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UnitingWorld Sunday

The church wasn't meant to stand alone. That's why today, we're hosting UnitingWorld Sunday as a way for us all to connect to our global neighbours and take a glimpse into God's work in their lives. If you'd like to learn more after the service, you can go to www.unitingworld.org.au.

To donate, use the donation slip, put your donation in the collection bowl, give online at www.unitingworld.org.au or call the UnitingWorld team at 1800 998 122.



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.

UPCOMING WORSHIP

Linda's last service

Sunday 2 July will be a special morning as this will be the last worship service for Linda as she concludes her ministry with us. The service will include a 'Cutting of the pastoral ties' which is a short ritual done at the end of the final service of a minister. It is an acknowledgement of their ministry and a 'handing back' of the congregation, and a handing over of the minister. All are invited to attend this final worship service which will be followed by a morning tea at around 10.45am. You are invited to bring along a plate to share. Please mark the date in your diary and make every effort to come along as we give thanks for the ministry of Linda and Paul at Athelstone Uniting over the past 5 years.

EVENTS

Christmas in July

Grant has offered to cook for a fundraiser for the church. After some discussions, a suggestion was made to host a Christmas in July event on Sunday 23rd July for lunch. We were thinking of roast meats and vegetables.

We are looking for someone to coordinate the event particularly organising the publicity and tickets. If you think you would like to do this, please contact Linda, Robyn Fry or myself, so that we can get the ball rolling.

Freddie

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.

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 in people's homes	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

Wirra – Watch and Wonder

Have you spotted the SA Rocks in the wirra? Feel free to find, take, move or add a new one. Kudlila/winter is here and so is the new display in the lower hall. Take a moment to view it then check out the changes in the wirra since the photos have been taken. The winter rains always encourage a crop of weeds to emerge and sandbags start to break down. The wirra continues to need maintenance and promotion, so if you are interested in assisting, please make contact.

Joy and Bruce Stewart



MISSIONAL

Red Dove Café volunteers

There are just over 11 weeks away for the Red Dove Café for 2023 at the Royal Adelaide Show. Money raised from this café goes to mission in South Australia. The organisers are seeking people to fill 800+ shifts for the period 1st – 10th September this year. If you are interested, please contact Volunteer Coordinators, on email volunteer.rdc@gmail.com or call Janet on 0432 271 757.

Schools Ministry – Still looking for representation

Do you have a heart for young people? Are you interested in being involved in supporting our local Pastoral Care Workers (PCWs)? We are still in need of further representation at our church support group. The group meets once a term to hear about the ministry of the local PCWs and pray for them. There is further potential to develop opportunities to bless school staff and raise funds to ensure ongoing ministry. If interested, please contact Rev Linda.

Missions	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: https://ozbreadtagsforwheelchairs.org.au/	Office
Sally Stamp	Bring stamps to the office to help with this ministry. The group also suggests that people consider asking local businesses to save their stamps, with doctor's surgeries being one of the best sources of stamps! Any donations of private collections no longer required are also gratefully received. Pick up can be arranged in metropolitan areas. Contact: Maxine Haines (Convenor), Phone: 0427 972 417.	Office

NOTICES FOR MEMBERS

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

President's Conference 2023

Don't miss a great national opportunity to [connect, share stories and reflect](#) on God's presence in our Church at the 2023 President's Conference, 26-30 July at Redcliffe Uniting Church in QLD. The first part of the conference is for ministry agents and the final two days for the whole church - with some fantastic speakers across the week. For a discounted rate, apply to be a volunteer! <https://uniting.church/qa-on-the-presidents-conference/>

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/>



Voice to Parliament Resources

During this year, Australians will be asked to consider supporting a Voice to Parliament for the First Nations of our country. Through a referendum we will be asked to support a constitutionally enshrined First Nations Voice.

Rev Mark Kickett, National Interim Chair of the Uniting Aboriginal and Islander Christian Congress notes: 'A constitutionally enshrined Voice will shape and guide the relationship between First and Second Peoples in this country by enabling our people to have a say in the decisions that impact our communities.'

Our Uniting Church members, along with other Australians, are engaging in the conversation about a First Nations Voice and The Uluru Statement from the Heart. We hope this page will be a helpful resource as you consider your response.

New Uniting Church Resource

A new resource on the Voice to Parliament is now available for congregations to use and share. In two pages, it explains how the referendum is an opportunity to consider a change in our constitution that will recognise First Australians and give Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples a say in matters that affect their lives. It explains why the Uniting Church supports the change, references what the Bible says and provides helpful starting points for a conversation. Download here <https://uniting.church/a-voice-to-parliament-in-2-pages/> or pick up a copy on Sunday.

Assembly FAQs

The Uniting Church has prepared some simple answers to common questions.

Check out the new page on the Assembly website: <https://uniting.church/faq-about-the-voice/>

You'll find responses to common myths and misconceptions around what a Voice is, how it will work, and what the Uniting Church has said.

Synod Resources

The Uniting Church Synod have gathered some resources here:

<https://sa.uca.org.au/voice-to-parliament-resources/>

Statement from the Heart

A study guide for congregations and other small groups on the Statement from the Heart, is available to the whole Church. Produced by Tim Molineux for the Synod of Victoria and Tasmania.

<https://uniting.church/statement-from-the-heart-study-guide/>

Community Toolkit

The Australian Government has launched information to help Australians be informed about the referendum, including a [community toolkit](https://voice.gov.au/community-toolkit) with translated and accessible resources. <https://voice.gov.au/community-toolkit>

Stay tuned for congregational resources from Assembly!

Have you found any other voice resources that you've found helpful? Please share them with us!

CHURCH BUILDING – BOOKINGS

Special Event or changes to regular bookings or location are highlighted in bold.

Day	Time	Location	Hirer/User
Saturday 24th June	12.00 – 1.30 pm	Auditorium	Private Hire (Pilates Workshop)
Mondays	4.45 - 6.45 pm	Auditorium	Waratah Calisthenics
Mondays	6.30 – 8.30 pm	Lower Hall	Pilates
Monday 26th June	6.30 – 8.30 pm	Auditorium	Private Hire (Morialta SEC)
Tuesdays	9.30 – 10.30 am	Lower Hall	Pilates
Tuesdays	6.30 – 8.30 pm	Auditorium	Waratah Calisthenics
Wednesdays	9.30 - 10.30 am	Lower hall	Pilates
Wednesday 28th June	7.15 – 10.00 pm	Meeting Room	Church Council Meeting
Thursdays	6.30 – 8.30 pm	Lower Hall	Pilates
Thursdays	7.30 – 8.30 pm	Auditorium	Worship Practice
Saturdays	9.30 – 11.30 am	Auditorium	Waratah Calisthenics
Saturdays	9.00 – 11.00 am	Lower Hall	Pilates
At all times	At all times	Top hall	AGPN/Medical HQ

Advance Notice: Our pilates hirer, Nic Crocker, has arranged for a substitute instructor to run her classes from 24th-29th July whilst she takes leave. The guest instructor is Julia Potter. This is known to the office. Please just be aware that you may see a different face around during pilates class times that week, and on other occasions if need be.

SUNDAY WORSHIP ROSTER

Role	25 th June	2 nd July	Role	25 th June	2 nd July
Prayer with Preacher	Jennifer C	Lee O'C	Tick & Flick	Trevor C	Brenton S
Worship Leader	Lynton N	Meg E	Door	Jean R Robyn F	Jayne N Lynton N
Preacher	Howard C (Uniting World)	Linda D	Notices	Brenton S	Lee O'C
Singers	Friederike A-W Allan A Janet L	Janet L Allan A Jean R	Count Offering	David W Gus R	Glen L Paul H
Sound Desk	Noel M	Noel M	Bible Reader	David W	Friederike A-W
Data Projector	Samantha W	David W	Flowers	Carole W	Marie H
Chair Steward	Janet Luestner Glen Luestner	Brenton S Paul H	Communion Prep	N/A	Friederike A-W
Building Steward	Paul H	Paul H	Communion Servers	N/A	Sheralyn R Robyn F
Zoom Production	Paul D	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.