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A Note from Linda

Greetings in Christ!

We are already in the fourth week of Lent, a time when we prayerfully reflect on our spiritual journey. Through our theme "*Where your heart is*", we are exploring Gospel passages about things that we hold dear to our heart.



This week, storyteller, poet and minister, Rev Dr Sarah Agnew will return to bring the Word, with the reading, Luke 12:13-34. I will lead in a time of commissioning all those elected at our recent AGM as well as those who are continuing in leadership roles.

Lent Event resources are still available for lent intentions and daily prayer. These are out on display in the Church Auditorium or check out www.lentevent.com.au.

Holy Week and Easter Services

Sunday 2 nd April	9.30am	Palm Sunday service	<i>Do you have any palms in your garden? If so, please bring some along with you.</i>
Sunday 2 nd April	4.00pm	Messy Easter	<i>An interactive service for families of all ages. Please RSVP to messychurch@athelstonechurch.org.au</i>
Thursday 6 th April	3.00-4.30pm and 6.00-7.30pm	Maundy Thursday prayer stations	<i>Self-guided prayer stations to help you prayerfully reflect on Jesus' journey to the cross. Choice of 2 sessions. Come when you can and allow around 30 minutes to move through all the stations.</i>
Friday 7 th April	9.30am	Good Friday service	
Sunday 9 th April	6.30am	Campbelltown Uniting Easter Dawn Worship	<i>We are invited to join our neighbours at Campbelltown Uniting for their Dawn service. Details here: https://www.facebook.com/events/1012722916356766</i>
Sunday 9 th April	9.30am	Easter Sunday service	

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.

NOTICES FOR MEMBERS



Women of Campbelltown

Did you know that Linda was recently honoured to be named as one of the Women of Campbelltown in 2023 at the National Women's Day Awards. You can read inspiring stories of local women, their achievements and contributions to the Community at this link: <https://www.campbelltown.sa.gov.au/council/our-city/iwd>
Photo courtesy of Jan Robin.

Fashion Parade, 13 April at AUC

Ladies, you are invited to attend the Fashion Parade held at the church on Thursday, 13th April at 2:00pm, organised by the Inner Wheel Club of TTG. Fashions will be presented by Fella Hamilton, Norwood. Tickets at \$20 need to be pre-purchased and are limited, so get in quick for this enjoyable event! Afternoon tea is included, and there will be a \$5 raffle. (Cash purchase only), This is a fundraising event with proceeds going to support the work of Catherine House, Adelaide, which supports homeless women. Contact Sylvia Maywald on 0408 810 507, or 8336 4011 for your ticket. See Flier on the noticeboard!

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 lower hall. A new season, parnati/autumn brings changes. Make sure you wander into the wirra and observe what has changed since the photos were taken. Picking up waardlawarnka, fallen tree branches and bark reduces the heavy "mulch" and is how our wardli was created. The wirra continues to need maintenance and promotion, so if you are interested in assisting, please make contact.

Bruce and Joy Stewart



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.

MISSIONAL

Mission	How to support them	Contact
Uniting Communities	Please keep bringing in your donations and let's fill the giving table	Brenton Summers
Egg Cartons – Update!	Thank you for bringing in your egg cartons. Brougham Place Emergency Relief have got enough for now . We will let you know when they need them again.	Linda Driver
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: https://ozbreadtagsforwheelchairs.org.au/	Office
Packing Day (June 4 th and 5 th)	Start collecting new or used clothing and manchester, new toiletries, stationary, underwear for communities north of Darwin (tropical climate). Pick up a flyer detailing the goods required from the pamphlet display in the church entry foyer. Goods can be dropped off at Church on Sunday mornings and Jayne will arrange for them to be stored in the shed. 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.	Jayne Nicholas 041 883 6266.
AKWAK – response to the earthquake in Türkiye and Syria	Our friends at AKWAK are responding to the terrible disaster, with a particular focus on refugees in Syria. You can join in by donating to send food baskets, fresh bread and meals through the Chuffed Campaign: https://chuffed.org/project/96075-urgent-food-baskets-for-syrian-earthquake-survivors Soon we will hear more about how we can provide further support. Please continue to pray for the situation in Syria and Türkiye and all those who are responding.	

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

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.

Save the Date! Uniting in Prayer 2023

You are invited to Uniting in Prayer, a national Uniting Church prayer event to take place between Pentecost and the 46th Uniting Church Anniversary this year (28 May – 22 June 2023). As whole-of-Church discernment about the future of the Uniting Church continues through the Act2 Project, Uniting in Prayer is an opportunity to come together in thanksgiving and hope as together we seek the leading of the Spirit. For 26 days we'll be sharing prayers from across our Church, we'll gather for prayer and invite Uniting Church communities to pray for each other.

"Through Uniting in Prayer, we want every part of our Church to be joined together in prayer for one another and our life together," says Uniting Church President Rev Sharon Hollis in a video message.

Click here to view: <https://uniting.church/savethedate-unitinginprayer/>

Save the date in your calendars now. There will be resources landing in mid-April to help us take part.

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/>

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 st & 3 rd of month)	9.30 – 10.30 am	Minister's Office	Book Club
Tuesday 21st March	1.00 – 2.00 pm	Meeting Room	Wimala Presbytery - private booking
Tuesday 21st March	2.30 – 3.30 pm	Meeting Room	Pastoral Care Meeting
Tuesdays	6.30 – 8.30 pm	Auditorium	Waratah Calisthenics
Wednesdays	9.30 - 10.30 am	Lower hall	Pilates
Thursday 23 March	10.00 – 10.30 am	Lower hall	Pilates – private assessment
Thursday 23rd March	1.30 – 3.30 pm	Meeting Room	Community Connections Meeting
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	19 th March	26 th March	Role	19 th March	26 th March
Prayer with Preacher	Jennifer C	Robyn F	Tick & Flick	Brenton S	Brenton S
Worship Leader	Robyn S	David W	Door	Stella W Robyn F	Jenny R David R
Preacher	Sarah Agnew	Linda D	Notices	WL or Linda D	Brenton S
Singers	Bob S Lyndon R Di C	Allan A Janet L Ann B	Count Offering	Bob S David W	Paul H Gus R
Sound Desk	Don B	Paul D	Bible Reader	David W	Noel M
Data Projector	Sam W	Shelley W	Flowers	Jenny R	Marie H
Chair Steward	Brenton S Bob S	Paul H Jeff D	Communion Prep	N/A	N/A
Building Steward	Richard R	Paul H	Communion Servers	N/A	N/A
Zoom Production	Tara S	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.