



Minister:

Rev Linda Driver

Phone: +610458 500 656

Email: [minister@athelstonechurch.org.au](mailto:minister@athelstonechurch.org.au)

## Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2022

### A note from Linda

The theme for this year's Season of Creation is "Listen to the Voice of Creation". This Sunday is Fauna Sunday, when we worship with the whole fauna family. We will welcome guest preacher Brian Polkinghorne.

*"Wild animals and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds! Praise the Lord!"* Ps. 148.10

This week, try to listen for the sounds of local fauna: birds and koalas sing and grunt loudly! What else can you hear and what are they telling us?

*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.

### Front Door – Update

The Front Door has been repaired! Technically, the concrete that was obstructing has been ground down.

Huge thanks to Ian Fry! The good news is that we can now close the door, when we wish!

A note to those who unlock the door, please ensure the door is unlocked from the outside so that people can enter when it is closed.

### 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.

## Season of Creation Resources

Here are some ways you can engage further with the Season of Creation during the week:

- Check out resources from Assembly: <https://uniting.church/season-of-creation-2022-hub/>
- Spend time outside. Look for signs of new life. Give thanks.
- Engage with our gardens: wakwakurnaku wirra (our endemic garden), our Community garden and our Peace garden
- Volunteer in one of our gardens (contact Bruce and Joy Stewart, Wendy and Lyndon Rowe, or Di Curtis to find out more)
- Check out the “Wild At Art, threatened species art exhibition for kids” (aged 5-12) (Australian Conservation Foundation)  
<https://www.acf.org.au/wild-at-art-competition>
- Engage with the “With Love to the World” devotions which focus on the Season of Creation (you can access this via the app, or subscribe here: <http://www.withlovetotheworld.org.au/>)
- Download and try the Just Earth devotional app
- Check out the event calendar for the Nature Festival of South Australia - 6 - 16 Oct 2022  
<https://www.naturefestival.org.au/>
- Plan for our Blessing of the Animals service (to be held in our Church Auditorium on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> October). You can bring your pet (appropriately restrained), or a photo of a pet or endangered species that is important to you.

## NOTICES FOR MEMBERS

### Safe Church Update

Last Sunday was UCA's Child Safe Sunday. A day that reminds us of our commitment as a church to ensure the wellbeing and safety of children and young people, to enable them to become who God calls them to be. This commitment to safeguarding young people is everyone's responsibility, and it is a commitment to care for both the children that are involved with our church and its activities now, and those that may be involved in the future.

How can we share in this role?

1. Speak up if you see or hear something that is concerning to you. Talk to our Linda, Victoria or Church Council members.
2. Go through the screening process. Everyone working or volunteering with children *and* those in a role of responsibility (Appointed Leaders) within the Uniting Church must have a valid Working with Children Check (WWCC). Depending upon your role, you may also require a General Probity Check or Vulnerable Persons Check, which is carried out at the same time. Thank you to those who are in the process of doing their checks at the moment. If you have questions or are unsure about something, please ask me (Victoria).
3. Undertake *Through Their Eyes - Child Safe Environment* Training. This helps to equip us to know how to respond to abuse and neglect. To make it as simple as possible, we are hosting an afternoon refresher of this training at AUC on Saturday the 12th of November. This training is for those involved in ministry with children, have done prior child protection training in SA previously, and it has been 3 years since you last participated. If you have never done the training before and are keen, or it has been more than 3 years, we can help you to find a training session that will be suitable for you. Please talk to Victoria for more information, or go to <https://safechurch.ucasa.org.au/events/through-their-eyes-906-986-715-824/> to sign up for the training. There is a cost of \$24.65, with afternoon tea provided.

## Pigeon Holes

We have set up some trial pigeon holes in the vestry – in trays on the shelf under the wooden bench. This is a central location which everyone can access. Please use them to contact or share information with the Minister (Linda Driver), Office (Carol Lang), Church Council Chairperson (Jeff Dry), Secretary (Robyn Fry) and Treasurer (Glen Luestner), Congregational Secretary (Ann Brown), Messy Church and the Worship Team. If you think you or your group could benefit from a pigeon hole then please talk to Carol in the Office.

## Incident Reporting for Near Miss, Property Damage or Injury to a Person

We have a new form for reporting minor or major incidents. Please remember to complete them as they are best completed at the time of the incident (or as soon as practicable afterwards). You will find the forms with the first aid kits in the store room (behind glass doors with curtains, off the auditorium). There are also some copies in the pamphlet display in the foyer. You can use the same form to report anything from a minor or major injury or illness, a near- miss (an incident which could potentially have cause injury) or other property damage. There are also some 1 page witness statement forms available to hand out at any time they are needed.

**Use of the first aid kits:** Please remember to complete the First Aid Register if you access the first aid kit, even for very minor incidents. If the incident is very minor e.g just a bandaid from first aid kit, then this record will serve as a incident report if the full form is not completed so please do make use of this register at the very least.

## CONNECT GROUPS

### Triple C's

Second Wednesday and meet at SETTEBELLO for a catch up on gossip, health and general goings on in the world of Chaps Coffee and Chat. Usual time of 1030hrs neither Ray nor Bob will be there, so hope our ears do not burn too much! Enjoy the companionship and laughs. Regards Ray.

### Stay & Play @ Home

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

Our Term 3 Wirra Play Day is fast approaching on 20<sup>th</sup> September!

Joy and Bruce Stewart



### 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

## 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 NEWS

In October there are two excellent retreats to choose between:

### 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 Creative Retreat

Renewal: An creative retreat with Sean Gilbert: A time for creative community, songwriters, poets, writers, visual and performing artists to be inspired and renewed by the Adelaide Hills. Sean Gilbert will lead you as you take time out and reinvest in your inner life and creative endeavours.

Friday October 21 3 pm to Saturday October 22 5 pm at Nunyara Retreat Centre, Belair.

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

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/>

## 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 Linda Driver for individual prayer or one the members of the Pastoral Care Oversight team (Lee O'Connell, Brenton Summers, Ann Brown, Bob Stevenson). 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 Linda. "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
Mondays		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
Tuesdays (1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> of Month)	9.30 – 10.30 am	Minister's Office	Book Club
Wednesdays	9.30 - 10.30 am	Lower hall	Pilates
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

**Upcoming Church Booking Events for Chair Stewards in particular, but for all church users to be aware of:**

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> September. Music Student Concert by Private Hirer. 3 pm to 7 pm.

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> September. Waratah Calisthenics Concert. 1 pm to 5 pm.

## SUNDAY WORSHIP ROSTER

Role	11 <sup>th</sup> Sept	18 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Role	11 <sup>th</sup> Sept	18 <sup>th</sup> Sept
<b>Prayer with Preacher</b>	Jeff D	Meg E	<b>Tick &amp; Flick</b>	Brenton S	Lee O'C
<b>Worship Leader</b>	Meg E	David W	<b>Door</b>	Robyn Fry	Stella W
<b>Preacher</b>	Brian Polkinghorne	Linda D	<b>Notices</b>	Meg E (WL)	Meg E
<b>Singers</b>	Shelley W Jeanine D Jeff D	Friederike A-W Allan A Di C	<b>Count Offering</b>	Gus R Sam G	Sylvia M Don B
<b>Sound Desk</b>	David W	Paul D	<b>Bible Reader</b>	David W	Fridericke A-W
<b>Data Projector</b>	Samantha W	Sam W	<b>Flowers</b>	Jenny R	Raelene A
<b>Chair Steward</b>	Trevor G Glen L	Sharon T Scott T	<b>Communion Prep</b>	N/A	N/A
<b>Building Steward</b>	Richard R	Eric H	<b>Communion Servers</b>	N/A	N/A
<b>Zoom Production</b>	Paul H (with Graham J)	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.

**Postal Address:** PO Box 307, Athelstone, SA 5076  
**Office Email:** [office@athelstonechurch.org.au](mailto:office@athelstonechurch.org.au)  
**Minister Email:** [minister@athelstonechurch.org.au](mailto:minister@athelstonechurch.org.au)  
**Newsletter:** [newsletter@athelstonechurch.org.au](mailto:newsletter@athelstonechurch.org.au)

**Office Coordinator:** Carol Lang  
**Office Hours:** Tues & Thurs: 9.30am – 12.30pm  
**Office Phone:** (08) 8336 9905  
**Web:** [athelstonechurch.org.au](http://athelstonechurch.org.au)

*Please email newsletter items to [newsletter@athelstonechurch.org.au](mailto:newsletter@athelstonechurch.org.au) by 5pm Wednesday.*