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Welcome to worship at Athelstone! Our preacher this morning will be Rev Ken Wright.

Today, the first Sunday of Lent is traditionally a time to look back, to evaluate our lives, to examine ourselves ...and it is also a time when we look back over the events of Jesus' life, particularly his suffering and death.

But Lent is also a time to think about the future.

We know historically that the crucifixion was inevitable – but must there always be crucifixions in the future?

Must history repeat itself?

Do Christians make a difference in the world?

Are we people who cling to the past or are we shapers of the future?

WORSHIP

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/>

2024 Lenten Resource

A daily prayer-action lent resource from the Uniting Church Synod of SA is attached with this new sheet.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Church Council wishes to advise all members of Athelstone Uniting Church that we will be holding our **Annual General Meeting on Sunday 3 March 2024 at 10.45am**. Meeting papers including profiles of all nominees have been emailed out to church members this week, and there are limited hard copies available in the foyer for those that need them.

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.

NOTICES FOR MEMBERS

Community & Peace Gardens – Volunteers needed

Due to selling, and moving in the near future, we will be unable to attend Athelstone Uniting Church, because of this we are looking for volunteers to attend to the Community Garden and the Peace Garden. They are both attached to sprinkler systems, which require being switched on. Timers will turn the taps off until the next time. The community Garden requires someone who is willing to take produce to the Campbelltown library when necessary, and also putting in and pulling out of seasonal vegetables. If you are interested in either or both, please see Wendy or Lyndon Rowe.

Spam Emails

The spam emails received by some members of our congregation pretending to be from Ken and Do Young, or other members have not come from their actual emails but from a fictional alternative. There is not much we can do about this, as they do not come from any email address we can control. All we can do is to advise you that these spam emails do exist and need to be ignored and deleted. Please make it a habit to ALWAYS check the full email address is correct (and not just the name) before clicking on any links in an email. Please continue to report these types of events to the office, so that we can warn people of the latest issue and determine if we need to investigate further.

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 of 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

Dishwasher

The dishwasher in the kitchen is leaking again, despite being repaired in December. Please take care in the kitchen and do not use the dishwasher.

CONNECT GROUPS

WIRRA – WATCH AND WONDER



Wirra – Watch and Wonder Warltati/Summer is here and the butterflies, bees and other insects are active. Check out this blue-banded bee in the bee hotel in the Community Garden. View the new information on the display board in the lower hall and learn more about our native insects. We would love you to join us in 2024 if you are interested in discovering the wonders of God’s creation while assisting with maintenance and promotion of the wirra

Joy and 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 in 2024.

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 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 Tues of the month. 2 – 4pm. Venues vary.	Sheralyn Robertson

MISSIONAL

Packing Day 2024: Be excited, be involved!

Once again, AUC will be involved in Packing Day 2024. Packing Day is a chance for our church community to co-ordinate the packing of clothing and household items to remote northern aboriginal communities.

What you need to do:

- Save the date – Sunday June 2nd and Monday June 3rd
- Start collecting clothing and household goods – we pack for tropical communities so need clothing that is suitable for this climate.
- Ask friends and family to collect suitable clothing and household items – we have been particularly short of children and men’s clothing in the past.
- Collected items can be brought along to church and placed in the shed.

Please speak to Jayne N if you have any queries.

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.
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.

WIDER CHURCH

Meet & Greet – Dernancourt Uniting Church

Dernancourt Uniting Church is holding a family evening celebration, usually in alternate months. They would be delighted to welcome members of their local churches. The next event is Sunday 25th February 2024 from 5 to 7 pm. An informal family evening including shared meal, song, fellowship, faith sharing and reflection. Please bring finger food to share. Dernancourt Uniting Church is located at 1 Vingara Drive, Dernancourt. A flier is on the noticeboard.

PCW Position at Adelaide East Education Centre

Adelaide East Education Centre has commenced the process to appoint their first ever Pastoral Care Worker.

For this position we are looking for someone with skills and experience and knowledge of complex social, emotional, and Psychological needs, young people on the Autism Spectrum, Mild Intellectual disabilities and young people who have suffered trauma. Please “tap on the shoulder” anyone you know who may be interested and the perfect fit this school. A flier advertising the position is on the church notice board.

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
Saturday 17 th February	9.00 – 11.30 am	Lower Hall	Gain Momentum Pilates
Saturday 17 th February	9.30 – 12.00 pm	Auditorium	Waratah Calisthenics
Monday 19 th February	4.45 – 6.00 pm	Auditorium	Waratah Calisthenics
Monday 19 th February	6.30 – 8.30 pm	Lower Hall	Gain Momentum Pilates
Tuesday 20 th February	9.30 – 11.30 am	Lower Hall	Gain Momentum Pilates
Tuesday 20th February	2.30 – 3.30 pm	Meeting Room	Pastoral Care Meeting
Tuesday 20 th February	6.30 – 7.30 pm	Auditorium	Waratah Calisthenics
Wednesday 21 st February	9.30 – 10.30 am	Lower Hall	Gain Momentum Pilates
Thursday 22 nd February	6.30 – 7.30 pm	Lower Hall	Gain Momentum Pilates
Thursday 22 nd February	7.30 – 8.30 pm	Auditorium	Worship Practice
Saturday 24 th February	9.00 – 11.30 am	Lower Hall	Gain Momentum Pilates
Saturday 24 th February	9.30 – 12.00 pm	Auditorium	Waratah Calisthenics
Mon, Wed, Fri	9.00 – 3.00 pm	Top Hall	AGPN

SUNDAY WORSHIP ROSTER

Role	18 th Feb	25 th Feb	Role	18 th Feb	25 th Feb
Prayer with Preacher	Stella W	Meg E	Tick & Flick	Brenton S	Brenton S
Worship Leader	Lynton N	Robyn S	Notices	Worship Leader	Lee O'C
Preacher	Ken W	Ken W	Count Offering	Ray W Sylvia M	Lynton N Bob S
Singers	Allan A Janet L Friederike A-W	Bob S Ann B Lynton N	Bible Reader	Ann B	Noel M
Sound Desk	Noel M	Don B	Flowers	Raelene A	Jenny R
Data Projector	David W	Sam W	Zoom Production	Paul H	Tara S
Chair Steward	Jeff D Trevor G	Bob S Brenton S	Communion Prep/Coordinator	-	-
Building Steward	Richard R	Eric H	Communion Helpers/Servers	-	-
Door Greeters	Carole W Ray W	Jean R Coralie S			

If you cannot take your turn, please swap with someone.