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Scripture Focus

Saving Faith—Confessing Christ (Matthew 16:13–20)

Jesus was with His disciples in Gentile territory, in the region of Caesarea Philippi. They were about 120 miles from Jerusalem in the northern part of Palestine. The region was strongly identified with various religions: It had been a center for Baal worship; the Greek god Pan had shrines there; and Herod the Great had built a temple there to honor Augustus Caesar. It was in the midst of this pagan superstition that Peter confessed Jesus as the Son of God. And it was probably within sight of Caesar's temple that Jesus announced a surprise: He would not yet establish His kingdom, but He would build His church. If anyone else asked, "Whom do men say that I am?" we would think him either mad or arrogant. But in the case of Jesus, a right confession of who He is is basic to salvation (Rom. 10:9–10; 1 John 2:18–23; 4:1–3). His person and His work go together and must never be separated. He is The Son of God... and He saves!

in Christ for all people. Including you and me, and the community around Athelstone.

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

Services are recorded each week. To request a copy please contact the church office.

If you are away or not able to connect with us on Zoom you might find the Worship at Home resource a helpful alternative to use. This self-guided resource has been prepared by Rev Cheryl Wilson of Ascot Park Uniting and can be accessed each week at the following link: <https://sa.uca.org.au/worship-at-home/>

WIRRA – WATCH AND WONDER

While working in the wirra recently, we were approached by a gentleman who had been working in the shopping centre. After answering some of his questions, he commented what a "peaceful" place the wirra was. Come and feel the peace and connect with nature as spring, wirltuti approaches. The wirra continues to need maintenance and promotion, so if you are interested in assisting, please make contact.

Bruce and Joy Stewart



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.

NOTICES FOR MEMBERS

Communion Helpers Wanted

Now that we are returning to our pre-covid style of communion, it is clearly time for a review of our communion volunteers. We would like to return to having 1 or 2 volunteers rostered on to prepare the elements and 4 volunteers to assist with serving communion. So we are inviting you to please prayerfully consider if this is something that you can help with on a Sunday morning. Communion is held on the 1st Sunday of each month.

This is somewhat urgent because many of the existing volunteers I have in my rostering program are unavailable (or in conflicting roles) in the Sept-Nov roster cycle, and scheduling for the increase in volunteers from the current volunteer names in the rostering system proved impossible.

So please let me know if you would like to assist with communion preparation, serving, or both going forward (please include any unavailable dates for Sept-Oct for me to work around as well). You can email me at office@athelstonechurch.org.au or give me a call during church office hours on 8336 9905.

If you think you are a worship volunteer (communion or otherwise), but your name hasn't been rostered on recently, please check with me so that I can double check that I have the most up to date role and preference information for you entered into elvanto and the right boxes still ticked! Elvanto has a complex procedure it runs through when scheduling people to positions but it can only do so accurately if we give it the accurate information at a static point in time (and every good database does needs reviewing on occasion).

Carol Lang (Office Coordinator)

Worship Rosters for Sept-Nov 2023

The worship rosters for Sept – Nov have been released and emailed out to volunteers via email. If you need, or want a hardcopy, there are copies available for collection in the pamphlet display in the entry foyer.

Remember that this is a roster template and you can swap, or find a replacement, if can't do your rostered turn. Please just communicate any swaps with the office so that we can update the master version.

Worship at Home Emails

Please be advised that we will be ceasing the weekly Worship Reminder emails sent to your inboxes on Saturdays. The last email will be sent on Saturday 26th August. After this time, please refer to this weekly newsletter for the links to worship online or at home. Please note that the children's resource, Exploring our Faith, which we were also attaching to these emails for your use, has now come to end and is no longer being produced by Seasons of the Spirit.

Congregational Meeting

Save the Date! A congregational meeting will be held on Sunday 24th September, following the morning service.

MISSIONAL

Uniting Communities	Please keep brining in your donations and let's fill the giving table. Contact: Brenton Summers.
Aussie Breadtags for Wheelchairs	Bring them to church to support the charity Aussie Breadtags for Wheelchairs. You'll find a container on the giving table.
Sally Stamp	Bring stamps to the office to help with this ministry.

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 Ken Wright 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 let Brenton Summers know. "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

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. 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. For a list of helpful resources as you consider your response, please consult one of the links below:

<https://uniting.church/voice-to-parliament-resources/>

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

<https://voice.gov.au/community-toolkit>

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/>

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 & 3 rd Tues of the month at 9.30 am in people's homes	Office
Threads	2 nd & 4 th Tues of the month at 2-4 pm in Indigo Espresso Cafe	Office
Triple Cs – Men's Group	2 nd Wed of the month at 10.30 am. Venues vary.	Ray Walter
TOFs Fellowship Group	1 st Tues of the month. 2 – 4pm. Venues vary.	Sheralyn Robertson

SUNDAY WORSHIP ROSTER

Role	27 th August	3 rd Sept	Role	27 th August	3 rd Sept
Prayer with Preacher	Glen L	Meg E	Tick & Flick	Trevor C	Trevor C
Worship Leader	Di C	David W	Door	Brenton S Coralie S	Jenny R David R
Preacher	Ken W	Ken W	Notices	Don B	Worship Leader
Singers	Allan A Jean R Janet L	Eric H Ann B Sylvia M	Count Offering	Gus R Glen L	Don B Sylvia M
Sound Desk	Noel M	Don B	Bible Reader	Ann B	Noel M
Data Projector	David W	Sam W	Flowers	Raelene A	Marie H
Chair Steward	Glen L Janet L	Sharon T Scott T	Communion Prep	N/A	Leanne S
Building Steward	Eric H	Noel M	Communion Servers	N/A	Jean R Victoria P
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 Ken Wright for that service as appropriate. Thank you.

CHURCH BUILDING – BOOKINGS

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

Day	Time	Location	Hirer/User
Monday 28 th August	4.45 - 6.45 pm	Auditorium	Waratah Calisthenics
Monday 28 th August	6.30 – 8.30 pm	Lower Hall	GM Pilates
Tuesday 29 th August	9.30 – 11.30 am	Lower Hall	GM Pilates
Tuesday 29 th August	6.30 – 8.30 pm	Auditorium	Waratah Calisthenics
Wednesday 30 th August	9.30 – 10.30 am	Lower Hall	GM Pilates
Thursday 31 st August	6.30 – 7.30 pm	Lower Hall	GM Pilates
Thursday 31 st August	7.30 – 8.30 pm	Auditorium	Worship Practice
Saturday 2 nd September	9.00 – 11.30 am	Lower Hall	GM Pilates
Saturday 2 nd September	9.30 – 11.30 am	Auditorium	Waratah Calisthenics
Mon, Wed, Fri	9.00 – 3.00 pm	Top hall	AGPN (Medical HQ)