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## Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2022

### A note from Linda

Greetings Athelstonians! As you may be aware, I was away last weekend at the 'Connecting with our Ancestors' retreat at Moonta. It was a very special weekend. Aunty Denise Champion shared stories that helped us connect with First People's creation stories and their deep awareness of God speaking to them through creation. Rev June Ladner and Rev Mandy Harvey shared stories from Celtic

spirituality, which shares a deep awareness of God through creation. We reflected on the many stories of displacement that both first peoples and the Celts shared followed by stories of hope. We were also able to reflect back on the stories of our own ancestors and how these have had an influence on us today. I shared this experience with my Mother-in-Law Glenda who enjoyed sharing stories about some of her ancestors (the Kirks of Clements Gap). The weekend also included times of deep listening (including Dadirri, contemplative prayer and lots of time to go for a walk outdoors). Uncle Nelson Varcoe shared lots of songs that he had written, which were very moving. We had a very peaceful sunset experience at Simms Cove where we quietly watched the sun set, listened to stories from Aunty Denise and sang songs of praise. I felt a sense of being prepared for our coming Advent series (From Generation to Generation) and was deeply thankful. If you would like to read more about this retreat, go here:



<https://sa.uca.org.au/new-times/breathe-with-me>

This coming weekend I will be in Melbourne at the Act 2 Steering Committee retreat. This will be quite a different style of retreat as we begin the work set out for us: to oversee the work of the Act 2 Project whose goal is to see life-giving communities of faith grow and flourish in the Uniting Church.

This Sunday, I encourage you to come and support our new Preacher, Jennifer Clark.

I look forward to joining you again in worship on Sunday November 6 when we will praise our God and share in communion together.

*"My mouth will speak in praise of the Lord. Let every creature praise his holy name for ever and ever." (Psalm 145:21)*

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.

## Church Council

### Church Council Update:

- Medical HQ have extended their contract to use the top hall until 31 December but future plans for 2023 are still yet to be confirmed
- Our church will be hosting two Safe Church training courses on Saturday 12 November with these courses targeting church council leaders and those involved in ministry for children and young people helping them create safer environments in our church communities.
- Church Council is seeking volunteers to be available on the occasions when our church office is unattended due to both Linda and Carol being unavailable. This contingency plan will ensure we have a presence on site during our office days of Tuesday and Thursday mornings. So if you can help please speak to Jeff to indicate your willingness to assist.
- Thanks to your generosity an amount of around \$1500 was donated to Frontier Services from last Sunday's service and BBQ. What a fantastic response!

*Jeff Dry – Chairperson*

## CONNECT GROUPS

### Stay & Play @ Home

It's time to explore the wirra, enjoy the spring flowers and pull some weeds! Stay and Play @ Home families have received their first programme following our theme for 2022, International Year of Glass with how "Glass helps us to change – what we use".

Stay & Play @ Home Resources will be sent out on 22<sup>nd</sup> November. Come and enjoy some nature play at the next Wirra Play Day on 6<sup>th</sup> December.



## Triple C's

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 a bit longer 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- so far 5 have done so-in participating, it would replace our normal 2nd Wednesday meeting format on November 9<sup>th</sup>. Partners would be welcome too. Envisage spending around 90minutes.....longer if the "bug" bites!

SECONDLY DECEMBER MEETING. THINGS ARE GETTING TIGHT but are Chaps interested in changing December meeting to December 7 in order to visit the Marche Club Friendship 3 course Lunch which will be Christmas themed cost \$18.00 must know by THIS Monday to have a chance of getting in.

*Regards Ray*

## 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.	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

## MISSIONAL

### Flood Appeal – National Disaster Relief Fund

Uniting Church President Rev Sharon Hollis has launched a national appeal to support communities across Australia impacted by flooding. Victoria continues to be engulfed by flooding, with tens of thousands of people impacted across the state. Yesterday, flash flooding inundated homes and businesses in Melbourne and major flooding of townships along the Murray River is expected to continue. At the same time, communities in NSW, Tasmania, Queensland and South Australia have been impacted by the extreme weather. "We pray for all people impacted by the recent floods and those who are coming alongside them to provide immediate relief and care," said Rev Hollis. The National Disaster Relief Fund is used to support people to rebuild both physically and emotionally, in the short and long term. Go to this link to donate: <https://uniting.church/national-disaster-relief-fund-floods-appeal/>

### 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 Linda will pass them on.

### 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

### Art Exhibition and QnA with Mr Kaym Maher MLC

On behalf of Pilgrim Uniting Church I extend a warm invitation to you to attend the opening of an Art Exhibition and QnA with Mr Kyam Maher MLC (Attorney General and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs). This free event features Indigenous singer, Corey Theatre, singing in Gunditjmara language, artworks by non-indigenous artist, Colin Clarke, the launch of a video posing questions about “truth telling”, and a QnA information session led by the Hon. Kyam Maher on Voice Treaty Truth in South Australia. Come for an evening of story telling through the arts and discussion to discover hidden truths of Australian History.

Date: 7<sup>th</sup> November 5.15 – 7.00 pm. This is a free event with nibbles and refreshments provided.

Venue: Pilgrim Uniting Church, 12 Flinders Street, Adelaide.

Bookings: <https://www.trybooking.com/CDHLA>

### 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

### Inner Wheel Movie Night

Inner Wheel Club of Tea Tree Gully invites you to attend this fun movie in support of Catherine House, Adelaide.

Movie is ‘Mrs Harris Goes to Paris’ on 30<sup>th</sup> October 2022 at 2.00pm. Regal Theatre, Kensington Road.

Tickets \$15 pp, available from Sylvia Maywald, 0408 810 507, or in the foyer at the theatre.

\$5 Raffle tickets available at theatre.

### 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

### Christmas Lunch?

In recent years we’ve had a lunch for those in the congregation and the community who have no one to have lunch with. We would love to offer this again this year to do so, we need a team of volunteers who are willing to be available on Christmas Day. Support is available from those who have done this in past. Would you like to know more, please contact Robyn Fry. We would like to make a decision whether we will offer a Christmas lunch by Sunday, 6th November.

## Safe Church Training

We are hosting Safe Church Training at AUC on Saturday the 12th of November. There will be 2 courses being run:

- **Called To Care**: an awareness session for key leaders and members of church councils to explore and consider best practice for creating a safe place. Members and office bearers of Church Council, key leaders of programs and any other person with roles of responsibility in the Uniting Church should attend. 9:30-12:30 (3 hrs); No fee required.

<https://safechurch.ucasa.org.au/events/called-to-care-154-869-428/>

- **Through Their Eyes**: safe environments for children and young people: a course to refresh your understanding of legal obligations for reporting concerns of children and young people. It is designed for those who have prior knowledge from previous training regarding child protection in South Australia. This course is of particular importance for our leaders in children's ministry, i.e. Messy Church, playgroup, with all leaders highly encouraged to attend. 1:30-4:30pm; \$24.65 fee to register, but can be reimbursed by church council. Afternoon Tea will be provided. Register at <https://safechurch.ucasa.org.au/events/through-their-eyes-906-986-715-824/>

Registration (via above links) is required to attend these workshops.

If you have any questions, please see Victoria Pederick.

## 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
<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>
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
Tuesdays	6.30 – 8.30 pm	Auditorium	Waratah Calisthenics
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

## SUNDAY WORSHIP ROSTER

Role	30 <sup>th</sup> Oct	6 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Role	30 <sup>th</sup> Oct	6 <sup>th</sup> Nov
<b>Prayer with Preacher</b>	Tara S	Meg E	<b>Tick &amp; Flick</b>	Trevor C	Lee O'C
<b>Worship Leader</b>	Jeff D	David W	<b>Door</b>	Lee O'C Jayne N	Stella W Robyn F
<b>Preacher</b>	Jennifer C	Linda D	<b>Notices</b>	Lee O'C	Meg E
<b>Singers</b>	Sylvia M Jeanine D Lynton N	Allan A Friederike A-W Ann B	<b>Count Offering</b>	Sylvia M Lynton N	Glen L Friederike A-W
<b>Sound Desk</b>	Noel M	Don B	<b>Bible Reader</b>	Shelley W	Ray W
<b>Data Projector</b>	Sam W	Sam W	<b>Flowers</b>	Di C	Jenny R
<b>Chair Steward</b>	Scott T Sharon T	Glen L Trevor G	<b>Communion Prep</b>	N/A	Leanne S
<b>Building Steward</b>	Richard R	Eric H	<b>Communion Servers</b>	N/A	Eric H Sheralyn R
<b>Zoom Production</b>	Tara S	Paul D			

If you cannot take your turn, please swap with someone, or if late notice on the Sunday morning, contact the worship leader or Rev Linda Driver for that service as appropriate. Thank you.

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