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Sunday 5th March 2023

A Note from Linda

Greetings in Christ!

We are in the second week of Lent, which I have heard recently can be described as the season for spring cleaning the soul! It is a time when we think about what practises we can take up or put down to help us in our spiritual journey. Our theme for Lent is "*Where your heart is*". By exploring Gospel passages about those things that we hold dear to our 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.

Our focus this week will be "Sharing our Hearts" and the reading: Luke 2:41-52

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 will be a particularly special one:

We'll begin with a brief communion service, followed by a special morning tea to celebrate the 90th birthdays of Dean and Joy Brook, then our Annual General Meeting.

Come and celebrate with us!

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=M1pMZCtXY2FGOENtGN3M3EwcVh6Zz09>

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

Dean and Joy's 90th Birthdays – this Sunday.

This Sunday there will be a special morning tea between the service and the AGM to celebrate the 90th birthdays of both Dean and Joy Brook. Please bring a small plate of finger food to share.

Congregation Meeting - this Sunday

Athelstone Uniting Church will be holding our **AGM on THIS 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 have been made available via email to congregation member, with some hardcopies also still available in the entry foyer.

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.

Where is Linda next week? Linda will be on Professional Development Leave next week. Our preacher next Sunday will be Pastor Trevor Phillips, who is the Chair of the Wimala Presbytery.

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 wardlawarnka, 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 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.

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 |

CONNECT GROUPS

Triple C's

This coming Wednesday MARCH 8 again at Fine Foods, Meredith Street Newton- off Graves Street. Or al time 1030hrs. Look forward to again hearing the buzz of many different conversations and laughter.

Should transport be required then contact Bob or Ray.

Regards Ray

TOFS

Our next TOFS coffee and cake afternoon will be 2pm Tuesday 7th March at the Rezz Hotel. If anyone is planning to have a late lunch – just be aware that the kitchen closes at 2:30pm. All are welcome. No RSVP is needed.

Sheralyn

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. | |

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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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 |
| Tuesdays | 6.30 – 8.30 pm | Auditorium | Waratah Calisthenics |
| Wednesdays | 9.30 - 10.30 am | Lower hall | Pilates |
| Thursday 9th March | 12.00 – 1.00 pm | Lower hall | Pilates(private assessment) |
| 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 | 5 th Mar | 12 th Mar | Role | 5 th Mar | 12 th Mar |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| Prayer with Preacher | Meg E | TBA | Tick & Flick | Brenton S | Brenton S |
| Worship Leader | Meg E | Lynton N | Door | David R Jenny R | Ray W Carole W |
| Preacher | Linda D | Trevor Phillips | Notices | Don B | Lee O'C |
| Singers | Lynton N Janet L Shelley W | Jeanine D Jeff D Friederike A-W | Count Offering | Glen L Lynton N | Ray W Friederike A-W |
| Sound Desk | Noel M | Paul D | Bible Reader | Lee O'C | Ann T |
| Data Projector | David W | Sam W | Flowers | Raelene A | Carole W |
| Chair Steward | Scott T Sharon T | Glen L Janet L | Communion Prep | Leanne S | N/A |
| Building Steward | Noel M | Eric H | Communion Servers | Robyn F Sheralyn R | N/A |
| Zoom Production | Tara S | David W | | | |

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.