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## Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2023

### A Note from Linda

Niina marni?

This greeting asks 'how are you'?

and your response, Marni'ai, means, 'I'm well' – or 'I'm well nourished' – 'my tummy is full!'

I could also ask 'Na Marni'? I have learned that this means, 'are you *all* well?'

So, we say niina marni when asking about an individual's wellbeing and na marni when asking how a group is..

Speaking in Kurna language is one way we honour the covenant we have with first peoples through the Uniting Church. Each Sunday morning we include an Acknowledgment of Country on the screen. We acknowledge the Kurna people, the traditional custodians on whose land this church was built, and where many of us live, work and play. We pay our respects to elders, past and present. It is a difficult part of our past to note that these lands were never ceded. So we commit ourselves to actively work alongside First Nations people for reconciliation and justice and to learn more about the language and culture of the first peoples of the places where we live.

This Sunday morning in worship we continue learning from Jesus' teaching from the Sermon on the Mount (Matt 5:21-37). His questions encourage us to look deep into our own hearts. He gives examples of coming to terms with our anger, being principled in our relationships, and being true to our oaths and promises. These heart matters and Spirit matters turn us inward to seek how we can live closer to God's ways and one another.

On Sunday afternoon we gather as Messy Church, when we will continue to learn from The Lord's Prayer.

*Blessings and Nakutha (see you later!),*

Rev Linda

## WORSHIP

### 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.

### Messy Church

The first Messy Church for 2023 will be on this Sunday February 12, starting at 4.00pm.

This year we are continuing with our focus on The Lord's Prayer: *Your will be done on earth as in heaven*

Can you think of any stories in the Bible where someone has found it hard to follow God's will and have gone their own way? We've chosen a story to share and (hint) we'll have a whaley good time telling it!

If you haven't RSVP'd yet, please let Linda know ASAP!

*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.*

## Star Words

By now, you may have looked up the meaning of your Star Word for 2023. Next, I invite you to look your word up in a Thesaurus or online. What synonyms are there for your word? Then, what is the antonym for your word, noting that it is equally important to understand the void that exists when your word is not present. This might not be as straightforward if your word is in another language, but I encourage you to give it a go anyway!

If you haven't received your Star Word yet, let me know and I'll get one to you asap!

*Blessings, Rev Linda*

## Lent

The season of Lent is coming soon! We will begin with a self-guided time of prayer on Ash Wednesday (Feb 22<sup>nd</sup> - afternoon and evening sessions will be available).

Our theme for Lent this year will be "*Where your heart is*". The theme's inspiration comes from Jesus' teaching in his Sermon on the Mount about storing treasures. By exploring Gospel passages about treasures and matters of the heart, we'll be invited to wonder more deeply about what kinds of treasure matter, why we store treasures, and the power these treasures have in our lives.

Lent Event resources are available for bible study and daily prayer. Check out [www.lentevent.com.au](http://www.lentevent.com.au) or contact Linda if you'd like a preview.

## Worship Rosters for March, April & May

It's that time again! I need to start processing the worship rosters for March, April and May.

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

Deadline for inputting or giving me your unavailable dates for the next roster period will be Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> February (i.e THIS SUNDAY!). If you miss the deadline then it just means it will be your responsibility to swap with someone if you can't do your scheduled rostered turn.

Please also email me (or put into elvanto) your availability and/or preferences for Easter - dates which are as follows:

Thursday 6 April – Maudy Thursday

Friday 7 April – Good Friday

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> April – Easter Sunday

### 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.

## CONNECT GROUPS

### Interested in Joining our Friday Night Home Group?

Our Group, known as the Friday Night Home Group (go on, guess why) has had a steady long term membership for some years, but we've lost a couple of members recently, and we're keen to restore regular membership to around 10 to 12. That way, and with people being away or busy on occasion, we will have a big enough group to encourage healthy activity including bible study. We consider bible study to be important as well as social interaction, and we meet generally once a fortnight on a Friday at 7:45 pm, finishing around 10:00. You are very welcome to come along and sample our gatherings, which naturally has to include supper. If you are interested, please contact Chris Pritchard via email (in church directory) or on 0409 695 477.

## 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. Venues vary	Ray Walter
TOFs Fellowship Group	1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month, 2 pm – 4 pm. Venues vary	Sheralyn Robertson

## MISSIONAL

### Packing Day: Save the Date, Start Collecting!

Once again the Athelstone Uniting Church is co-ordinating the packing of goods for indigenous communities in northern and central Australia. **Please save the dates: Sunday June 4<sup>th</sup> and Monday June 5<sup>th</sup> 2023.** This event is a chance for our church community to engage in some fellowship and I would love to have you join us in the camaraderie of the Packing Day. As in previous years we are collecting for the communities north of Darwin so require clothing and manchester that would be suitable for these tropical destinations. Attached to the Newsletter is a flyer detailing the goods required. Along with used goods, there are some **new** items that could be purchased – underwear, stationery, toiletries. Goods can be dropped off at Church on Sunday mornings. See Jayne and she will arrange for them to be stored in the shed. If you have any questions please ask Jayne Nicholas 0418836266.

Mission	How to support them	Contact
Uniting Communities	Please keep bringing in your donations and let's fill the giving table	Brenton Summers
Aussie Breadtags for Wheelchairs	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: <a href="https://ozbreadtagsforwheelchairs.org.au/">https://ozbreadtagsforwheelchairs.org.au/</a>	Office
Egg Cartons for Emergency Relief	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.	Linda Driver
Packing Day (June)	Start collecting new or used clothing and manchester, new toiletries, stationary, underwear for communities north of Darwin.	Jayne Nicholas

## NOTICES FOR MEMBERS

### The Wirra – Watch and Wonder

Have you ever wondered about wakwakurnaku wirra and the plants we nurture there? Check out the display board in the supper room. Currently there is a new display about warltati/summer season and some of the changes in plants in the wirra. Make sure you wander into the wirra and see if they have changed since the photos were taken. The wirra continues to need maintenance and promotion, so if you are interested in assisting, please make contact.

*Bruce and Joy Stewart*



### New Member

We welcome Jean Richardson as a member of Athelstone Uniting. Jean approached Church Council to become a member and at our meeting last week we approved this request. We bless you Jean and all that you bring to us.

## Congregation Meeting

Church Council wishes to advise all members of Athelstone Uniting Church that we will be holding our **Annual General Meeting on Sunday 5 March 2023 at 10.45am.**

There will be 5 vacancies for Council to be filled, so we ask you to prayerfully consider whether this is for you and if you would like to nominate or nominate another member from the Congregation. Other vacancies will be Secretary of Congregation and Presbytery Representative. Nomination forms are available in the foyer and once completed, please place in the box next to the offering box. They will be available from 5 Feb – 19 Feb 2023. If you have any queries please contact Jeff Dry (Chairperson of Church Council) 0408 254 489

*Ann Brown, Secretary Church Congregation*

## 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

### Act 2 – have a say!

The Act 2 Project team are having important conversations about how we can work together as a whole Church and shape our life in for the future. Every person that calls the Uniting Church home is invited to take part. Find out more here: <https://uniting.church/act2submissionsandworkstreams/> and here: <https://www.act2uca.com/> or ask Linda about this vital project in the life of our Church.

### International Women's Day Ecumenical Breakfast

The 2023 International Women's Day Ecumenical Breakfast is being held on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March from 7-9 am at Café Outside the Square, Brompton. The guest speaker is Dr Tanya Wittwer and every dollar raised will help in the mission to ensure that 'No One Goes Hungry'. Tickets are \$40 per person. More information and how to book can be found [here](#). *If you are thinking of going please contact Linda so we can book a table together!*

## Wider Church News

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Wimala Presbytery website: <https://wimala.ucasa.org.au/>

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

## 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
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
<b>Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>12.30 – 3.30 pm</b>	<b>Meeting Room</b>	<b>Private Hirer – Wimala Presbytery</b>
<b>Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>12.00 – 1.00 pm</b>	<b>Auditorium</b>	<b>Private Hirer – GM Pilates Assessment</b>
<b>Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>6.30 pm – 8.30 pm</b>	<b>Auditorium</b>	<b>Private Hirer – Morialta SEC</b>
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 & car park	Medical HQ – Covid & Vaccine Clinics

## SUNDAY WORSHIP ROSTER

Role	12 <sup>th</sup> Feb	19 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Role	12 <sup>th</sup> Feb	19 <sup>th</sup> Feb
<b>Prayer with Preacher</b>	Glen L	Di C	<b>Tick &amp; Flick</b>	Trevor C	Trevor C
<b>Worship Leader</b>	David W	Lynton N	<b>Door</b>	David R Jenny R	Corale S Brenton S
<b>Preacher</b>	Linda D	Linda D	<b>Notices</b>	Don B	Brenton S
<b>Singers</b>	Bob S Lyndon R Janet L	Ann B Allan A	<b>Count Offering</b>	Bob S Trevor G	Sylvia M Ray W
<b>Sound Desk</b>	Paul D	Don B	<b>Bible Reader</b>	Ann B	Eric H
<b>Data Projector</b>	Samantha W	David W	<b>Flowers</b>	Jenny R	Di C
<b>Chair Steward</b>	Bob S Trevor G	Scott T Sharon T	<b>Communion Prep</b>	N/A	N/A
<b>Building Steward</b>	Richard R	Eric H	<b>Communion Servers</b>	N/A	N/A
<b>Zoom Production</b>	Tara S	Paul D			

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.



## PACKING DAY

Athelstone Uniting Church is packing goods to be sent to remote aboriginal settlements near Darwin.

The packing of the goods will be held at Athelstone Uniting Church on Sunday June 4th and Monday June 5th.

We would appreciate donations of the goods listed below. Donated goods can be dropped at Athelstone Uniting Church in May with prior arrangement with the co-ordinator. Please contact Jayne to arrange a convenient time.



### LIST OF GOODS REQUIRED:

**New & good quality, clean second hand clothing for all ages.**

Summer weight - NO WOOLLEN CLOTHING please.

**Women's Clothing:** cotton frocks, blouses, tops, skirts,

shorts, black skirts and white blouses for best. Jeans all ages, night attire, dressing gowns, flat shoes only, some swimwear, sunhats, headscarves, necklaces, beanies, light zip-ups and cardigans, light weight (cotton) pants.



**Men's and Boy's:** jeans, shirts, (white for best) work shirts, trousers (black for best), track-pants, T-shirts, windcheaters, black shoes, thongs, sandals and sneakers.

**Children's:** T-shirts, tops, windcheaters, shorts, dresses, bathers, thongs, sandals, shoes. (small boys' pants and long shorts especially welcome)

**Beanies:** for everybody

**Underwear:** all types all ages (must be new)

**Toiletries:** for all in the family (must be new)



**Baby & Toddler wear:** nappies, jumpsuits, frocks, jackets, socks, rugs, singlets, nightwear.

**Toys and books** (inc small soft toys)



**Manchester/Household goods:** Linen, sheets, pillowcases, curtains,

blankets, towels, knee rugs, bed socks. Kitchen ware, plastic crockery

**Sewing Aids:** cotton material, sewing cotton, elastic, needles, bias binding, knitting needles.

**Stationery:** Writing pads, pencils, rubbers, chil-

dren's books including colouring and puzzle books, coloured pencils, biro, modern translation Bibles, simple Bible Stories, women's magazines, Craft books, craft aids,



**MONETARY GIFTS are also welcome to help cover expenses, or buy extra goods.**



**We also pack for the ALICE SPRINGS - OLD TIMER'S FETE:**

All goods need to be GOOD QUALITY, NEW (hand made or manufactured) and suitable for immediate sale at the fete.

**We would appreciate goods to be pre-sorted e.g. boys' clothing – girls' clothing etc.**

**Please do not bring extra materials after Sunday 4th June (as they may not be able to be sorted and packed).**

**Contact:** Jayne Nicholas      0418 836 266      nichj@bigpond.com