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## Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2022

### A note from Linda

In our Worship on Sunday morning we return to the Revised Common Lectionary with the parable of the persistent widow and the unjust judge (Luke 18:1-8). In a story of a woman persistently seeking justice, we find the courage to persist through every adversity and marvel at how God never gives up on us.

We will also commission the Operation Christmas child shoeboxes. So please bring in your shoe boxes or donations to cover postage.

*Blessings,*

*Linda*

## WORSHIP

### 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 recommended for morning 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.

### Frontier Services special service

We will have a special service followed by a BBQ on Sunday 23 October. Our guest preacher will be bush chaplain Rev Sunil (Sunny) Kadaparambil. Frontier Services is Australia's oldest bush charity who care for and support people living in regional and remote areas.

## Season of Creation

The Season of Creation is over for another year. We hope that this has been a helpful encouragement to listen for the voice of creation as part of your discipleship journey.

Thanks to all who participated in the Blessing of the Animals service. It was a very happy morning for most of us, with lots of smiles as our beloved pets joined us in worship. For others, it was a challenging time as they grieve the recent loss of a pet. There are left over Certificates available in the Church foyer if you would like one to commemorate the blessing of your pet.

Don't forget that the opportunity is still there to engage with our gardens: wakwakurnaku wirra (our endemic garden), our Community garden and our Peace garden. If you are interested in joining our gardening team, please contact Bruce and Joy Stewart, Wendy and Lyndon Rowe, or Di Curtis to find out more.

Nature Festival continues into this weekend: <https://www.naturefestival.org.au/>

Next week is the 2022 Aussie Bird Count <https://aussiebirdcount.org.au/>

Just spend 20 minutes in your favourite outdoor space and record what birds you see during that period. The app provides a helpful tool for identifying birds. A great way to learn more about the birds in your neighbourhood.

## CONNECT GROUPS

### 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. <b>Fine Foods, Newton</b>	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	6 <sup>th</sup> Dec. 10am – 11.30am. In the wirra!	Joy & Bruce Stewart

### Triple C's

Wonderful to see 18 Chaps many of whom discovered an additional C=cake and very moderately priced at Fine Foods last Wednesday. A very lively group, and thanks for turning out.

Now something different, as many of you know I love playing Croquet of which there are many variations. The simplest is Golf Croquet which can be learned in 30 minutes, but takes ages to Master with tactics etc. My club at North Adelaide has invited us to try out the game for a grand price of \$0.00 yep that's right \$0.00, with simple Coffee and biscuits included. Please advise in next two weeks if interested to participate and it would replace our normal 2nd Wednesday meeting ie November 9th. Partners would be welcome too.

*Regards Ray*

### Stay & Play @ Home

It's time to explore the wirra, enjoy the spring flowers and pull some weeds! Stay and Play @ Home families will continue our theme for 2022, International Year of Glass in Term 4 with how "Glass helps us to change". Stay & Play @ Home Resources will be sent out on 25<sup>th</sup> October and 22<sup>nd</sup> November. Come and enjoy some nature play at the next Wirra Play Day on 6<sup>th</sup> December.



## MISSIONAL

### Operation Christmas Child

Our final Sunday for collection of shoeboxes is **this Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> October**. So please remember to bring in your shoe boxes or donations to cover postage.

Thank you for your generosity.



### Egg cartons

Would you be willing to save your egg cartons? The Emergency Relief Centre at Brougham Place Uniting Church needs egg cartons weekly to offer fresh eggs to people. Egg cartons can be added to the Giving Table and I will pass them on.

*Thank you, Linda.*

### Catherine House Newsletters are now online

For those interested in the happenings at Catherine House please note that they are now offering online newsletters. You can sign up to their e-news mailing list or download their latest newsletter at

<https://catherinehouse.org.au/about-us/our-stories/>

### 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/>.

## WIDER CHURCH NEWS

Here are a couple of retreats happening next weekend:

### CMLA Retreat

Rest and Wonder Creative Retreat: "Renewal"

October 21-22 – An Creative 2 day Retreat with Sean Gilbert at Nunyara Retreat Centre, Belair.

Be inspired and renewed by the Adelaide Hills. Take time to be creative, reflect and be spiritually nurtured in this retreat. Immerse yourself in this opportunity, wander the gardens, walk the labyrinth, enjoy being part of a creative community. Take time out and re-invest in your inner-life 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

### 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.

## Dernancourt Uniting Church Spring Fair

Dernancourt Uniting Church (1 Vingara Drive, Dernancourt) is holding a Spring Fair on 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct 2022 from 9.00 am to 1.00 pm. Activities/Stalls will include a Sausage Sizzle, Morning Tea, Pancakes, Cakes/Produce, Plants, Books, Bus Stop 30+2 Op Shop and Children's Activities. Stop by if you can and support one of our neighbouring congregations. Fliers are available in the foyer pamphlet display.

## 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/>

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

## WIDER COMMUNITY

### Morialta Community Quiz Night

A quiz night to raise funds for the Eastern Adelaide Domestic Violence Service is being held on the 18<sup>th</sup> November 2022 at 6 pm for 6.30 pm start. Those who enjoy quiz nights might like to form an Athelstone table?

*Venue:* Athelstone Football Club, 150 George Street, Paradise.

*Cost:* \$25 pp or \$200 for table of 10.

*RSVP:* TryBooking – <https://www.trybooking.com/CBKZO>

## 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 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	mornings	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
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> Oct	2.30-3.30 pm	Meeting Room	Pastoral Care Meeting
<b>Tuesdays from 18<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	<b>6.30 – 8.30 pm</b>	<b>Auditorium</b>	<b>Waratah Calisthenics</b>
Wednesdays	9.30 - 10.30 am	Lower hall	Pilates
Thursdays	6.30 – 8.30 pm	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
<b>Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct</b>	<b>After morning worship service</b>	<b>Whole Building</b>	<b>BBQ Fundraiser for Frontier Services</b>

## SUNDAY WORSHIP ROSTER

Role	16 <sup>th</sup> Oct	23 <sup>rd</sup> Oct	Role	16 <sup>th</sup> Oct	23 <sup>rd</sup> Oct
<b>Prayer with Preacher</b>	Lee O'C	Robyn F	<b>Tick &amp; Flick</b>	Trevor C	Trevor C
<b>Worship Leader</b>	Robyn S	Lynton N	<b>Door</b>	Jan R Gus R	Ray W Carole W
<b>Preacher</b>	Linda D	Sunny Kadaparambil	<b>Notices</b>	Lee O'C	Sylvia M
<b>Singers</b>	Jeff D Bob S Jeanine D	Jean R Janet L Allan A	<b>Count Offering</b>	Don B Ray W	Trevor G Sam G
<b>Sound Desk</b>	Paul D	Don B	<b>Bible Reader</b>	Sylvia M	Jayne N
<b>Data Projector</b>	David W	David W	<b>Flowers</b>	Carole W	Raelene A
<b>Chair Steward</b>	Don B Jeff D	Bob S Trevor G	<b>Communion Prep</b>	N/A	N/A
<b>Building Steward</b>	Eric H	Noel M	<b>Communion Servers</b>	N/A	N/A
<b>Zoom Production</b>	Tara S	Graham J			

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 Rev Linda Driver or the worship leader for that service as appropriate. Thank you.

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