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## Sunday 29th May 2022

Welcome to worship this morning.

### A note from Paul

Friends, our gospel reading from the lectionary for this week is John 17:20-26. The words come from the last part of Jesus' prayer at the end of his ministry.

Often called the Final Discourse or the Great Prayer, these words sum up that to which Jesus gave his time, energy, passion, and whole life. Central to that life was the call to unity, to oneness, to wholeness. This oneness is something extraordinary. This is not Jesus praying and hoping that his followers might simply get along with each other. It is a much deeper, more radical idea: "that they may be one, as we are one" (John 17:22).

All through John's gospel the inseparable unity between Jesus and God — whom Jesus, in this gospel, far more than in the other three, calls 'Father,' is at the heart of Jesus's life and motivation (John 1:18, 3:35, 5:19, 5:36, 6:57, 8:18, 10:15, 12:49, 14:7, 15:10, 16:28 and so many other verses). Jesus' unity with God is ontological, that is, it is an essential, root and branch wholeness. This is a unity that is so a part of the nature of who Jesus is — who God is, that neither can be said to have any kind of true existence without the other. It is an oneness that, at the deepest level is the true nature of their existence (this is the beginning of the development of the doctrine of the Trinity).

That unity, that wholeness, that oneness is what Jesus prays for his disciples and for all people!

And, what's more, the way the original Greek is written here, Jesus is not saying that this is something he would like to have happen, in the future, in the best of all possible worlds, but rather, it is something that has always been true, is true in the present moment, and just waits for us to realise and live into that essential wholeness we have with the divine, with each other, and with all of creation!

*Paul Turley*

### Worship Online or at Home

If you wish to join in our online Zoom service on Sunday morning 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.

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*Please email newsletter items to [newsletter@athelstonechurch.org.au](mailto:newsletter@athelstonechurch.org.au) by 5pm Wednesday.*

## Covid Update

On May 24 2022, the Emergency Management Declaration ceased in South Australia. COVID safe measures now remain only for some activities and places now defined by the Public Health Act e.g. healthcare settings and pharmacies. Thus, we are no longer required to have a COVID safe plan any longer at Athelstone Uniting Church. Having said this, please continue to care for the safety of others and don't attend worship or large group activities in person if you are unwell or have been notified that you may be a close contact for covid-19.

## UPCOMING WORSHIP

### Messy Church

Our next Messy Church service is on June 19 from 4-6pm. All are welcome at this all age interactive worship service. This year in Messy Church we are learning more about the Lord's prayer, with our focus for the upcoming service being on the line "Hallowed be your name", we would love for you to come and join us for activities and celebration time together followed by a meal and fellowship. If you have any questions please speak to Meg Edwards. RSVP Wednesday June 15th.

### Worship Rosters

Worship Rosters for June to August have been completed and were emailed to all volunteers last week. A few hardcopies can be found in the pamphlet display case in the foyer for those who need them. Please swap with someone if you can't do your turn and let the office know of any changes.

### Urgent – Help Needed

With Linda and Paul Driver being away on Long Service Leave our resources for offering Zoom services every Sunday are being challenged but thanks to the willingness of Paul Howland and Tara Shirlock we are able to cover most Sundays during this period when Paul Driver is away. It would be great to have even more volunteers willing to assist with this role to lessen the load on Paul Howland and Tara so this is an **urgent request** for anyone who might be prepared to learn how to operate the Zoom process. If you think you might be able to help and are willing to give it a try then please speak to either Paul Howland or Jeff Dry so we can arrange some necessary training in the coming weeks. The Zoom services have been an integral part of our Sunday worship and we are very keen to maintain this opportunity for those unable to worship in person. Hope to hear from you soon!

*Jeff Dry Chairperson Church Council*

## NOTICES TO MEMBERS

### Reminder to all users of the church

What joy that we can now hold meetings and activities in the church building again without any restrictions. If you are using the kitchen and lower hall, please remember to empty all bins after use and sweep and mop all floor surfaces so that you leave the area as you found it. Our church does pay for a cleaner, using VIP cleaning service, but this cleaner only cleans once a week on a Monday morning. The paid cleaner is instructed to only clean the kitchen, meeting rooms, lower hall and office areas on alternate weeks but to do the toilets and auditorium every week.

We are fortunate that our two long term hirers who run dance and pilates classes on the floors in the lower hall and auditorium generally clean so well that people may not even realize they are each here 3 times a week! We need to remember to do the same and can't ever assume that the paid cleaner will be here to clean all areas we used before the next user is here to use the building.

## Quiet room

As you may know we have a quiet room just off the foyer with toys, books and chairs for families and others to sit in and use this space during the service if they have a need to.

We ask that you please respect this space - if you use it please tidy up before you leave.

Please do not leave things in this room that do not belong in it.

If you have any donations for this room or creative space activities please give them to Meg Edwards directly or any of the church council or creative space team.

## 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.

## 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 for individual prayer or one the members of the Pastoral Care Oversight team (Lee O'Connell, Brenton Summers, Ann Brown, Bob Stevenson and Linda Driver). 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)

## MISSIONAL

### Packing Day

Once again the Athelstone Uniting Church is coordinating the packing of goods for indigenous communities in northern and central Australia. **Please save the dates: Sunday June 5<sup>th</sup> and Monday June 6<sup>th</sup>.** 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. As in previous years we are collecting for the communities north of Darwin so require clothing and Manchester that would be suitable for these tropical destinations. Along with used goods, there are some **new** items that could be purchased – underwear, stationery, toiletries. Goods can be dropped off at Church on Sunday mornings. See Jayne and she will arrange for them to be stored in the shed. If you have any questions, please ask Jayne Nicholas 0418836266. You will find the packing list flier on the church website.

### Uniting Communities – Food Donations

Please keep bringing in your donations and let's fill the giving table! *Brenton Summers*

## What do you do with plastic bread tags?

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/>.

## CONNECT GROUPS

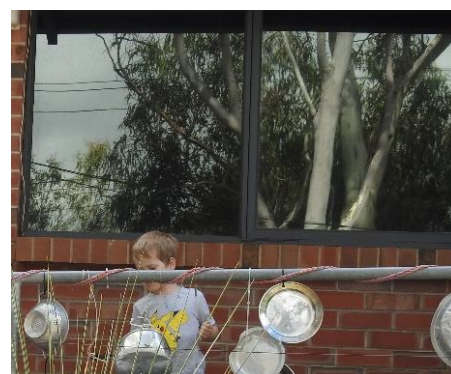
At Athelstone Uniting Church we encourage everyone to find ways to find connections within our church community. Here are some of the Connect Groups you might consider joining.

Connect Group	When/Where	Contact
Book Club	1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tues at 9 am. Indigo Espresso Café	Linda Driver
Fellowship Group	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Wed at 1.30 pm. Indigo Espresso Café	Nola Pearce
Threads	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Tues 2-4 pm. Indigo Espresso Café	Linda Driver
Triple Cs - Men's Group.	2 <sup>nd</sup> Wed of the month at 10.30 am. Cafe Settebello.	Ray Walter
TOFs	1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month, 2 pm – 4 pm. Venues vary	Sheralyn Robertson
Stay & Play @ Home	Enrol on the church website for play ideas at home.	Joy & Bruce Stewart
Wirra Play Days	28 <sup>th</sup> June, 20 <sup>th</sup> Sept & 6 <sup>th</sup> Dec. In the wirra!	Joy & Bruce Stewart

## Stay and Play at Home & Wirra Play Days

Have you ever noticed the reflections in our windows? Stay and Play @ Home families have received a program focusing on 'Through a window/makithau'. Come and join us for Wirra Play Days. Only 3 sessions this year to go! Help set up/pack up, chat to carers or play with children. Check out the Church website to enroll for Stay and Play @ Home, get some ideas for preschoolers at home, make new friends through FaceBook and Buddy Play Dates, or enjoy some nature play at a Wirra Play Day.

*Joy and Bruce Stewart*



## WIDER CHURCH

### CMLA Book Club

Come join CMLA in a guided reading of Trent Daltons beautifully written **Love Stories**. Inspired by a personal moment of profound love and generosity, Trent Dalton, bestselling author and one of Australia's finest journalists, spent two months in 2021 speaking to people from all walks of life, asking them one simple and direct question: 'Can you please tell me a love story?' How does the church tell love stories? What can we learn about love from the everyday and the commonplace? How does this form and inform our church communities and the worship we share? Dates: July 5, 12, 19, 26. Cost: \$25. For more information and to register please go to [www.cmla.org.au](http://www.cmla.org.au).

## Red Dove Café – Seeking Volunteers

Red Cove Café provides an opportunity at the Royal Adelaide Show to be the light of Christ to those who are there - especially to the country people who come in and stay the week. It is a wonderful mission opportunity - it is like having a mission trip but still being able to sleep in your own bed! If you are able to volunteer to sign up to serve as an individual, or as a small group to serve together, then please grab a flier from the newsstand in the foyer or contact Ruthmary Bond on [ruthmarybond@gmail.com](mailto:ruthmarybond@gmail.com).

## Wider Church News

Wider church news: <https://sa.uca.org.au>

You can also subscribe to receive UC E-News personally at <https://sa.uca.org.au/uc-e-news/>

The New Times is available online as well at <https://sa.uca.org.au/new-times/new-times-print-edition/>

Wimala Presbytery News: <https://www.facebook.com/Wimala-Presbytery-109646960529095/>

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

## 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 ( <b>except Sat 4/6</b> )
Mondays	Morning	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
Wednesdays	9.30 - 10.30 am	Lower hall	Pilates
Wednesdays	6.30 - 8.30 pm	Auditorium	Waratah Calisthenics
Thursdays	7.30 – 8.30 pm	Auditorium	Worship Practice
<b>Sat 4<sup>th</sup> – Mon 6<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>All times excluding morning worship</b>	<b>Auditorium/Quiet Room/Kitchen</b>	<b>Packing Day</b>
At all times	Covid clinics operate at various times. Top hall remains out of bounds <b>at all other times</b>	Top hall & Top car park	Medical HQ

## SUNDAY WORSHIP ROSTER

Role	29 <sup>th</sup> May	5 <sup>th</sup> June	Role	29 <sup>th</sup> May	5 <sup>th</sup> June
<b>Prayer with Preacher</b>	Di C	Meg E	<b>Tick &amp; Flick</b>	Trevor C	Brenton S
<b>Worship Leader</b>	Di C	Dean P	<b>Door</b>	Lee O'C Stella W	Jenny R David R
<b>Preacher</b>	Paul T	Paul T	<b>Notices</b>	Sylvia M	Meg E
<b>Singer</b>	Janet L Allan A Friederike A-W	Sylvia M Allan A Jean R	<b>Count Offering</b>	Glen L Trevor G	Paul H David W
<b>Sound Desk</b>	Noel M	Noel M	<b>Bible Reader</b>	Noel M	Noel M
<b>Data Projector</b>	David W	David W	<b>Flowers</b>	Di C	Raelene A
<b>Chair Steward</b>	Don B Glen L	Sharon T Scott T	<b>Communion Prep</b>	N/A	Friederike A-W
<b>Building Steward</b>	Richard R	Paul H	<b>Communion Servers</b>	N/A	Ros H Robyn F

It is very important during this pandemic that you do not attend services when you are unwell. Please swap with someone, or if late notice on the Sunday morning, contact Paul Turley or the worship leader for that service as appropriate. Thank you.