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Sunday 19th November

Welcome to worship this morning. Emilia Haskey will be sharing the message with us today as our guest preacher. Emilia currently works as the Engagement and Communications Office at the Uniting Church South Australia Synod. In this role, she writes for New Times, as well as creates, updates and monitors websites for Uniting Church congregations around SA. She is also a poet and freelance writer. Emilia is currently undertaking a period of discernment within the Wimala Presbytery to discern where her future ministry lies.

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/>

Upcoming Worship

Next Communion Service

Our next Communion Service will be held on Sunday 26th November and led by Rev Ken Wright.



2023 Christmas Service Times

Sunday 24 th December 9.30 am	Sunday Morning Worship
Sunday 24 th December 6.30 pm	Christmas Eve Service
Monday 25 th December 9.30 am	Christmas Day Service

JNC Update

At its October meeting, Placements Committee came up with a name for our JNC to consider. On being advised of the name, JNC met to consider this person's profile and a decision was made to have a conversation with this person which subsequently occurred on Tuesday of this week. The conversation went well and a follow up conversation has been scheduled for the end of November.

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.

CHURCH COUNCIL

Church Council update from the 1st November meeting

1. Christmas Eve services will be Sunday 24 December at 9.30am and 6.30pm and Christmas Day Monday 25 December at 9.30am. There will not be a late Christmas Eve service.
2. Thanks to Ian and Tom Fry, the maintenance work at the Manse is being undertaken in preparation for a future Minister to reside in the manse if required.
3. Our final submission for ACT2 has been formalised and will be forwarded this month.
4. With our property being hired to the Australian Electoral Commission for the Voice Referendum pre-polling and voting, the church has been paid a hire fee of \$6,000.
5. Following the visit from Sunny K (Frontier Services) an amount of \$400 was donated from funds raised at the Referendum Cake Stall and a further amount made up of funds received from the plant stall and retiring offering will also be donated. An update on this amount will be shared at a later date.

Manse upkeep

To date a number of people have been doing some gardening and watering at the manse but it would be very much appreciated if more people would volunteer to take a turn each week to keep up the watering and general maintenance (weeding and pruning). If you have time and are willing to assist please speak to Jeff and a roster can be set up.

CONNECT GROUPS

Triple C's

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 and Wonder

Monday 20th November is World Children's Day. "Let's Get Loud" is an opportunity for children to make some noise about what matters to them. UNICEF states "with everything going on in the world at the moment, it's never been more important to raise children's voices and listen to what they have to say". So, encourage your children or grandchildren to visit the wirra, make a noise and leave us a message on the chalkboard to tell us what matters to YOU! 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 & Bruce*



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 (except Dec). Venues vary.	Ray Walter
TOFs Fellowship Group	1 st Tues of the month. 2 – 4pm. Venues vary. See note above.	Sheralyn Robertson

MISSIONAL

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.

NOTICES FOR MEMBERS

Celebration of Christmas Concert

Lynton & David invite you to a glorious evening of Christmas music presented by the Metropolitan Male Choir of SA and guest artists. Saturday December 9, 7:30pm Elder Hall, North Tce.

Tickets \$30 via mmcsa.org/events/christmas-at-elder-hall/

Messy Church in 2024

Messy Church is an important part of our intergenerational ministry for our young families at Athelstone.

The 5 values of Messy Church are: Christ centred, all age, creativity, celebration and hospitality. What does this look like? Well we meet 6 times a year, from 4-6pm, and we spend time getting creative with different activities, sharing in a celebration time and a meal together.

But Messy Church isn't JUST for young families, this is a service that allows time for conversation and learning about our faith between the generations and in a fresh and different way, no matter your age.

We would love for you to join us in 2024! To help this service continue we need some support for our amazing team, who has been doing this for over 5 years now. We would love some new faces in the team - whether it is helping out in the kitchen or sitting at a table leading an activity and engaging in conversation, it really is that easy!

If you are interested or want to know more please speak to Meg Edwards

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

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

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 M^cEwan and a host of other supporting artists. 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 Cost: \$25 adults, \$10 children or \$50 family. All ages event.

Wider Church News - Links

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 20th November	10.00 – 11.00 am	Lower Hall	GM Pilates
Monday 20 th November	4.45 – 6.00 pm	Auditorium	Waratah Calisthenics
Monday 21 st November	6.30 – 8.30 pm	Lower Hall	GM Pilates
Tuesday 22 nd November	9.30 – 11.30 am	Lower Hall	GM Pilates
Tuesday 22nd November	2.30 – 3.30 pm	Meeting Room	Pastoral Care Meeting
Tuesday 22 nd November	6.30 – 8.30 pm	Auditorium	Waratah Calisthenics
Wednesday 23 rd November	9.30 – 10.30 am	Lower Hall	GM Pilates
Thursday 24 th November	6.30 – 7.30 pm	Lower Hall	GM Pilates
Thursday 24 th November	7.30 – 8.30 pm	Auditorium	Worship Practice
Saturday 25 th November	9.00 – 11.30 am	Lower Hall	GM Pilates
Saturday 25 th November	9.30 – 11.30 am	Auditorium	Waratah Calisthenics
Saturday 25th November	2.00 – 4.00 pm	Auditorium	Private Hirer – Music Concert

SUNDAY WORSHIP ROSTER

Role	19 th Nov	26 th Nov	Role	19 th Nov	26 th Nov
Prayer with Preacher	Jeff D	Stella W	Tick & Flick	Brenton S	Brenton S
Worship Leader	Lynton N	Jeff D	Door	Stella W Jayne N	Jean R Robyn F
Preacher	Emilia Haskey	Ken W	Notices	Lee O'C	Brenton S
Singers	Allan A Janet L Friederike A-W	Jeanine D Lyndon R Jean R	Count Offering	Gus R Friederike A-W	Ray W David W
Sound Desk	Don B	Noel M	Bible Reader	Jean R	Ann B
Data Projector	David W	Samantha W	Flowers	Carole W	Raelene A
Chair Steward	Janet L Glen L	Jeff D Brenton S	Zoom Production	Tara S	Graham J
Building Steward	Eric H	Noel M	Communion Prep/Coordinator		Leanne S
			Communion Helpers/Servers		Stella W Lee O'C

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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