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Sunday 28th May 2023

A note from Linda

This Sunday is Pentecost Sunday. Let's bring some colour to the day by wearing a splash of red or yellow, representing Holy Spirit fire.

We will also join Uniting in Prayer, 26 days of prayer across the national Uniting Church.

Born out of the Act2 Project, Uniting in Prayer is about bringing our Church before God and seeking the leading of the Holy Spirit for our future. President Rev Sharon Hollis says,

"As we gather for these days of prayer, may the Spirit pour out upon us, and may we dream dreams and see visions of the future that God has for the Uniting Church."

Ways we will participate at Athelstone:

- Each week we will pray for our Church as part of our Prayers for Others,
- We will join with other Uniting Church communities in a national prayer chain,
- We are invited to pray and share at home, with prayers and intergenerational resources provided by the Assembly
- We can join a National online prayer gathering on Thursday 15 June.

See separate email for more detailed information (coming out soon).

Blessings,

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.

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

Book Group

Our book group has just started a new book. This is a good time to join if you are interested. The book is *Learning to Walk in the Dark* by Barbara Brown Taylor. Book group meets on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday mornings of the month from 9.30am in people's homes. See Rev Linda for more information.

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.

Triple C's

Nobody picked up the "deliberate"-my story anyway- error in the June date. It is 14 June being the second Wednesday in the month when we will meet at the FOGOLAR FURLAN club, 60 Briar road Felixstowe. Normal 1030hrs meet up for a game or 2 of Bocce then a meal selected from their menu, I did send out a copy. I will need to confirm numbers around 7 June, so diarise 14 June for the meeting. Meantime Coffee and Chat Chaps.

Regards Ray

Wirra – Watch and Wonder

It's National Reconciliation Week 27th May – 3rd June, with the theme "Be a voice for generations". Come and explore wakwakurnaku wirra, find your voice and learn some Kurna words.

With kudlila/winter coming, watch for the new display in the lower hall and 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



EVENTS

Packing Day: June 4th and 5th

What you can do to help:

- ✓ Save the date
- ✓ Commit to helping with packing goods on the Sunday/Monday
- ✓ Have a clean out at home and collect suitable goods (see the attached list)
- ✓ Bring collected goods along on Sunday mornings and store them in the shed (see Jayne Nicholas or anyone in leadership for the shed key)
- ✓ Purchase new items – underwear, toiletries, clothing
- ✓ Make simple cotton skirts with an elastic waist
- ✓ Invite your friends to join us packing the boxes

Packing Day is a practical way to be involved in our missional response - supporting indigenous communities

MISSIONAL

With thanks from AKWAK

Thanks to Friederike for raising funds through selling produce. Thanks everyone who bought something! Here's a thank you note from AKWAK (Aussies Knitting for War Affected Kids): Thank you so much for that mini fundraiser you ran at the church. It helped us to buy a big lot of toothpaste for the packs. Not everything as 400+ tubes of toothpaste is very expensive, but we were able to get a couple of the boxes you can see on the table here and we were very grateful for them.



Thank you from the Christmas Bowl

A thank you certificate from the Christmas Bowl has been received. Take a look on the noticeboard at the back of the auditorium. Their message to us: 'With our sincere appreciation for raising a total of \$1255. Your kind gifts will make a lasting difference to the lives of so many people around the world uprooted by conflict and disaster. Thank you for sharing God's love through the Christmas Bowl'.

Schools Ministry

Do you have a heart for young people? Are you interested in being involved in supporting our local Pastoral Care Workers (PCWs)? We are 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
Packing Day (June 4 th and 5 th)	Pick up a flyer detailing the goods required from the pamphlet display in the church entry foyer and start collecting. Goods can be dropped off at Church on Sunday mornings. This event is a chance for our church community to engage in some fellowship and we would love to have you join us in the camaraderie of the Packing Day.	Jayne Nicholas 041 883 6266.
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.	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

The President's Conference is a great national opportunity to gather with others across the Uniting Church to connect, share stories and reflect on how God is present and working in our Church and our ministry. The 2023 conference is taking place in two parts: 26-28 July for ministry agents in a placement, and 28-30 July for the whole church. Registrations will open soon. For all inquiries, email: PresidentsConference23@nat.uca.org.au

28-30 July: All of this is us

Open to all across the Uniting Church! Uniting Church biblical scholar Rev Dr Sally Douglas will present on healthy communities of faith, while panels will reflect the breadth of ministry across the UCA. Hear about innovative work in areas like the Covenant, remote area ministry, church partnerships, community services and disability. There will also be an opportunity to engage with the national Act2 Project which is exploring what we can do to help local communities of faith flourish into the future. Gather with others across the Uniting Church to worship, reflect and learn about our Church!

Wider Church News

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Uniting Church in South Australia: <https://sa.uca.org.au/>

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

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



Voice to Parliament Resources

The Voice

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.

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/>

Yarning Circle

The SA *Wellspring Community invites you to a "Yarning Circle" on Saturday May 20th. 10.00am - 3.00pm

A Yarning Circle is a creative & collaborative way of communicating which is an important process within Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander cultures. It is important to listen respectfully to one another's views as knowledge is shared, doubts are expressed without interruption, & honest interactions developed.

The purpose of this event is to create a harmonious, non judgemental space in which to learn more about the proposed Voice to Parliament. This will include the Uluru Statement from the Heart.

Facilitator: Rev. Anne Hewitt, Executive Director of 'Churches Together SA'

Venue: Mortlock Lounge, AnglicareSA Westbourne Park

You are welcome to come for part or all of the day.

Further information: lynona@bigpond.com; 8278 3870; 0438 021 263

RSVP by Wednesday 17th May

* The Wellspring Community is a dispersed Australian ecumenical Christian community inspired by the Iona Community.

CHURCH BUILDING – BOOKINGS

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

Day	Time	Location	Hirer/User
Mondays	Before 9.30 am	Whole Building	VIP Cleaning
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	6.30 – 8.30 pm	Auditorium	Waratah Calisthenics
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
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

SUNDAY WORSHIP ROSTER

Role	28 th May	4 th June	Role	28 th May	4 th June
Prayer with Preacher	Robyn F	Stella W	Tick & Flick	Brenton S	Lee O'C
Worship Leader	Di C	David W	Door	David R Jenny R	Ray W Carole W
Preacher	Linda D	Linda D	Notices	Sylvia M	Don B
Singers	Allan A Jean R Ann B	Jeff D Jeanine D Janet L	Count Offering	Glen L Don B	Ray W Glen L
Sound Desk	Don B	Paul D	Bible Reader	Ann B	Jean R
Data Projector	David W	Samantha W	Flowers	Carole W	Marie H
Chair Steward	Janet L Glen L	Sharon T Scott T	Communion Prep	N/A	Leanne S
Building Steward	Paul H	Richard R	Communion Servers	N/A	Jean R Tara S
Zoom Production	Paul H	Graham J			

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.