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Sunday 9th October 2022

A note from Linda

This Sunday brings to an end this year's Season Of Creation. We will celebrate with a Blessing of the Animals service. I hope you will be able to join us in person or online with your pet or a photo of an animal (pet or endangered species) that is special to you. We will also include a time to remember pets who have died. You might like to bring a photo of a pet you are missing. Read on for further details about the service and the special offering.

Blessings,

Linda

Blessings of Animals Service

Meow! Woof! Squeak! Chirp! Cheep!

Our Blessing of the Animals Service is this Sunday 9th October at 9.30 am in the church auditorium.

Link to Saint Francis Day, this will be a service of thanksgiving and blessing for the pets and other animals that bring us joy and help us to live fuller lives.

This special service is being planned by our Messy Church and our Sunday morning teams.

It will be a wonderful way for us to build connections with our local community, our world, creation and one another. All are welcome! All are invited to bring along your pet or a photo of an animal you love or an endangered species you care about. All animals must be on a lead or in a secure pen or carrying container for the safety of other animals and humans. Are you planning to come? And will you bring your pet? We'd love to know beforehand to help us in our planning. Please RSVP by email or phone to Rev Linda or Meg (Messy Church).

If you are planning to join us online, please note the service will be different and there won't be a PowerPoint with song words. Therefore, watch out for our worship email which will include a copy of the handout with song and response words.

Special Offering for Blessing of Animals

Thanks to Joy and Bruce Stewart for your suggestion about the special offering supporting endangered animals. We have decided to support Trees for Life. Their goal is to restore and protect habitat for animals and plants in South Australia. Our donations can help grow trees to create habitat, collect bags of precious native seed, and train and support volunteers. If you are not planning to attend the service, you can still donate online here: <https://treesforlife.org.au/> (Look for the Donate button)

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 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/>
- Sign up for the 2022 Aussie Bird Count (17-23 October 2022) <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

Triple C's

Next meeting of TRIPLE C's will be Wednesday Oct 12 @ 1030am.

NOTE CHANGE OF VENUE NOW AT, FINE FOODS 5 Meredith Street Newton...runs off Graves Street.

Different venue but still suitable for Chaps Chatter and Coffee. Numbers have been low of late so let's make it a big one. Need a lift to or from contact Bob or Ray.

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 st and 3 rd Tues at 9.30 am at the church	Linda Driver
Threads	2 nd & 4 th Tues 2-4 pm. Indigo Espresso Café	Linda Driver
Triple Cs - Men's Group	2 nd Wed of the month at 10.30 am. Fine Foods, Newton	Ray Walter
TOFs Fellowship Group	1 st 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 th Dec. 10am – 11.30am. In the wirra!	Joy & Bruce Stewart

MISSIONAL

Operation Christmas Child

Our final Sunday for collection of shoeboxes will be the 16th October. Please read the information or ask if you are unclear about what is and isn't allowed to be packed. Of course, if you find you don't have time to pack one yourself you can get one packed for you online, or you can just give me a donation to help the TOFS group cover the cost of their boxes. Thank you for your generosity.

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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

Dernancourt Uniting Church Spring Fair

Dernancourt Uniting Church (1 Vingara Drive, Dernancourt) is holding a Spring Fair on 22nd 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.

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 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.

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 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 (returns 17/10)
Mondays	6.30 - 8.30 pm	Lower hall	Pilates
Tuesdays	9.30 – 10.30 am	Auditorium	Pilates
Tuesdays (1 st & 3 rd of Month)	9.30 – 10.30 am	Minister's Office	Book Club
Tuesdays	6.30 – 8.30 pm	Auditorium	Waratah Calisthenics (from 18/10)
Wednesdays	9.30 - 10.30 am	Lower hall	Pilates
Thursday 13th Oct	9.30 – 11.00am	Whole Building	Fire Systems Servicing
Thursday 13th Oct	10.30 – 11.30 am	Auditorium	Carpet Cleaning
Thursday 13th Oct	1.30 – 4.30 pm	Meeting Room	Wimala Presbytery (Private Hire)
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	9 th Oct	16 th Oct	Role	9 th Oct	16 th Oct
Prayer with Preacher	Jennifer C	Lee O'C	Tick & Flick	Trevor C	Trevor C
Worship Leader	Di C/Messy Church Team	Robyn S	Door	Jenny R David R	Jan R Gus R
Preacher	Linda D	Linda D	Notices	Brenton S	Lee O'C
Singers	Sylvia M Ann B Friederike A-W	Jeff D Bob S Jeanine D	Count Offering	David W Paul H	Don B Ray W
Sound Desk	Noel M	Paul D	Bible Reader	Ann T	Sylvia M
Data Projector	Sam W	David W	Flowers	Marie H	Carole W
Chair Steward	Brenton S Paul H	Don B Jeff D	Communion Prep	N/A	N/A
Building Steward	Paul H	Eric H	Communion Servers	N/A	N/A
Zoom Production	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 Rev Linda Driver or the worship leader for that service as appropriate. Thank you.

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