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SPRING EDITION (SUNDAY 1ST – 15TH OCTOBER)

Welcome to worship this morning.

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/>

CHURCH COUNCIL

Act2 Update

Act2: In Response to God's Call is the first Act2 report since the decisions of the 16th Assembly and the creation of the Act2 Project Unit and Steering Committee in late 2022. It emerges from one of the most comprehensive and ambitious direct consultation processes the Assembly has ever undertaken, drawing from a deep well of insight gathered through our engagement over the past six months.

This report includes:

- A summary of what we did and what we heard during the Exploration Phase (November 2022 to May 2023).
- A theological reflection on the Exploration Phase.
- An introduction to the Collective Discernment Phase (current phase - June 2023 to November 2023).
- A set of directions for Workstream 1: Local Communities of Faith and Discipleship.
- A set of four different options for Workstream 3: Governance and Resourcing.

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

Church Council is working through the report in preparation for submitting a response. If members of the congregation are interested in reading the report and making a submission then you are encouraged to do so.

Check out all the relevant information by following this link - <https://www.act2uca.com/act2report>

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.

Working Bees – on hold

Working bees – please note the proposed working bees for the manse and the church have been put on hold for now. The original date for the Church working bee Tuesday 3 October now clashes with the pre-polling period and the manse working bee scheduled for Tuesday 10 October is being postponed until after Ian Fry, supported by Richard Read, have been able to do the minor repairs/maintenance jobs that have been identified as needing to be addressed.

Morning Tea follow up

A reminder from last week's Congregational meeting, please feel free to speak to Jeff Dry if you are either interested in volunteering to be a helper with offering morning tea after the service or you are keen to see morning tea provided. Church Council will be interested to see what responses are received.

Church Office Closure & Newsletter

The church office will be closed between 1st and 15th October and re-open on Tuesday 17th October as Carol is on leave. Ken may be around but we cannot guarantee office hours. The next newsletter will be published for Sunday 22nd October. Please get any newsletter items to the office no later than 5 pm on Wednesday 18th October.

The Voice Referendum Polling Centre

Our church has been selected to offer a pre-poll voting centre for the two weeks leading up to the 14 October referendum. We will also be used as a polling booth on the Saturday. This should not cause any major issues as we have advised the Electoral Commission of our willingness to co-operate so that both parties are able to function effectively during this period. Our involvement in both activities will have implications for our use of the building during these weeks. Please note the following:

- We will not be able to access the volunteer office during this time. Locks have been changed.
- We need to limit access between 1st and 14th October where we can so please try to arrange any drop-in visits, jobs or activities in the church building outside of this period if you can.
- Sunday Morning Worship, Thursday evening worship practice, TOFs shoebox packing and mid-week pilates classes in the lower hall will be able to run as normal during the pre-polling period. However, on the actual voting day, Saturday 14th October, only voters and AEC staff will have access.
- Polling places may not display any material about the referendum not provided by the Australian Electoral Commission. This means that no political signage will be going up on our premises.
- VIP Cleaners have been booked to clean at the following times:
 - Sunday 1st October, anytime after 3 pm until late.
 - Sunday 8th October, anytime after 3 pm until late.
 - Monday 15th October, between 6 am and 10 am (cleaning times return to normal).

Referendum Cake Stall

We are going to run a cake stall on the Referendum voting day. Are you available to help out with this cake stall by either making something or helping man the stall on the day? Please let Meg Edwards know in person or on 0431 030 079. This is a great opportunity for our church community to serve the local Athelstone community.

MISSIONAL

Operation Christmas Child - Shoeboxes!

The October 4th TOFS meeting will be for the ladies to pack as many boxes as we can. If you have been collecting or making items to go into shoeboxes please bring them along.

If you have boxes you have packed at home, please bring them back by Sunday 15th October so that Freddie can deliver them in time to make this year's delivery.

If you feel that you are unable to pack a box, there are other ways that you can help:

1. We still need donations, not only of goods, but also of money. It costs \$12.50 for each shoebox and our congregation has been wonderful in the past in helping to cover these costs for us. Please give any cash donations to Freddie.

2 You can now give boys and girls in need a tangible expression of God's love through a gift-filled shoebox packed from your computer or mobile device. Just follow this link:

<https://occdonations.samaritanspurse.org.au/product/pack-a-shoebox-online/>

Bless you all. Friederike

Missions

Here are just some of the mission projects, and how you can support them at Athelstone UC:

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 Breadtags for Wheelchairs. You'll find a container on the giving table.
Sally Stamp	Bring stamps to the office to help with this ministry.
Samaritan's Purse	See note above re donations required for Operation Christmas Child in September.

CONNECT GROUPS

TOFS

TOFS will meet on Tuesday 3rd October at 2pm in the Church Lower Hall to pack Shoeboxes. After we have finished, we will walk over to the Indigo Café to enjoy coffee and cake. Please enter via the deck (and remember that pre-poll voting will be taking place in the main auditorium).

Triple Cs

Once again the second Wednesday of the month arrives on 11 October which means TRIPLE C'S will again be meeting at Fine Foods in Meredith Street Newton. Come along @ 1030 Chaps for Coffee and Chat and find out who's doing or going where and why. Need a lift contact Ray or Bob, c u there!!

Wirra – Watch & Wonder



Our wardli, home for the Kurna has some new log steps. Come and explore the wirra while the flowers are blooming. "The Nature of Home" is the theme for Nature Festival 2023. Check out the expansive programme from 1st – 15th October on naturefestival.org.au.

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

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. See note above.	Sheralyn Robertson

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 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

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/>

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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 2nd October – Saturday 14th October	8.00 am - 6.00 pm	Auditorium	Australian Electoral Commission (excluding Sundays)
Sunday 1st October	3 pm – late	Whole Building	VIP Cleaners
Monday 2 nd October	6.30 – 8.30 pm	Lower Hall	GM Pilates
Tuesday 3 rd October	9.30 – 11.30 am	Lower Hall	GM Pilates
Tuesday 3rd October	2.00 – 4.00 pm	Lower Hall	TOFS – Packing Shoeboxes
Wednesday 4 th October	9.30 – 10.30 am	Lower Hall	GM Pilates
Wednesday 4th October	7.00 – 10.00 pm	Meeting Room	Church Council Meeting
Thursday 5 th October	6.30 – 7.30 pm	Lower Hall	GM Pilates
Thursday 5 th October	7.30 – 8.30 pm	Auditorium	Worship Practice
Saturday 7 th October	9.00 – 11.30 am	Lower Hall	GM Pilates
Sunday 8th October	3 pm – late	Whole Building	VIP Cleaners
Monday 9 th October	6.30 – 8.30 pm	Lower Hall	GM Pilates
Tuesday 10 th October	9.30 – 11.30 am	Lower Hall	GM Pilates
Wednesday 11 th October	9.30 – 10.30 am	Lower Hall	GM Pilates
Thursday 12 th October	6.30 – 7.30 pm	Lower Hall	GM Pilates
Thursday 12 th October	7.30 – 8.30 pm	Auditorium	Worship Practice
Saturday 14th October	8.00 – 6.00 pm	Whole Building	Referendum Voting & Bake Sale
Sunday 15th October	4.00 – 6.00 pm	Whole Building	Messy Church
Monday 16th October	8.00 – 10.00 am	Whole Building	VIP Cleaners
Monday 16 th October	6.30 – 8.30 pm	Lower Hall	GM Pilates
Monday 16 th October	4.45 – 6.45 pm	Auditorium	Waratah Calisthenics
Tuesday 17 th October	9.30 – 11.30 am	Lower Hall	GM Pilates
Tuesday 17th October	2.30 – 3.30 pm	Meeting Room	Pastoral Care Team Meeting
Tuesday 17 th October	6.30 – 8.30 pm	Lower Hall	Waratah Calisthenics
Wednesday 18 th October	9.30 – 10.30 am	Lower Hall	GM Pilates
Thursday 19 th October	6.30 – 7.30 pm	Lower Hall	GM Pilates
Thursday 19 th October	7.30 – 8.30 pm	Auditorium	Worship Practice
Saturday 21 st October	9.00 – 11.30 am	Lower Hall	GM Pilates
Saturday 21 st October	9.30 – 11.30 am	Auditorium	Waratah Calisthenics

Note: There will be no calisthenics classes during school holidays (30th Sept – 14 Oct) in the auditorium.

SUNDAY WORSHIP ROSTER

Role	1 st Oct	8 th Oct	15 th Oct	22 nd Oct
Prayer with Preacher	Stella W	Glen L	Di C	Meg E
Worship Leader	Lynton N	Di C	Meg E	Jeff D
Preacher	Ken W	Ken W	Ken W	Sunny K
Singers	Di C	Ann B	Friederike A-W	Lyndon R
	Janet L	Eric H	Di C	Sylvia M
	Allan A	Sylvia H	Allan A	Jeanine D
Sound Desk	David W	Don B	Noel M	Noel M
Data Projector	Sam W	Sam W	David W	David W
Chair Steward	Scott T	Paul H	Scott T	Janet L
	Sharon T	Jeff D	Sharon T	Glen L
Building Steward	Noel M	Richard R	Paul H	Eric H
Zoom Production	Paul H	Tara S	Paul H	Tara S
Tick & Flick	Lee O'C	Trevor C	Trevor C	Trevor C
Door	Gus R	Lynton N	Ray W	Stella W
	Jan R	Jayne N	Carole W	Lee O'C
Notices	Lee O'C	Don B	Sylvia M	Worship Leader
Count Offering	Lynton N	Sylvia M	Friederike A-W	David W
	Glen L	Don B	Gus R	Ray W
Bible Reader	Jayne N	Eric H	Ray W	Ann T
Flowers	Marie H	Di C	Carole W	Raelene A
Communion Prep/Coordinator	Leanne S	-	-	-
Communion Helpers/Servers	Lee O'C Eric H	-	-	-

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.

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