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## Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> August 2022

### A note from Linda

Can you think back to the last time you did some colouring in? How important were those guiding lines to you? Was it OK to colour over and beyond the lines or did you need to ensure that at no time did you cross that line? This Sunday we'll be looking at how Jesus was willing to 'colour over and beyond the lines' for the sake of setting someone free!

Check out [Luke 13:10–17](#). Jesus reaches out to the woman burdened and living in the shadows and proclaims she is "set free. God, our rock and refuge, affirms, calls and sets us free to participate fully in God's healing, reconciling reign. Good News indeed!

*Blessings,*

*Linda*

### Worship on-site

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.

## CONGREGATION

### Congregational Meeting

The Congregational Meeting will be held this Sunday, August 21<sup>st</sup> following the service.

The Minutes from the previous meeting held on 27 February 2022 is attached to this newsletter

### Hearing Aids in Worship

Do you wear a Hearing Aid? Do you struggle sometimes to hear what's happening when you participate in worship at Athelstone? If so, the Pastoral Care team are keen to hear from you! We're keen to ensure all can participate, so please contact Rev Linda.

## 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

### Stay & Play @ Home

Stay and Play @ Home families have received their first programme for Term 3 continuing our theme for 2022, International Year of Glass, by exploring “Glass helps us to make...homes for animals”.

*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/>.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### Dementia Friendly Community Forum

Hosted by John Gardner MP in conjunction with Campbelltown City Council and Dementia Australia

15 September, 11am. Campbelltown Function Centre

RSVP essential: Ph 8365 4224 or online at [www.trybooking.com/CBNAZ](http://www.trybooking.com/CBNAZ)

## WIDER CHURCH

### Celebration of Ministries Service

As part of this year's Synod '22, a Celebration of Ministries service will be held at Adelaide West Uniting Church, 312 Sir Donald Bradman Drive, Brooklyn Park SA 5032 on Sunday, 21st August at 2.00 pm.

This service celebrates the ministry, those who have retired since the last Synod meeting, and those who are celebrating special anniversaries of their ordination. The service will be both in person and live-streamed online.

Phone (08) 8236 4200 or email [synod@sa.uca.org.au](mailto:synod@sa.uca.org.au) for further information.

## Connecting with Ancestors Retreat

A unique opportunity exists to engage with Rev Dr Aunty Denise Champion in person as she contributes to leading a Connecting with Ancestors Retreat. This retreat will be held in Moonta from Friday 21 October to Sunday 23 October 2022. It is an opportunity to connect with your spiritual heritage through listening to the stories of our ancestors and learning through dialogue between the spirituality of First Nations people and the spirituality of the ancient Celts. You can enjoy the beautiful Moonta landscape and history with time for walking, writing and reflecting. To register your interest to attend complete the form (<https://ucasa.org.au/connecting-with-ancestors-retreat/>). You will then be provided with further details. More information is in the latest New Times issue.

## CMLA Retreat

Rest and Wonder Creative Retreat: "Wonder-ing"

September 2 - Full day retreat with Sharonne Price at Nunyara

Sharonne will lead us as we take time out and reinvest in our inner lives and creative endeavours.

For more information and to register go to [cmla.org.au](http://cmla.org.au) or call 8267 2657.

The CMLA is the Centre for Music Liturgy and the Arts

## 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, 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.

## 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/>

Frontier News: <https://frontierservices.org/news-media/our-resources/frontier-news/>

## NOTICES FOR MEMBERS

### 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
<b>Friday 19<sup>th</sup> August</b>	<b>12.00 – 3.00 pm</b>	<b>Meeting Room</b>	<b>Wimala Presbytery Standing Committee</b>
Saturdays	9.30 – 11.30 am	Lower Hall	Pilates
Saturdays	9.30 – 11.30 am	Auditorium	Waratah Calisthenics
<b>Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> August</b>	<b>10.30 – 11.30 am</b>	<b>Auditorium</b>	<b>Congregational Meeting</b>
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 23<sup>rd</sup> August</b>	<b>2.30 – 3.30 pm</b>	<b>Meeting Room</b>	<b>Pastoral Care Meeting</b>
<b>Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> August</b>	<b>7.15 – 9.30 pm</b>	<b>Meeting Room</b>	<b>Church Council Meeting</b>
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
<b>Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> August</b>	<b>11.00 – 2.00 pm</b>	<b>Lower Hall, Kitchen, Deck</b>	<b>Private Function (tentative)</b>
At all times	At all times	Top hall & Top car park	Medical HQ – Covid & Vaccine Clinics

\*There will be no calisthenics classes on 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	21 <sup>st</sup> August	28 <sup>th</sup> August	Role	21 <sup>st</sup> August	28 <sup>th</sup> August
<b>Prayer with Preacher</b>	Jennifer C	Robyn F	<b>Tick &amp; Flick</b>	Brenton S	Brenton S
<b>Worship Leader</b>	Di C	David W	<b>Door</b>	Stella W Coralie S	Jan R Gus R
<b>Preacher</b>	Linda D	Leigh Newton	<b>Notices</b>	Sylvia M	Lee O'C
<b>Singers</b>	Janet L Jean R Allan A	Eric H Lyndon R Sylvia M	<b>Count Offering</b>	Paul H Gus R	Glen L Gus R
<b>Sound Desk</b>	Noel M	Noel M	<b>Bible Reader</b>	Eric H	Lee O'C
<b>Data Projector</b>	Paul D	Samantha W	<b>Flowers</b>	Raelene A	Carole W
<b>Chair Steward</b>	Trevor G Jeff D	Glen L Brenton S	<b>Communion Prep</b>	N/A	N/A
<b>Building Steward</b>	Noel M	Eric H	<b>Communion Servers</b>	N/A	N/A
<b>Zoom Production</b>	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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## **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION, 27 February 2022 – MINUTES**

### **1. OPENING**

The chairperson, Allan Amber opened the meeting at 10.45am and welcomed all present, including 6 people who attended via Zoom.

Linda Driver was invited to open with Acknowledgment of Country and prayer.

### **2. APOLOGIES**

Julie and Trevor Goldsmith, Nola and Dean Pearce, Jeanine Dry, Shelley Walker, Sam Walker, Pat Howshild.

### **3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

Minutes of the previous Congregational meeting in September 2021 were tabled. **Carried**

### **GENERAL BUSINESS**

Appointment of Brian Ball and Don Brown as scrutineers. **Carried**

### **4. REPORTS**

Allan thanked everyone for their comprehensive reports.

#### **Linda Driver**

1. **Acts2 Project.** Linda shared with the members present and on Zoom the foundation of Act2 and how it was formed by the Assembly Standing Committee in 2020. It is based on a conversation with all UCA churches and how three outcomes have been identified as critical to the future structure, practices and ways of working:

- a) Creating an enabling environment for local communities of worship, service and discipleship formation.
- b) Fostering a cohesive national character of the Church and collaborative ways of working across the Church.
- c) Fulfilling the Church's legal, ethical and social obligations.

#### **2. Report**

- a) Theme of Report was one of being **Thankful**. There are so many areas of our Church to be thankful for - particularly the Leadership of Jeff Dry and Council, our discipleship, our community outreach, our care, our Office coordinator and much more.
- b) Long Service Leave. Linda is taking leave from 22 April to 1 August inclusive which also includes holiday leave as well.

Allan thanked Linda for her service, and on behalf of the Congregation, wished her and Paul all the best.

#### **Jeff Dry**

Jeff emphasised how fortunate we are to have Linda as our Minister.

Linda's Long Service Leave – After consultation with Wimala Presbytery, Jeff has been in discussion with Rev Paul Turley. Church Council has approved the recommendation of Paul Turley to be the Interim Minister whilst Linda is on Long Service leave. **Endorsed**

#### **Glen Luestner**

Reiterated the Budget is a breakeven budget and how thankful we are to receive an income from Med HQ. Budget was formally endorsed. **Endorsed**

Allan proposed all Reports be accepted. **Carried**

## 5. CHURCH COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Allan thanked retiring Council members Sheralyn Robertson and Bob Stevenson and thanked them both for their service and contribution to Council. It was noted that Jeff Dry, Glen Luestner, Meg Edwards and Lee O'Connell were re-nominating.

- The **Nominees for Council** are Jeff Dry, Glen Luestner, Meg Edwards, Lee O'Connell, Tara Shirlock (1yr appt) and Jennifer Clark.
- The **Nominee for Presbytery representative** is David Walker.
- The **Nominee for Chairperson of the Congregation** is Allan Amber

Voting slips were distributed, and each member nominated overwhelmingly received in excess of the 51% of the vote required. It was noted that **59 members** cast a vote.

***All nominees were elected.***

## 6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Jeff Dry noted that Medical HQ contract is current until the end of June but very likely to continue.

## 7. CLOSE WITH PRAYER

Allan thanked everyone for attending, and Linda extinguished the candle and closed with prayer.

Meeting closed at 11.15am