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A Note from Linda

The season of Lent is here!

Our theme for Lent is "*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 lent intentions and daily prayer. These are out on display in the Church Auditorium or check out www.lentevent.com.au.

This Sunday morning we welcome Rev Dr Sarah Agnew as our guest preacher. Sarah is a storyteller, poet and Minister. More about Sarah here: <https://www.sarahagnew.com.au/>

Rev Linda

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.

NOTICES FOR MEMBERS

Congregation Meeting

Church Council wishes to advise all members of Athelstone Uniting Church that we will be holding our **AGM on Sunday 5 March 2023 at 10.45am**. The following nominations for vacant positions have been received:

Church Council: Dianne Curtis, Stella Waugh, Robyn Fry

Congregation Secretary: Jayne Nicholas

Presbytery Representative: David Walker

Reading material and nominee profiles are available via email to congregation members. Some hardcopies are available from the entry foyer from this week.

Christmas Bowl – Thank you

The Athelstone Uniting Church raised \$1,087.15 for the Christmas Bowl appeal. Our gift is giving hope to refugees and other people uprooted by conflict and disaster with the resources and skills they need and hope to rebuild.

The Wirra – Watch and Wonder

Have you ever wondered about wakwakurnaku wirra and the plants we nurture there? Currently there is a new display in the lower hall 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



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.

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

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 4th and 5th)	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

World Day of Prayer

This year's World Day of Service will be held on Friday 4th March at 10.00am at the Church of Annunciation: 20 Montacute Road, Hectorville.

(Next year, in March 2024, we will be the host venue, partnering with the North East Salvos, who will lead the service)

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.

International Women's Day Ecumenical Breakfast

The 2023 International Women's Day Ecumenical Breakfast is being held on Wednesday 8th 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](#). **Last call for RSVPs to Linda!** Please let her know by Tuesday (28th Feb) if you'd like to come, or if you have already bought a ticket.

Wider Church News

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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
Tuesdays	6.30 – 8.30 pm	Auditorium	Waratah Calisthenics
Tuesday 28 February	7.15 – 10.00 pm	Meeting Room	Church Council Meeting
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 & car park	Medical HQ – Covid & Vaccine Clinics

SUNDAY WORSHIP ROSTER

Role	26 th Feb	5 th Mar	Role	26 th Feb	5 th Mar
Prayer with Preacher	Jeff D	Meg E	Tick & Flick	Trevor C	Brenton S
Worship Leader	Jeff D	Meg E	Door	Gus R Jan R	Jan R Gus R
Preacher	Sarah Agnew	Linda D	Notices	Sylvia M	Don B
Singers	Jeanine D Sylvia M Ann B	Lynton N Janet L Shelley W	Count Offering	Gus R Don B	Glen L Lynton N
Sound Desk	Paul D	Noel M	Bible Reader		Lee O'C
Data Projector	Sam W	David W	Flowers	Marie H	Raelene A
Chair Steward	Jeff D	Scott T Sharon T	Communion Prep	N/A	Leanne S
Building Steward	Noel M	Noel M	Communion Servers	N/A	Robyn F Sheralyn R
Zoom Production	Tara S	Tara S			

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.

Worship Rosters for Mar – May 2023

The worship rosters for Mar to May 2023 have been sent out to those with email. There are some hard-copies in the pamphlet display for those who need a hard-copy. Thank you for your willingness to serve in our Sunday morning worship.