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## Summer Newsletter Edition

Welcome to worship at 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/>

## Update on our new Minister



It is with great excitement that we can announce that on Sunday 17 December our congregation unanimously endorsed the recommendation from the Joint Nominating Committee (JNC) to invite Rev Do Young Kim to be our next Minister.

Rev Do Young Kim - Ordained December 2014, he is currently the minister at Prospect Road Uniting (0.5) and has recently completed another 0.5 placement at Payneham Road Uniting. His previous ministry was with the Adelaide Korean Congregation between 2014 and 2018.

He is married to Dana and they have two daughters – Hayeon (16) and Haryne (8). His personal interests are cooking, collecting fountain pens and golf. Do Young will commence full-time ministry at Athelstone UC from 1 April after taking his final Easter services at Prospect Road Uniting. The family will move into the church manse in February.

Ken will continue his supply ministry with us until Do Young commences with Ken's last service being Easter Sunday.

## Office Closure

The church office is currently closed and will re open on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2024 from 9.30 am. For any urgent pastoral concerns over this time, please contact Rev Ken Wright (as above) or Brenton Summers 0400 632 829. For all other urgent matters, contact the chairperson, Jeff Dry on 0408 254 489.

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*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

### Wirra – Watch and Wonder



Warltati/Summer is here and the butterflies, bees and other insects are ready to feast on Bursaria spinosa, Christmas Bush as soon as it comes into flower. The Christmas chains created in environment friendly wool, by past knitters and crocheters are decorating the wirra adding colour. Come and enjoy the space over the Summer season.

We would love you to join us in 2024 if you are interested in assisting with maintenance and promotion of the wirra.  
*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 in 2024.

Connect Group	When/Where	Contact
Book Club	1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tues of the month at 9.30 am in people's homes <b>Returns 6<sup>th</sup> February 2024</b>	Office
Threads	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Tues of the month at 2-4 pm in Indigo Espresso Café <b>Returns 13<sup>th</sup> February 2024</b>	Office
Triple Cs – Men's Group	2 <sup>nd</sup> Wed of the month at 10.30 am. Venues vary. <b>Returns February 14th 2024.</b>	Ray Walter
TOFs Fellowship Group	1 <sup>st</sup> Tues of the month. 2 – 4pm. Venues vary. <b>Returns February 6<sup>th</sup> 2024</b>	Sheralyn Robertson

## MISSIONS

### Missions

Here are just some of our ongoing mission projects at Athelstone UC:

Uniting Communities	Please keep bringing in your donations and let us fill the giving table. Contact: Brenton Summers.
Aussie Bread tags for Wheelchairs	Bring them to church to support the charity Aussie Bread tags for Wheelchairs. You will find a container on the giving table.
Sally Stamp	Bring stamps to the office to help with this ministry.
Christmas Bowl Appeal	Thank you for your support of the 2023 Christmas Bowl Appeal

## NOTICES FOR MEMBERS

### AGM Reports

Preliminary notice is being given to advise members that our AGM will be held on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2024. Where possible all reports for the AGM need to be submitted to Carol in the office by 31st December. Carol will then compile the 2023 report on her return. Elections will also be held at this AGM for the incoming Church Council. For those in the congregation seeking to nominate for Church Council, nomination forms will be made available early in the New Year.

### Newsletters

The next newsletter will be released for Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> February. Please send in articles for this newsletter by 5 pm Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January to [office@athelstonechurch.org.au](mailto:office@athelstonechurch.org.au).

### Manse working bee

With the arrival of our new Minister and his family into the manse in February, we will be doing some work at the manse to ensure it is all ready. The first task will be to prepare the front and back garden areas so a call is going out to people to help. It is likely the first working bee will occur late December/early January to lay irrigation/sprinkler systems. Updated information on dates and times will be given out during upcoming Sunday morning services. If you are able to assist please let Jeff Dry know.

### Prayer Requests

Can we support you in prayer? Here is 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 and 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

### 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 25 <sup>th</sup> December	9.30 – 10.45 am	Auditorium	Christmas Day Service
All Thursday Nights	7.30 – 8.30 pm	Auditorium	Worship Practice
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> January	7.00 – 8.00 pm	Lower Hall	Gain Momentum Pilates (Fill-in Instructor)
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> January	7.00 – 8.00 pm	Lower Hall	Gain Momentum Pilates (Fill-in Instructor)
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> January	9.30 – 10.30 am	Lower Hall	Gain Momentum Pilates (Fill-in instructor)
Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> January	9.00 – 11.30 am	Lower Hall	Gain Momentum Pilates
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> January	6.30 – 8.30 pm	Lower Hall	Gain Momentum Pilates
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> January	9.30 – 11.30 am	Lower Hall	Gain Momentum Pilates
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> January	9.30 - 10.30 am	Lower Hall	Gain Momentum Pilates
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> January	7.00 – 10.00 pm	Meeting Room	Church Council Meeting
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> January	6.30 – 7.30 pm	Lower Hall	Gain Momentum Pilates
Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> January	9.00 – 11.30 am	Lower Hall	Gain Momentum Pilates
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> January	4.45 – 6.00 pm	Auditorium	Waratah Calisthenics
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> January	9.30 – 11.30 am	Lower Hall	Gain Momentum Pilates
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> January	6.30 – 7.30 pm	Auditorium	Waratah Calisthenics
Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup> January	9.30 – 10.30 am	Lower Hall	Gain Momentum Pilates
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> February	6.30 – 7.30 pm	Lower Hall	Gain Momentum Pilates
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> February	7.30 – 8.30 pm	Auditorium	Worship Practice
Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February	9.00 – 11.30 am	Lower Hall	Gain Momentum Pilates
Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February	9.30 – 12.00 pm	Auditorium	Waratah Calisthenics
Mon, Wed, Fri	9.00 – 3.00 pm	Top Hall	AGPN

## SUNDAY WORSHIP ROSTER

Role	31 <sup>st</sup> Dec	7 <sup>th</sup> Jan	14 <sup>th</sup> Jan	21 <sup>st</sup> Jan	28 <sup>th</sup> Jan	4 <sup>th</sup> Feb
<b>Prayer with Preacher</b>	Di C	Jeff D	Glen L	Di C	Jennifer C	Robyn F
<b>Worship Leader</b>	David W	Lynton N	Robyn S	Meg E	Di C	David W
<b>Preacher</b>	Ken W	Ken W	Ken W	Ken W	Ken W	Ken W
<b>Singers</b>	Friederike A-W	Lyndon R	Janet L	Ann B	Robyn S	Shelley W
	Eric H	Jean R	Eric H	Lyndon R	Bob S	Lyndon R
	Shelley W	Sylvia M	Allan A	Lynton N	Jean R	Eric H
<b>Sound Desk</b>	Noel M	Noel M	Noel M	Don B	Don B	Noel M
<b>Data Projector</b>	Sam W	Sam W	David W	David W	Sam W	Sam W
<b>Chair Steward</b>	-	-	-	-	Brenton S	Scott T
					Bob S	Sharon T
<b>Building Steward</b>	Richard R	Eric H	Noel M	Richard R	Eric H	Paul H
<b>Tick &amp; Flick</b>	Brenton S	Brenton S		Trevor C	Lee O'C	Trevor C
<b>Door</b>	Jean R	Coralie S	Stella W	Jan R	Jenny R	Lynton N
	Lee O'C		Jean R	Gus R	David R	Jayne N
<b>Notices</b>	Minister	Brenton S	Sylvia M	Lee O'C	Brenton S	Don B
<b>Count Offering</b>	Don B	David W	Bob S	Sylvia M	Ray W	Paul H
	Friederike A-W	Sylvia M	Glen L	Lynton N	Friederike A-W	Don B
<b>Bible Reader</b>	Ann T	Sylvia M	Shelley W	Lee O'C	Ray W	Jean R
<b>Flowers</b>	Di C	Marie H	Raelene A	Jenny R	Di C	Carole W
<b>Zoom Production</b>		Tara S	Graham J	Tara S	Graham J	Paul H
<b>Communion Prep/Coordinator</b>	-	Leanne S	-	-	-	Friederike A-W
<b>Communion Helpers/Servers</b>	-	Minister to arrange at the time	-	-	-	Robyn F
						Stella W
						Ros H

**Note to Chair Stewards:** Waratah Calisthenics classes finish on Tues 5<sup>th</sup> Dec 2023 and start again Mon 29<sup>th</sup> Jan 2024.

*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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Please submit to the office by Wednesdays at 5 pm for next newsletter.