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**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2022**

### **A note from Paul**

I don't know about you but when I read this week's reading from the Lectionary, Luke 11:1-13, I immediately feel guilty.

It's about prayer... and my first thought when I read it, or any of the other readings in the scriptures about prayer, is I'm not praying enough! I never have! I'm not praying the right way with anything like enough seriousness! I mean, Paul exhorts us in 1Thessalonians 5:17 to: 'pray without ceasing.' I'm falling a long way short of that!

Luke's gospel gives particular attention to prayer and to Jesus praying. It is only in Luke that Jesus prays at his baptism, prays before choosing his disciples, prays before the transfiguration, and prays before his disciples ask him to teach them to pray, here, in our text for this week.

What is Jesus doing when he prays? The answer might seem obvious. Look at what he tells his disciples in our text: *'Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened.'* Doesn't this sound like prayer is all about asking God for things? And doesn't it sound like God will grant all those requests?

So why is this not our experience? Why is it that we ask for things – not trivial or small things, but for healing of life-changing illnesses and so much more, and feel we get no answer?

Perhaps we have misunderstood what Jesus means when gives us this teaching on prayer. Perhaps we have misunderstood Paul when he talks of praying without ceasing.

What if prayer is not a thing that we *do* but is a world we *inhabit*? What if, during the many times Luke's gospel tells us that Jesus is praying, Jesus is not asking God to do something but is instead immersing himself in the world as God sees it, seeking to see through God's eyes? What if he is basking in the true nature of the world, the world we long for ourselves and each other? What if Jesus is attuning himself to what he tells us is all around us and within us, what he calls the kingdom of God?

*Paul*

### **Worship on-site**

Given the rising prevalence of COVID-19 in our community, SA Health has launched a mask campaign. Currently mask wearing is not mandated, but is strongly recommended for indoor gatherings such as occur in places of worship.

As a result, from 13<sup>th</sup> 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.**

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. We encourage you to continue hand-sanitizing practices and follow social distancing guidelines. 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 31<sup>st</sup> 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*

## 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/>.

## 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 9.30 am at the church	Linda Driver
Threads	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Tues 2-4 pm. Indigo Espresso Café	Linda Driver
Triple Cs - Men's Group	2 <sup>nd</sup> Wed of the month at 10.30 am. Cafe Settebello.	Ray Walter
TOFs Fellowship Group	1 <sup>st</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> Sept & 6 <sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> August and 30<sup>th</sup> August. Wirra Play Day 20<sup>th</sup> September.

*Joy and Bruce Stewart*



## NOTICES FOR MEMBERS

### Variety Concert 2022 – Invitation from Lynton, David & Shelley

Adelaide Town Hall, Sunday afternoon, August 21

Lynton and Dave both sing in the Metropolitan Male Choir of SA and Shelley plays in the Variety Orchestra.

We invite our Church friends to join with us for this high quality celebration of beautiful music.

Featuring wonderful guest artists including our Youth Scholarship Winner as well as the mighty Town Hall Organ!

Full details & tickets via the MMCSA website: [www.mmcsa.org/events/variety-2022](http://www.mmcsa.org/events/variety-2022)

Or just ask us to broker them for you.

*Lynton, David, Shelley*

### 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 of 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.

## WIDER CHURCH

### The Uluru Statement from the Heart and Covenanting

The Uluru Statement calls for a First Nations Voice in the Constitution and a Makarrata Commission to supervise agreement-making and truth-telling. Come along to learn more about the Uluru Statement from First Nations as well as Uniting Church leaders. Supper will be provided. This event is organized by the UCA Synod SA Mission Resourcing and Brougham Place Uniting Church.

When: 27<sup>th</sup> July 2022 from 7.30 to 9.30 pm.

Where: Brougham Place Uniting Church, 193 Brougham Pl, North Adelaide.

RSVP attendance: [covenanting@sa.uca.org.au](mailto:covenanting@sa.uca.org.au) or (08) 8236 4264

## Circle of Friends Australia Quiz Night

Attention! You are invited to the most extraordinary Celebrity Quiz Night! A quiz night to raise funds for Circle of Friends Australia (Circles 114 & 115) with bloodcurdling questions, astonishing prizes, gorgeous guest presenters, electrifying entertainment, raffle prizes and the most exceptional (wait for it...)... Silent Auction!

Silent Auction is online from 5<sup>th</sup> August at <https://cofa.org.au/> and at the event.

When: Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> August 2022 at Burnside City Uniting Church, 384 Portrush Road, Tasmore. Doors open from 6.30 pm. First question 7 pm. Cost: \$20. Bookings: <https://tinyurl.com/2ab65ay4>

BYO Everything. Tea and Coffee will be served during the break.

## 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/>

## 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
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
Tuesdays	9.30 – 10.30 am	Auditorium	Pilates
<b>Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>2.30 – 3.30 pm</b>	<b>Meeting Room</b>	<b>Pastoral Care Meeting</b>
<b>Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>7.15 – 9.15 pm</b>	<b>Meeting Room</b>	<b>Church Council Meeting</b>
<b>Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> July*</b>	<b>6.30 - 8.30 pm</b>	<b>Auditorium</b>	<b>Waratah Calisthenics</b>
Wednesdays	9.30 - 10.30 am	Lower hall	Pilates
Wednesdays	6.30 - 8.30 pm	Auditorium	Waratah Calisthenics <b>(not on 27<sup>th</sup> July*)</b>
Thursdays	7.30 – 8.30 pm	Auditorium	Worship Practice
At all times	At all times	Top hall & Top car park	Medical HQ – Covid & Vaccine Clinics

\*Waratah Calisthenics will be holding classes on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> July instead of Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> July 6.30 – 8.30 pm. There will be no calisthenics classes on Sat 6<sup>th</sup> Aug, Sat 20<sup>th</sup> Aug, Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> Aug or Wed 31<sup>st</sup> Aug due to competitions. However other classes will still be running as usual on other days these weeks.

## SUNDAY WORSHIP ROSTER

Role	24 <sup>th</sup> July	31 <sup>st</sup> July	Role	24 <sup>th</sup> July	31 <sup>st</sup> July
<b>Prayer with Preacher</b>	Jeff D	Di C	<b>Tick &amp; Flick</b>	Trevor C	Trevor C
<b>Worship Leader</b>	Jeff D	Di C	<b>Door</b>	Jan R Gus R	Ray W Carole W
<b>Preacher</b>	Paul T	Music Service	<b>Notices</b>	Brenton S	Lee O'C
<b>Singer</b>	Jeanine D Friederike A-W Jean R	Friederike A-W	<b>Count Offering</b>	Glen L David W	Don B Ray W
<b>Sound Desk</b>	Noel M	Don B	<b>Bible Reader</b>	Friederike A-W	Noel M
<b>Data Projector</b>	Sam W	David W	<b>Flowers</b>	Jenny R	Marie H
<b>Chair Steward</b>	Sharon T Scott T	Glen L Paul H	<b>Communion Prep</b>	N/A	N/A
<b>Building Steward</b>	Richard R	Paul H	<b>Communion Servers</b>	N/A	N/A
<b>Zoom Production</b>	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.

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