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## Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> August 2022

### A note from Linda

This Sunday morning Leigh Newton will be joining us. He is a South Australian songwriter/guitarist/pianist and shares the Good News through his original music. I'm really looking forward to it and am sure you will be challenged and blessed by his ministry.

The following week will see the beginning of the Season of Creation. Throughout the month of September Christians across the world celebrate the Season of Creation, an annual invitation to pray and reflect on our shared call to care for the earth - our common home and the 'household' of God.

The 2022 international theme is 'Listen to the voice of Creation.' President Rev Sharon Hollis has encouraged Uniting Church members to mark the Season of Creation in worship and advocacy, and to engage with reflections the Assembly will share across the month.

"As the Uniting Church we celebrate the whole world as God's good creation, and give thanks to God for the life that surrounds us," said Rev Hollis. "At this time we also hear the cry of creation for renewal."

"This Season of Creation I invite Uniting Church communities to listen closely to the world we inhabit and consider what actions they might take for the flourishing of creation and a sustainable future."

*Blessings,*

*Linda*

### Worship on-site

Please be aware that our worship service is being live streamed on ZOOM this morning so if you are not comfortable in having your image captured then we encourage you to sit in the back row of the church in front of the creative tables.

Currently mask wearing is not mandated, but is 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. 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.

### 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

### 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

## Wider Church News

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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 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.

## CHURCH BUILDING - BOOKINGS

*Special Event or changes to regular bookings or location are highlighted in bold.*

Day	Time	Location	Hirer/User
<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>
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
<b>Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> Aug</b>	<b>2.30 – 4.30 pm</b>	<b>Auditorium, Toilets</b>	<b>Waratah Calisthenics – Competition Prep</b>
<b>Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> Sept</b>	<b>1.00 – 4.00 pm</b>	<b>Meeting Room</b>	<b>Wimala Presbytery - Private Hirer</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

## SUNDAY WORSHIP ROSTER

Role	28 <sup>th</sup> August	4 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Role	28 <sup>th</sup> August	4 <sup>th</sup> Sept
<b>Prayer with Preacher</b>	Robyn F	Tara S	<b>Tick &amp; Flick</b>	Brenton S	Lee O'C
<b>Worship Leader</b>	David W	Jeff D	<b>Door</b>	Jenny R David R	Jan R Gus R
<b>Preacher</b>	Leigh Newton	Linda D	<b>Notices</b>	Lee O'C	Jeff Dry (WL)
<b>Singers</b>	Eric H Lyndon R Sylvia M	Janet L Jeanine D Sylvia M	<b>Count Offering</b>	Glen L Gus R	Trevor G David W
<b>Sound Desk</b>	Noel M	Paul D	<b>Bible Reader</b>	Lee O'C	Ann T
<b>Data Projector</b>	Samantha W	Sam W	<b>Flowers</b>	Carole W	Marie H
<b>Chair Steward</b>	Glen L Brenton S	Jeff D Paul H	<b>Communion Prep</b>	N/A	Leanne S
<b>Building Steward</b>	Eric H	Paul H	<b>Communion Servers</b>	N/A	Robyn F Eric H
<b>Zoom Production</b>	Tara S	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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