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Welcome to worship this morning.

A note from Paul

There are two kinds of people in the world, so the joke goes, those who say there are two kinds of people in the world and those who say there are not.

Our reading for this week from Luke chapter 10 seems to be a two kinds of people story, at least that's the way we have often told it. We have Mary who is spiritual and Martha who is practical and, the story goes, there is conflict between them.

During the Middle Ages, some people saw this story as a representation of the relationship between priests who worked in churches the community – Marthas, and monks and nuns who lived secluded lives of prayer and contemplation – Marys.

This seems like such a neat and easy way to see things. And who doesn't want a little more simplicity and order in the world? And, while a fundamentalist approach to faith, politics, relationships or any other area of life might have its attractions – having some things set in concrete that no longer need our attention, we know, even in our own experience, that life is messy, that categories don't stay fixed, that certainties can quickly lose their certainty.

The world, individual human beings, and this text, are far more complex than a simply binary division allows for.

I think it is instructive that the ancient manuscripts we have of the Gospel of Luke do not all agree on the words of the final verse of our text, Luke 10:42. In response to Martha's worry and distraction, Jesus either says, 'one thing is needed,' 'few things are needed,' 'few things are needed—or only one,' or 'but few things are needed—indeed only one.' This ambivalence in the manuscripts invites us, I think, into a deeper meditation on what is essential in our lives, what is at the heart of who we are, what it is within us that opens us up to the mystery of being made in the image of God.

Our answers will not be simplistic, although they might well have simplicity to them. They will not be definitive, although they will contain deep certainties. They will not be easily put into words, although we may be able to sing, dance, walk, dream or paint our way into them...

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July 2022 - Covid Update for Congregations

Given the rising prevalence of COVID-19 in our community, SA Health has launched a mask campaign.

As a result, from 13th July 2022, The Uniting Church Synod of SA are again **strongly encouraging congregations to consider mask wearing in worship**, especially as they walk to their seats and when singing.

The full letter received from the Synod of SA can be found at the end of this newsletter and will be reviewed by Church Council in due course. Currently mask wearing is not mandated, but is strongly recommended for indoor gatherings such as occur in places of worship.

When attending in person, please continue to care for the safety of others and don't attend worship or large group activities at church in person if you are unwell or if you have been notified that you are a close contact for covid-19.

You are strongly encouraged to continue with hand sanitizing and social distancing (no hugging or handshakes).

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

Worship resources are emailed out each Saturday. Services are recorded each week.

To request a copy please contact the church office.

UPCOMING WORSHIP

Music Service – 31 July, 2022

Do you have a favourite song or hymn you would like to sing one Sunday???

I am coordinating a Music Service on Sunday 31st July, and looking for people to share their favourite song and why it is special for them. Then we will sing the song. If you would like to be involved, please let me know!

Looking forward to sharing together. Contact Di Curtis (0419-862-606)

Di Curtis

CONNECT GROUPS

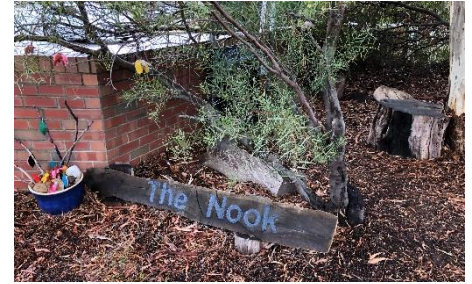
At Athelstone Uniting Church we encourage everyone to find ways to find connections within our church community. Here are some of the Connect Groups you might consider joining.

Connect Group	When/Where	Contact
Book Club	1 st and 3 rd Tues at 9.30 am at the church	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 Group	2 nd Wed of the month at 10.30 am. Cafe Settebello.	Ray Walter
TOFs Fellowship Group	1 st Tuesday of the month, 2 pm – 4 pm. Venues vary	Sheralyn Robertson
Stay & Play @ Home	Enrol on the church website for play ideas at home, to make new friends through Facebook and Buddy Play dates, or to enjoy some nature play at Wirra Play Days.	Joy & Bruce Stewart
Wirra Play Days	20 th Sept & 6 th Dec. 10am – 11.30am. In the wirra!	Joy & Bruce Stewart

Wirra Play Day

School holidays are here so why not explore the wirra? Find the blue bird, swap a book or draw in The Nook. Stay & Play at Home dates for Term 3 are 2nd August and 30th August. Wirra Play Day 20th September.

Joy and Bruce Stewart



MISSIONAL

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/>.

WIDER CHURCH

Fundraising Concert for Peace, Love & Understanding

The Effective Living Centre is the community engagement arm of Christ Church Uniting Church, Wayville.

They are holding a "Concert for Peace, Love and Understanding" on Sunday 14 August at 2.00pm at Trinity Sessions in order to shine a light on the plight of those affected by conflicts around the world as well as those in our own country and to raise some funds to help them. Please see the poster on the notice board. If you can't attend in person then live-streaming is also available and they would love it if perhaps you would consider making this a special event that you can watch with your families, friends or church groups.

Bookings for both in-person and online attendance (or donations if you can't attend) can be made through Humanitix (<https://events.humanitix.com/concert-for-peace-love-and-understanding>)

Wider Church News

Uniting Church in Australia: <https://uniting.church/>

Uniting Church in South Australia: <https://sa.uca.org.au/>

To receive SA UC E-News personally, subscribe at <https://sa.uca.org.au/uc-e-news/>

The New Times is available online at: <https://sa.uca.org.au/new-times/new-times-print-edition/>

Wimala Presbytery website: <https://wimala.ucasa.org.au/>

NOTICES FOR MEMBERS

Thank you from Brian

To my dear friends at Athelstone Uniting,

I want to thank you for the love expressed to Winsome and me over many years and especially last Sunday for my 90th birthday. The cake was magnificent and my heart touched by the gift of the beautiful cyclamen.

I feel deeply blessed to be part of such a caring congregation that wants to walk with Jesus in a ministry to the people around us and wider still through Frontier Services and our partner churches overseas.

May God continue to bless you.

Love, Brian.

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 Paul Turley 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 Paul. "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)

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.

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 am	Lower Hall	Pilates
Saturdays	9.30 – 11.30 am	Auditorium	Waratah Calisthenics
Saturday June 16th	12.00 – 3.00 pm	Auditorium & Kitchen	Campbelltown Landcare (private hirer)
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
Monday 18th July through to Friday 22nd July	Daily, until 4 pm	Auditorium	AKWAK – Sorting & Packing Trestles may be at back of auditorium throughout this time period
Tuesdays	9.30 – 10.30 am	Auditorium	Pilates
Tuesday 12th July	7.30 – 9.00 pm	Auditorium	Worship Music Team Gathering with Paul
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
Friday 15th July	12.30 – 3.00 pm	Meeting Room	Wimala Presbytery Standing Committee
At all times	At all times	Top hall & Top car park	Medical HQ – Covid & Vaccine Clinics

Note to chair stewards and auditorium users: Calisthenics Classes will still be running through both weeks of these July school holidays (Sat 9th July – Sun 24th July) because their competitions are just around the corner! Please take note of Saturday June 16th Landcare booking and plan to set up chairs for after 3 pm that day.

SUNDAY WORSHIP ROSTER

Role	17 th July	24 th July	Role	17 th July	24 th July
Prayer with Preacher	Robyn F	Jeff D	Tick & Flick	Trevor C	Trevor C
Worship Leader	Paul T	Jeff D	Door	Robyn F Stella W	Jan R Gus R
Preacher	Paul T	Paul T	Notices	Don B	Brenton S
Singer	Friederike A-W Janet L Eric H	Jeanine D Friederike A-W Jean R	Count Offering	Paul H Gus R	Glen L David W
Sound Desk	Don B	Noel M	Bible Reader	Jayne N	Friederike A-W
Data Projector	David W	Sam W	Flowers	Di C	Jenny R
Chair Steward	Bernie O'H Trevor G	Don B Brenton S	Communion Prep	N/A	N/A
Building Steward	Eric H	Richard R	Communion Servers	N/A	N/A
Zoom Production	Paul H	Paul H			

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 Paul Turley or the worship leader for that service as appropriate. Thank you.



The Uniting Church in Australia
Synod of South Australia

From the **Associate General Secretary**

13th July 2022

Dear UCA Congregation.

Given the rising prevalence of COVID-19 in our community, SA Health has launched a mask campaign.

The community is reminded of the **mandatory** mask requirements in high risk settings such as hospitals, aged care facilities, and disability care facilities, as well as passenger transport.

In South Australia, it is still mandatory to wear a mask in:

- passenger transport (public transport, taxis, rideshare)
- hospitals and health care
- pharmacies
- aged care facilities
- disability care facilities

Close contacts must also wear a mask when they leave the house for 7 days after their exposure.

The campaign **recommends** that people should wear a mask in crowded indoor places where they cannot physically distance.

- shopping centres and retail
- workplaces
- entertainment venues (e.g. libraries, cinema, theatre, live music)
- sporting events
- **places of worship**
- bars and restaurants (when not eating or drinking)
- community centres and libraries

Face masks are important to help stop the spread of COVID-19 and other viruses like the flu. Children under 12 years of age do not need to wear a mask.

We strongly encourage congregations to consider mask wearing in worship, especially as they walk to their seats and when singing,

We ask for your help with promoting the use of masks in the community through your networks and communication channels, such as social media.

Visit www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/covidmasks to learn more about masks and to download resources such as translated social media graphics and posters.

The Australian Government Department of Health has translated fact sheets available about when to wear a mask and how to use a mask properly.

You can find these resources [here](#).

Please consider contacting your Presbytery if you need additional support or would like to know what other congregations are doing. If you have any questions, please get in touch.

Grace and peace,

Malcolm Wilson

Acting Associate General Secretary