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Sunday 4th June 2023

A note from Linda

What a wonderful Pentecost service we had last week! Thanks to Di for leading us and to Carol for the stunning floral arrangement – it really did look like the flames of the Spirit!

We are now in the season of Time after Pentecost, or Ordinary Time, or Proper Time! .. Several different names for the longest season of the year which goes right through to Advent (almost half of the year!) Since Advent we have journeyed with Jesus from his birth, to his days of ministry, to his death and resurrection. then we celebrated the coming of Holy Spirit, just as Jesus had promised. This current season gives us the opportunity to focus on Jesus' call to live out the Good News and to grow in faith, hope and love.

This Sunday is Trinity Sunday, when we give thanks once again for the mystery of God as three-in-one, one-in-three: Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer. Our God of community invites us to join in this community of love - each of us belongs to this community.

There is always more room at the table!

Blessings,

Linda

Uniting in Prayer

Uniting in Prayer is underway! People across the Uniting Church are gathering through these 26 days to pray for each other, our Church and world.

Ways we are participating at Athelstone:

- Each week we are praying for our Church as part of our Prayers for Others,
- We are praying for Prospect Road Uniting and Carlingford Uniting as part of the national prayer chain,
- We are invited to pray and share at home, with daily prayers emailed out and shared via social media and intergenerational resources provided by the Assembly. Please contact Carol or Rev Linda if you missed out on the intergenerational resource.
- We are invited to join a National online prayer gathering. Join with others across the country in real time as we hold our Church and world before God, and uphold each other in love and prayer. Register [here](#) and join on Zoom on Thursday 15 June, 8pm AEST.

So, please join in. Make use of the resources. Let's pray for our church!

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.

UPCOMING WORSHIP

On 25 June we'll be hosting a special UnitingWorld Sunday service. It's an opportunity for us to hear from and celebrate the churches around the world that the Uniting Church partners with through UnitingWorld. Faith is the heart language we share with these churches so in the lead up, please keep UnitingWorld in your prayers. To learn more about UnitingWorld, visit their website at www.unitingworld.org.au



EVENTS

Packing Day is this Sunday and Monday: June 4th and 5th

- ✓ Commit to helping with packing goods on the Sunday/Monday
- ✓ Have a clean out at home and collect suitable goods
- ✓ Bring collected goods along on Sunday morning
- ✓ 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. If you have any questions, please ask Jayne Nicholas 0418 836 266. You will find the packing list flier on the church website under the Activities and Serving Our World tabs and hardcopies in the pamphlet display in foyer.

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

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

TOFS

Our next ToFs gathering will be a special CommuniTEA event on Tuesday 6th June at 2pm. It will be held in the Lower Hall at Athelstone Uniting Church – enter through the Deck. RSVPs would be helpful.

CommuniTEA will be followed by a cuppa and cake at Indigo Espresso Café.

So what is CommuniTEA? It's an opportunity to build community over a shared pot of tea. It is a guided conversation, led by our Minister, Linda, across the table drinking selected teas. It's a little like wine tasting.. but with tea. Even if you are not a tea-drinker, please do give it a try! Even a sip!

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.

Triple C's

Our next gathering will be on 14 June at the FOGOLAR FURLAN club, 60 Briar road Felixstow. 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 Kaurana 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



MISSIONAL

Sally Stamp

Sally Stamp asks that people continue to send stamps to the Uniting Church Synod 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. In 2022 donations were made to the following: South Pacific School Aid Inc. (\$4,700); Frontier Services (\$1,000); and The Grove U/C Kids Craft Group (\$1,000). Pick up can be arranged in metropolitan areas. Contact: Maxine Haines (Convenor), Phone: 0427 972 417, email: jimmax.haines@bigpond.com.

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

Update No. 5 re Placements process

1. As has been communicated over the past weeks, Jeff Dry has been following up several possible options for our supply minister and he can now advise that the Rev Ken Wright has accepted our invitation to commence with us from mid July as a 0.6 appointment. This is exciting news. Here is a short summary about Ken.

My name is Ken Wright. I'm an active retired (73yrs) ordained minister worshipping with the Playford Uniting Church congregation. I'm married to Sue who is the Secretary of the Playford UC Mission Council.

We have 3 children and 9 grandchildren with one Family at Hope Valley, another at Victor Harbor and the third in Wagga Wagga. We live in Craigmore SA. After 25yrs as a Mechanical Instrument Maker and Senior Technical Officer at WRE Salisbury I candidated and trained for Ministry within the UCA. I have served as a Lay Pastor in Elizabeth, and as an Ordained minister at Campbelltown (1999), Port Pirie (2003) and Salisbury (2010) retiring in February 2016. Since then I have served multiple ways at Playford UC, and in Supply Ministry with the Gawler, Dernancourt and Para Vista congregations.

2. The first meeting of the Joint Nominating Committee will be held on Wednesday 7 June.
3. The Church Profile has been submitted to the Pastoral Relations Committee (PRC) and they will consider the profile at their next meeting early in June.

Jeff Dry

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.

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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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
Sunday 4th June	From 11 am	Whole Building	Packing Day
Monday 5th June	Until 1 pm	Whole Building	Packing Day
Monday 5th June (pm) or Wednesday 7th June (am)	TBC	Whole Building	VIP Cleaning (awaiting their response)
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
Tuesday 6th June	12.00 – 4.00 pm	Lower Hall/Meeting Room	TOFs – Communithea Event
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	4 th June	11 th June	Role	4 th June	11 th June
Prayer with Preacher	Stella W	Glen L	Tick & Flick	Lee O'C	Trevor C
Worship Leader	David W	Linda D	Door	Ray W Carole W	Coralie S Brenton S
Preacher	Linda D	Linda D	Notices	Don B	Lee O'C
Singers	Jeff D Jeanine D Janet L	Eric H Lynton N Jean R	Count Offering	Ray W Glen L	Lynton N Friederieke A-W
Sound Desk	Paul D	Paul D	Bible Reader	Jean R	Shelley W
Data Projector	Samantha W	David W	Flowers	Marie H	Jenny R
Chair Steward	Sharon T Scott T	Brenton S Bob S	Communion Prep	Leanne S	N/A
Building Steward	Richard R	Eric H	Communion Servers	Jean R Tara S	N/A
Zoom Production	Graham J	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.