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Sunday 6th November 2022

A note from Linda

This morning, as I approached my car in the carport, I was distracted by the sound of squawking in the Callistemon trees in the backyard. There amongst the red bottle brushes were two rainbow lorikeets, feeding on the nectar. I paused for a few minutes to take in the beautiful sight.

The Psalms remind us that all of creation praises God:

Praise the Lord from the earth... Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars! Wild animals and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds! Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is exalted; his glory is above earth and heaven. (Psalm 148, selected verses)

Last week, Jennifer shared how God SO loved the world (John 3:16). This week, our focus is on our response to God's love: we join all of creation in praising God! We will hear Psalm 145 and be reminded that God's glorious splendour and wondrous works are to be praised daily, forever and ever.

How can we not, when we are surrounded by such beauty?

*Blessings,
Linda*

Looking for helpers for Advent 1

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.

Helpers are needed to be the Tea Crew. Please contact Linda via email as soon as possible if you are interested or would like to know more.

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.

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.

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

NOTICES FOR MEMBERS

Worship Rosters – Dec 2022, Jan & Feb 2023

It's that time again! I need to start processing the rosters for Dec, Jan and Feb.

Please log in to Elvanto and update your unavailable dates for the next few months (or email them to the office).

Deadline for inputting your unavailable dates for the next roster period will be Wed 9th November 2022.

Please also email me your availability and/or preferences for Christmas Services, which are as follows:

24th Dec – 6.30 pm Christmas Eve Family Service

24th Dec – 9.30 pm Christmas Eve Carols and Candles

25th Dec - 9.30 am Christmas Day

To enter your Unavailability Dates in Elvanto

1. Log in to Elvanto
2. Go to your My Profile page and then click on the unavailability sidebar.
3. Once there, simply select the range of dates and times that you'll be unavailable, and click 'Submit'.
4. Your upcoming unavailability will appear in a table on the page.

To remove a unavailability, select the upcoming unavailable times that you are now available for (by clicking on their check boxes), and select 'Delete' in the drop-down menu that appears at the top of the table once you've selected something. To perform the delete on all selected times click the 'Perform Mass Manage' button.

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 THIS 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.

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/>.

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.

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 22nd November. The next Wirra Play Day is on 6th December.



Triple C's

November 9th Rivalry will be rife as the Chaps Chatter and tackle Croquet at 1000 for 1030 hit in. Those listed to take part number 12, but more can be accepted for gentle exercise, it is of equal "strength" for both Chaps and Lasses. The whole idea is to relax, have fun and enjoy the time.

WHEN: NOV.9 @1000 for 1030 WHERE? NORTH ADELAIDE CROQUET CLUB 8 Menzies Cres., Prospect, immediately behind Nth Adelaide Football club. From city turn down Wilcox Ave- by TOYOTA or from the North turn off at Alpha Road then 1st left. Coffee and biscuits supplied. Room for more chaps and their lasses. FLAT SOLED SHOES TO BE WORN PLEASE.

Dec 07 Marche Club Luncheon. 13 registered and numbers are getting tight the club advises. So do not delay if you intend coming.

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.	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

WIDER CHURCH NEWS

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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/>

WIDER COMMUNITY NEWS

Morialta Community Quiz Night

A quiz night to raise funds for the Eastern Adelaide Domestic Violence Service is being held on the 18th 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>

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 (except 8/11 & 12/11)
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 st & 3 rd of month)	9.30 – 10.30 am	Minister's Office	Book Club
Tuesday 8th Nov	6.30 – 8.30 pm	Auditorium	Private Hirer
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
Saturday 12th Nov	9.30 -4.00 pm	Auditorium	Safe Church Training
At all times	At all times	Top hall & Top car park	Medical HQ – Covid & Vaccine Clinics

SUNDAY WORSHIP ROSTER

Role	6 th Nov	13 th Nov	Role	6 th Nov	13 th Nov
Prayer with Preacher	Meg E	Jeff D	Tick & Flick	Lee O'C	Brenton S
Worship Leader	David W	Di C	Door	Stella W Robyn F	Brenton S Coralie S
Preacher	Linda D	Cate Baker	Notices	Meg E	Don B
Singers	Allan A Friederike A-W Ann B	Lyndon R Jean R Eric H	Count Offering	Glen L Friederike A-W	Bob S Gus R
Sound Desk	Don B	Don B	Bible Reader	Ray W	Friederike A-W
Data Projector	Sam W	David W	Flowers	Jenny R	Marie H
Chair Steward	Glen L Trevor G	Jeff D Brenton S	Communion Prep	Leanne S	N/A
Building Steward	Eric H	Richard R	Communion Servers	Eric H Sheralyn R	N/A
Zoom Production	Paul D	Tara S			

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.

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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