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Sunday 20th November 2022

Our service today will be a Star Word service led by Robyn Stevenson, where volunteers from our church family will share their star word and what that has meant for them this year.

Worship Online or at Home

If you wish to join in our online Zoom service on Sunday mornings 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.

UPCOMING WORSHIP

Advent Season

The season of Advent is fast approaching! We will focus on how the stories of our faith have been passed down to us through the generations. It is a time to remember how God has shown up in the past and we can trust that God is present with us today and tomorrow.

We will launch our Advent series with an AdventTEA event immediately after the service on Sunday November 27 in the Lower Hall. This will be an opportunity to spend time in fellowship with others in the congregation, over a cup of tea (or refreshing glass of water, if tea isn't your thing!). Guided conversation starters will be available to help you talk about what Advent and Christmas means for you. It will run for 45 minutes, so we hope you will still be able to get to other commitments that day.

Christmas Services 	11 December	Messy Christmas	4.00pm
	24 December	Christmas Eve Family Service	6.30pm
	24 December	Christmas Eve Carols and Candles service	9.30pm
	25 December	Christmas Day	9.30am

Worship Volunteers - Christmas Availability

If you have not yet given Carol your availability to assist with worship at one, or more of our Christmas Services please do so no later than 25th November. Thank you.

Please be aware that our worship services are live streamed on ZOOM 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.

MISSIONAL

It is knitted angels season!

Each year we 'yarn bomb' our local neighbourhood with knitted (or crocheted) Christmas angels bringing hope and joy.

Why do we knit angels? This is an important part of our mission: to build connections with our community.

In the stories of Jesus' birth, we are told how angels - God's messengers - came to bring people good news at times when they were often confused or anxious. Our prayer is that as people find their angels, they will know that God is with them, because of the message of good news which will be attached.

We would love anyone to get involved – whether you are a novice knitter, an accomplished crocheter, or willing to learn!

Help yourself to a pattern and some wool from the Giving Table.

In the next few weeks, knit or crochet an Angel or 2 or 3 and bring them in.

If you are not a knitter, you might be willing to donate some wool or cash to buy wool or needles). Or share a pattern and wool with someone you know who loves to knit or crochet

We will commission the angels on December 18th, so that they can be distributed in the week leading up to Christmas. We hope that they will bring a smile to the faces of those who find them, just as they bring joy to those who make them!

Uniting World - Everything In Common 2022 Gift Catalogs

Uniting World Everything in Common Gift Catalogs are now available in the foyer display. Please take one if you are searching for extra special gifts that fight poverty and build hope!

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/>.

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.

CONNECT GROUPS

Triple C's

Our next big event is on Dec 7 at the Marche Club for a Christmas themed luncheon \$18.00, please let Ray Walter know if you wish to cancel or go, 13 Chaps so far are going.

Stay & Play @ Home

With all this rain, the spring flowers and the weeds in the wirra are still thriving! Have you discovered the *Microtis unifolia*, common onion orchid? It seems to have arrived from nowhere – a wonder of nature! Stay & Play @ Home Resources will be sent out on 22nd November. The next Wirra Play Day is on 6th December.



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.	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

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 of 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.

WIDER CHURCH NEWS

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/>

Agape Music Collective – Joy to the World Concert

When: Sunday 4th December 2022 from 2.30 – 4.00 pm

Venue: Adelaide West Uniting Church, 312 Sir Donald Bradman Drive, Brooklyn Park, SA, 5032

Agape Music Collective is a group of professional and semi-professional Christian classical musicians based in Adelaide whose mission is to freely use their gifts and talents to bring praise and glory to Jesus Christ, while supporting the spread of the Gospel. For this concert Agape Music Collective will be joined by the Cantamus Choir conducted by Stephen van der Hoek for a delightful selection of works which are mostly centred around Christmas including the Christmas Concerto by Corelli as well as works by Berlioz, Saint-Saëns, Handel and Schütz for choir and orchestra. Bring your singing voice along for a few community carols. Proceeds of this concert will be donated to the Barnabas Fund. Please enjoy a cup of tea/coffee with us at the conclusion of this performance. Tickets: Adults \$30 Students with ID \$20 Children under 12 free. Enquiries: agapemusiccollective@gmail.com

Booking link: <https://www.trybooking.com/CEDHM>

WIDER COMMUNITY NEWS

Save The Date: Campbelltown Community Carols

Look out for news about the Campbelltown Community Carols, Thorndon Park: Saturday December 10

Metropolitan Male Choir Christmas Concert

Tickets to attend this concert at the early bird price (\$25) are still available from Lynton Nicholas or David Walker until Tuesday 14th November.

Metropolitan Male Choir
presents
Sing We Now Of Christmas
Choir, scholarship winners and strings
Christmas favourites and more!
Details at www.mmcsa.org/events

For bookings, scan
& click Search





Elder Hall, University of Adelaide
North Terrace, Adelaide
Saturday 10th December, 7:30pm
Tickets on www.trybooking.com/mmcsa
Tickets \$30.00
“Early bird” \$25.00 (to 31 October)
For Hard tickets call 0401 204 634



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	Lower Hall	Pilates
Tuesday 22nd November	7.15 – 9.30 pm	Meeting Room	Church Council Meeting
Tuesdays (1 st & 3 rd of month)	9.30 – 10.30 am	Minister's Office	Book Club
Tuesdays	6.30 – 8.30 pm	Auditorium	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	20 th Nov	27 th Nov	Role	20 th Nov	27 th Nov
Prayer with Preacher	Glen L	Di C	Tick & Flick	Brenton S	Brenton S
Worship Leader	Robyn S	Jeff D	Door	Jenny R David R	Jan R Gus R
Preacher	Star Words	Linda D	Notices		Sylvia M
Singers	Bob S Friederike A-W Eric H	Lyndon R Jeanine D Sylvia M	Count Offering	Don B David W	Ray W Paul H
Sound Desk	Paul D	Noel M	Bible Reader	Ann B	Eric H
Data Projector	Sam W	David W	Flowers	Carole W	Raelene A
Chair Steward	Don B Trevor G	Glen L Bob S	Communion Prep	N/A	N/A
Building Steward	Eric H	Paul H	Communion Servers	N/A	N/A
Zoom Production	Graham J	Paul H			

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

Covid Practices

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. Mask wearing is recommended.

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