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Sunday 6th August 2023

Scripture Focus

Matthew 14:13–21

An experience of grief leads to the act of compassion recorded in today's Gospel reading.

¹³ When Jesus heard what had happened, he withdrew by boat privately to a solitary place. Hearing of this, the crowds followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴ When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them and healed their sick.

“When Jesus heard this” refers to the death of John the Baptizer (14:1–12). Then As Jesus seeks rest – and perhaps time to grieve – in withdrawal from community, the crowds follow.

Jesus' compassion leads first to healing and then to feeding. Compassion is more than an attitude – it is faith in action. Those who respond with compassion can trust that God will provide for the need of the other and also for the need generated by their action.

After Jesus has healed many (14:14), the disciples want to send people away from Jesus. for their own good – it is evening and they need to find food.

But where the disciples would close off community and leave others to fend for themselves, Jesus summons community to be opened in ministry to others. The disciples find themselves called to trust God's abundance – abundance that is not yet in view.

Note the verbs Jesus speaks in this deserted place. They are the same verbs used in worship when faith communities celebrate Communion: take, bless, break, give,; all may eat, all may be filled. Abundant Love.

Communion

Church Council wishes to advise you that from Sunday 6th August, we will be returning to our pre-pandemic method of serving Communion, using fresh bread and grape juice elements rather than pre-packaged communion packs.

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.

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	Office
Threads	2 nd & 4 th Tues 2-4 pm. Indigo Espresso Café	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 Tuesday of the month, 2 pm – 4 pm. Venues vary	Sheralyn Robertson

Triple C's

2nd Wednesday of the month coming so 9th August @1030hrs Gents will again gather for Chaps Coffee and Chat at Fine Foods Meredith Street Newton. Come and learn of the latest happenings in this busy semi and retired world we are part of.

Ray Walter

WIRRA – WATCH AND WONDER

Celebrations for National Tree Day commence with School Tree Day on July 28th and culminate on August 6th. Get involved by planting a tree with a community group or visit the wirra and pull a weed, pick up rubbish, hug a tree or simply sit and BE.

The wirra continues to need maintenance and promotion, so if you are interested in assisting, please make contact.

Bruce and Joy Stewart



UPCOMING WORSHIP

Worship Rosters

It will soon be time to start processing the worship rosters for September, October and November 2023.

Please log in to Elvanto and update your unavailable dates for the next few months (or email them to the office) preferably no later than THIS Sunday 6th August so that the office can start the rostering process.

To enter your Unavailability Dates in Elvanto yourself

- 1) Log in to Elvanto
- 2) Go to your My Profile page and then click on the unavailability sidebar.
- 3) Once there, simply select the range of dates and times that you'll be unavailable, and click 'Submit'.
- 4) Your upcoming unavailability will appear in a table on the page.

To remove a unavailability, select the upcoming unavailable times that you are now available for (by clicking on their check boxes), and select 'Delete' in the drop-down menu that appears at the top of the table once you've selected something. To perform the delete on all selected times click the 'Perform Mass Manage' button.

MISSIONAL

Uniting Communities	Please keep bringing 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 Bread tags for Wheelchairs. You'll find a container in the Church Entry. More details here: https://ozbreadtagsforwheelchairs.org.au/
Sally Stamp	Bring stamps to the office to help with this ministry.

NOTICES FOR MEMBERS

Athelstone Community Market Event

Athelstone Community Market will be postponed to 2024 due to personal commitments and dates available. There has been a good response for support for this event so we will definitely be doing this in the future! Please see Meg Edwards if you have any questions.

Prayer Requests

Please note that Brenton will be away on holidays from Friday 28 July 2023 to Wednesday 16 August 2023 inclusive, so please refer any Pray Chain requests to Ann Brown via email or mobile 0413 581 554.

Can we support you in prayer? Here's how:

Prayer Chain - send an email to, or call Ann Brown, 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 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

Act-2 Report

A new Act-2 Report: Act2: In Response to God's Call is now available to read in full on the Act2 website.

You can find the report here: <https://www.act2uca.com/act2report>

An extensive engagement phase will run until the end of November.

From June until November the Act-2 team will host fortnightly online sessions which will provide an opportunity to go deeper on the latest Act2 report. These sessions will alternate between focussing on the directions about local communities of faith, and the options for our future governance and resourcing.

Register and choose your sessions here: <https://www.act2uca.com/dropins>

Linda's Induction at Brougham Place Uniting Church

You are invited to Linda's induction at a service of worship at Brougham Place Uniting Church at 2pm **THIS** Sunday 6th August. The service will be followed by afternoon tea.

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 pick up the information sheets from the pamphlet display in the entry foyer, or consult one of the links below:

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

<https://uniting.church/a-voice-to-parliament-in-2-pages/>

<https://uniting.church/faq-about-the-voice/>

<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/>

CHURCH BUILDING – BOOKINGS

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

Day	Time	Location	Hirer/User
Monday 7 th August	4.45 - 6.45 pm	Auditorium	Waratah Calisthenics
Monday 7 th August	6.30 – 8.30 pm	Lower Hall	GM Pilates
Tuesday 8 th August	9.30 – 11.30 am	Lower Hall	GM Pilates
Tuesday 8 th August	6.30 – 8.30 pm	Auditorium	Waratah Calisthenics
Wednesday 9 th August	9.30 – 10.30 am	Lower Hall	GM Pilates
Thursday 10 th August	6.30 – 7.30 pm	Lower Hall	GM Pilates
Thursday 10 th August	7.30 – 8.30 pm	Auditorium	Worship Practice
Saturday 11 th August	9.00 – 11.30 am	Lower Hall	GM Pilates
Saturday 11 th August	9.30 – 11.30 am	Auditorium	Waratah Calisthenics
Mon, Wed, Fri	9.00 – 3.00 pm	Top hall	AGPN (Medical HQ)

SUNDAY WORSHIP ROSTER

Role	6 th August	13 th August	Role	6 th August	13 th August
Prayer with Preacher	Di C	Robyn F	Tick & Flick	Trevor C	Trevor C
Worship Leader	Robyn S	Jeff D	Door	Robyn F Stella W	Ray W Carole W
Preacher	Ken W	Rev Andrew Robertson	Notices	Sylvia M	Worship Leader
Singers	Bob S Sylvia M Eric H	Jeanine D Di C Lyndon R	Count Offering	Bob S Bob to arrange	Friederike A-W Ray W
Sound Desk	Don B	David W	Bible Reader	Leanne O’C	David W
Data Projector	Sam W	Shelley W	Flowers	Carole W	Di C
Chair Steward	Bob S Paul H	Jeff D	Communion Prep	Friederike A-W	N/A
Building Steward	Eric H	Richard R	Communion Servers	Ros H Paul H Robyn F	N/A
Zoom Production	David W	Tara S			

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.