott T Sharon T	Bernie O'H Paul H	Communion Prep	N/A	Leanne S	N/A
Building Steward	Noel M	Richard R	Paul H	Flowers	Raelene A	Carole W	Jenny R

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 some calisthenics classes held during the rest of the April school holidays (numbers permitting).