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Sunday 31st July 2022

Welcome to morning worship. We hope you enjoy our Music Service led by Di Curtis. People will be sharing their favourite song and what it means to them.

A note from Paul

If you are a fan of Fawlty Towers, you might remember one of Basil's many famous lines: "Zhoom! What was that? That was your life, Mate! Oh, that was quick. Do I get another? Sorry, Mate. That's your lot."

My time at Athelstone feels a bit like that. These last three months have zoomed by!

I have so much appreciated the generous welcome you have given me to be a part of your community for this little while. We are greatly blessed are we not? We have a wonderful opportunity, each time we gather – on Sundays, in other organised ways throughout the week, and in the myriad interactions face to face and on the phone, zoom and email – to remind ourselves that we are loved.

Against all the odds, against all common sense, beyond our best hopes, it turns out that the goodness baked into creation at the moment of the flash we call the Big Bang, surges through each of us too! We are full of the good energy of creation that we call the love of God.

We need to tell ourselves this extraordinary truth, and we need to do it regularly, and we need to do it together – if for no other reason than that we find it so hard to know it deeply. We are so used to telling ourselves a tawdry little counterfeit story. You know the one, where we rehearse that long list of failures that we drag around like a sack of useless rocks. This story can seem so true and so powerful, and it is only in real and vibrant community that we can have the imagination and courage to tell out the true story of goodness and love.

So, let's keep going! Let's keep reading, listening and singing on Sundays when we gather. Let's keep listening to and being kind to each other over coffee. As Paul has it in 1 Thessalonians: 'Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.'

Paul

P.S. a few people asked me to resend the link to the blog where I write about the lectionary gospel reading for each week. You can find it at: sundaybible.substack.com

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 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.**

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

Farewell for Nola and Dean Pearce

Sunday 7th August is Nola and Dean's last service with us. There will be a special morning tea after the service to farewell Nola and Dean. Please bring a plate to share for morning tea.

Worship Rostering

It's that time again! If you are a worship volunteer, please remember to submit any dates of unavailability for the next roster period (Sept-Nov) **no later than Monday 8th August!**

To enter your own unavailability dates in Elvanto

1. Log in to Elvanto
2. Go to your My Profile page and then click on the unavailability sidebar
3. Once there, simply select the range of dates and times that you'll be unavailable, and click 'Submit'
4. Your upcoming unavailability will appear in a table on the page.

If you need to remove an unavailability date, select the upcoming unavailable times that you are now available for (by clicking on their check boxes) and select 'delete' in the drop-down menu that appears. Further instructions for the use of Elvanto were sent out with the previous roster.

For those who can't yet use Elvanto, please email the office **no later than Monday 8th August** so that roster planning can begin.

Congregational Meeting - Save the Date

The Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday August 21st following the service. Put it in your diaries now and plan to be there to hear about what our Church is doing.

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 st and 3 rd Tues at 9.30 am at the church	Linda Driver
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

TOFS

Next TOFS is Tuesday 2nd August at The Nor East Bistro (Norwood Football Club), 583 North East Rd, Gilles Plains from 2pm.

Stay & Play @ Home

It's National Tree Day so go hug a tree in the wirra and consider how you can care for country.

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

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 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

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 5th August at <https://cofa.org.au/> and at the event.

When: Saturday 27th August 2022 at Burnside City Uniting Church, 384 Portrush Road, Tusmore. 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/>

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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
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
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
At all times	At all times	Top hall & Top car park	Medical HQ – Covid & Vaccine Clinics

*There will be no calisthenics classes on Sat 6th Aug, Sat 20th Aug, Mon 22nd Aug or Wed 31st Aug due to competitions. However other classes will still be running as usual on other days these weeks.

SUNDAY WORSHIP ROSTER

Role	31 st July	7 th August	Role	31 st July	7 th August
Prayer with Preacher	Di C	Meg E	Tick & Flick	Trevor C	Trevor C
Worship Leader	Di C	David W	Door	Ray W Carole W	Robyn F Lee O'C
Preacher	Music Service	Dean P	Notices	Lee O'C	Meg E
Singers	Friederike A-W Allan A Sylvia M	Janet L Ann B Eric H	Count Offering	Don B Ray W	Sam G Bob S
Sound Desk	Don B	Don B	Bible Reader	Noel M	Don B
Data Projector	David W	Sam W	Flowers	Marie H	Carole W
Chair Steward	Glen L Paul H	Bernie O'H	Communion Prep	N/A	Friederike A-W
Building Steward	Paul H	Eric H	Communion Servers	N/A	Louise J Graham J
Zoom Production	Paul H	Tara S			

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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