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# sunday 5th November

Welcome to worship this morning. Our minister, Ken, is now unable to attend today and has organised a video sermon. Please note that there will be no communion this morning. Our next communion service will be held on Sunday 26 November.

# Scripture Focus

PARTNERS IN SERVICE

Jesus insisted that word and deed corroborate each other. Disciples are credible witnesses when their loving actions mirror their words.

Disciples are called to be partners in service, learning and growing together as they love God and neighbour.

The scribes and Pharisees claim Moses as the authority for their teaching. In Jesus’ time, scribes served as religious lawyers, scholars, and teachers.

However Jesus noted the lack of congruence between the teaching and the practice of certain scribes and Pharisees. Their teaching was acceptable as it was grounded in the Law of Moses. Jesus was not critical of God’s law. However, the regulations about what would mark the Jews as “holy” or “separate” had become more than ordinary people could bear.

Jesus observed that the outward signs (phylacteries and prayers shawls) displayed by certain leaders to mark them as God’s holy people were not supported by their actions. They were not practicing what they taught about God’s way of justice and compassion.

Jesus understood that God’s love invites confession and assures forgiveness. This was how the law removed guilt and debt, putting people in a right relationship with God.

Jesus’ teaching about the law preserved God’s grace and compassion, the essence of God’s law. Jesus enacted this teaching each day, interpreting the law with compassion

Paul also knew that godly leadership empowers others. In 1 Thessalonians 2:9–13, Paul gives a clear account of how his use of power reveals congruence between word and deed.

All disciples – leaders and followers – are called to learn and grow together as partners in service of Christ. Honouring everyone’s contribution helps the community to grow in faith and deeds of love.

REFLECTION

Gracious God, you have told us what is good. Jesus has shown us what you require of us: to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with you. Enliven our spirits with your Spirit to love you more dearly and to serve you more fully. Amen.

# 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**](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/**](https://sa.uca.org.au/worship-at-home/)

# CONNECT GROUPS

# TOFs

Hi Ladies. The November TOFs meeting has been booked for Cafe Baretto, 10D Forest Avenue, Rostrevor.

We will meet for coffee as usual at 2.00 pm. Hope to see you there! *Friederike (for Sheralyn).*

# Triple C’s

Next meeting is November 8th again at Fine Foods Meredith street Newton, hopefully with Happy faces and a $ or two for coffee after Cup Day and a win!!

December Meeting will be on 6th December (First Wed of the Month). I have provisionally booked for 16 Chaps to attend The MARCHE CLUB for christmas lunch as in past years at a very moderate cost of $18.00 each. I will check for actual numbers mid November, so meanwhile give consideration and plan to attend. *Regards Ray*

# Wirra – Watch & Wonder

We know the wirra is loved! Whether it’s referendum volunteers enjoying a relaxing lunch, children during school holidays drawing, playing rock noughts and crosses, bird “hide and seek”, or Messy Church obstacle courses, wirltuti weather has encouraged us to enjoy this special space.

The wirra continues to need maintenance and promotion, so we would love you to join us 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.

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| **Connect Group** | **When/Where** | **Contact** |
| Book Club | 1st & 3rd Tues of the month at 9.30 am in people’s homes | Office |
| Threads | 2nd & 4th Tues of the month at 2-4 pm in Indigo Espresso Cafe | Office |
| Triple Cs – Men’s Group | 2nd Wed of the month at 10.30 am. Venues vary. | Ray Walter |
| TOFs Fellowship Group | 1st Tues of the month. 2 – 4pm. Venues vary. See note above. | Sheralyn Robertson |

# NOTICES FOR MEMBERS

# Change of dates for Nov/Dec Communion Services

There will be no communion held today, or on the first Sunday in December (Sunday 3rd December). Instead communion will be held on 26th November and led by Rev Ken Wright. Please let the office know if you can assist with preparing or serving communion on the 4th Sunday in November. Thank you!

# 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**](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.

# MISSIONAL

# Update on Shoeboxes

I was able to collect the 56 shoeboxes from church and bring them to the collection centre in Golden Grove. I also took $490 that you kindly donated. I was able to see the container being packed and the storage area. It was all go and many hands were making it work well. They are expecting 2 x large containers and 1 x smaller container to be filled.  We are expecting that our boxes will go to the Philippines or PNG this year.

Thank you all again for your generosity. *Friederike*

# Missions

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

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| 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. |

# WIDER CHURCH

# Wimala Presbytery Youth Event – Sunday 19th November 4-7 pm

Wimala Presbytery are holding an event for all youth within the Wimala Presbytery.

Ages: High school & Young Adults (especially leaders who are young adults)

When: Sunday 19 November, 4 – 7 pm at Campbelltown Uniting Church

Come along for games, food and fun. Contact Rebecca Purling for further information (and with approximate numbers). Rebecca 0407 993 526 or [minister.campbelltownunitingsa.@gmail.com](mailto:minister.campbelltownunitingsa.@gmail.com)

# Movies Change People – Journey to Bethlehem

Journey to Bethlehem is a fun and fabulous new original pop musical for the whole family starring Antonio Banderas.

As you think about how to make the end of the year special for your small group or family, why not plan a visit to see Journey to Bethelehem? This heartwarming movie is guaranteed to fill you and your group with a sense of celebration and joy as we eagerly anticipate the upcoming Christmas season. Find out more by contacting your prefered cinema. You can watch the trailer at: movieschangepeople.com

In Cinemas nationally: November 30. Group Bookings can begin from November 10.

# Payneham Road Uniting Church Organ Concert

Payneham Road Uniting Church is having it's annual organ concert to showcase our beautiful 100 + year old pipe organ for a fundraiser event to support the PRUC Organ Scholar. Featuring Organ Scholar, Casey McEwan and a host of other supporting artists. Please see noticeboard for flier. When: 25th November 2023 – 7 pm. Where: 343 Payneham Road, Marden. Tickets may be bought at the door, or can be purchased online at [www.trybooking.com/CLSP2](http://www.trybooking.com/CLSP2) Cost: $25 adults, $10 children or $50 family. All ages event.

# Wider Church News

Uniting Church in Australia: [**https://uniting.church/**](https://uniting.church/)

Uniting Church in South Australia: [**https://sa.uca.org.au/**](https://sa.uca.org.au/)

To receive SA UC E-News personally, subscribe at [**https://sa.uca.org.au/uc-e-news/**](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/**](https://sa.uca.org.au/new-times/new-times-print-edition/)

Wimala Presbytery website: [**https://wimala.ucasa.org.au/**](https://wimala.ucasa.org.au/)

Frontier News:[**https://frontierservices.org/news-media/our-resources/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**.

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| **Day** | **Time** | **Location** | **Hirer/User** |
| **Sunday 5th November** | **1.00 – 4.00 pm** | **Auditorium** | **Waratah Calisthenics End of Year Concert** |
| Monday 6th November | 4.45 – 6.00 pm | Auditorium | Waratah Calisthenics |
| Monday 6th November | 6.30 – 8.30 pm | Lower Hall | GM Pilates |
| Tuesday 7th November | 9.30 – 11.30 am | Lower Hall | GM Pilates |
| Tuesday 7th November | 6.30 – 8.30 pm | Auditorium | Waratah Calisthenics |
| Wednesday 8th November | 9.30 – 10.30 am | Lower Hall | GM Pilates |
| **Thursday 9th November** | **10.00 – 11.30 am** | **Auditorium** | **Carpet Cleaning** |
| Thursday 9th November | 6.30 – 7.30 pm | Lower Hall | GM Pilates |
| Thursday 9th Nov ember | 7.30 – 8.30 pm | Auditorium | Worship Practice |
| Saturday 11th November | 9.00 – 11.30 am | Lower Hall | GM Pilates |
| Saturday 11th November | 9.30 – 11.30 am | Auditorium | Waratah Calisthenics |
| **Sunday 11th November** | **1.00 – 4.00 pm** | **Auditorium** | **GM Pilates Workshop** |

# SUNDAY WORSHIP ROSTER

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| **Role** | **5th Nov** | **12th Nov** | **Role** | **5th Nov** | **12th Nov** |
| **Prayer with Preacher** | Jennifer C | Lee O’C | **Tick & Flick** | Brenton S | Brenton S |
| **Worship Leader** | David W | Robyn S | **Door** | Robyn F  Lee O’C | Gus R  Jan R |
| **Preacher** | Video Message | Ken W | **Notices** | Sylvia M | Don B |
| **Singers** | Sylvia M  Jean R  Eric H | Lynton N  Ann B  Bob S | **Count Offering** | Don B  Lynton N | Paul H  Bob S |
| **Sound Desk** | Don B | Noel M | **Bible Reader** | Shelley W | David W |
| **Data Projector** | Sam W | David W | **Flowers** | Marie H | Di C |
| **Chair Steward** | Scott T  Sharon T | Paul H  Bob S | **Communion Prep/Coordinator** | - | - |
| **Building Steward** | Richard R | Paul H | **Communion Helpers/Servers** | - | - |
| **Zoom Production** | Graham J | Paul 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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