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

Scripture Focus

Mark 8:31-38.... Jesus laid down three conditions for true discipleship: (1) we must surrender ourselves completely to Him; (2) we must identify with Him in suffering and death; and (3) we must follow Him obediently, wherever He leads.

If we live for ourselves, we will lose ourselves...but if we lose ourselves for His sake and the gospel's, we will find ourselves.

Denying self is not the same as self-denial. We practice self-denial when, for a good purpose, we occasionally give up things or activities.

But we deny self when we surrender ourselves to Christ and determine to obey His will.

This once-for-all dedication is followed by a daily "dying to self" as we take up the cross and follow Him.

To lose yourself is not an act of desperation; it is an act of devotion. But we do not stop there: personal devotion should lead to practical duty, the sharing of the gospel with a lost world

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.

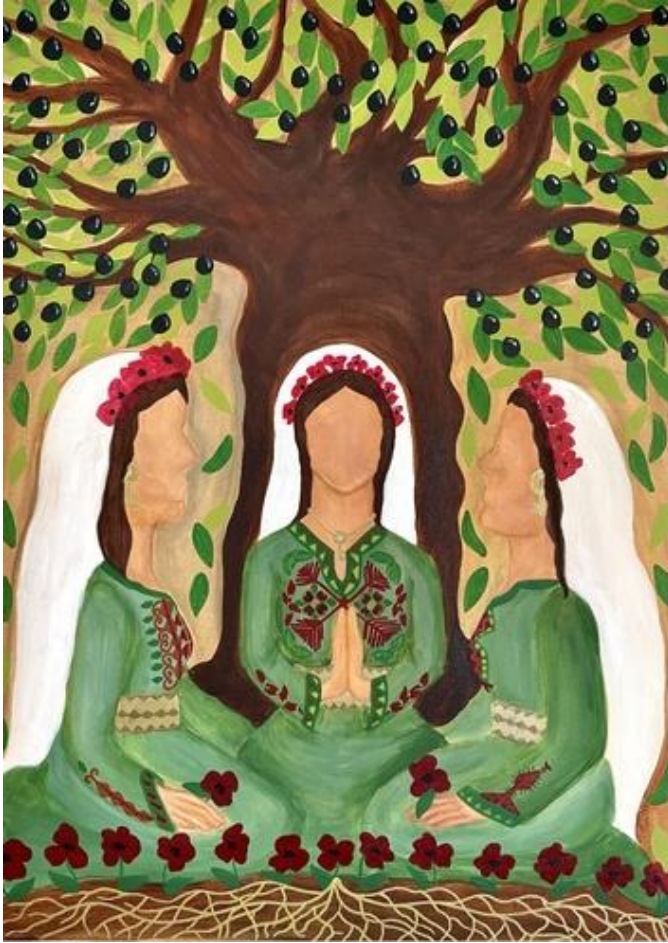
If you are away or not able to connect with us on Zoom you might find the Worship at Home resource a helpful alternative to use. This self-guided resource has been prepared by Rev Cheryl Wilson of Ascot Park Uniting and can be accessed each week at the following link: <https://sa.uca.org.au/worship-at-home/>

2024 Lenten Resource

A daily prayer-action lent resource from the Uniting Church Synod of SA can be picked up from the pamphlet display in the foyer, or downloaded [here](#).

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.

World Day of Prayer 2024 – 1st March, 10 am at Athelstone Uniting Church



The World Day of Prayer is a global ecumenical day of prayer led by Christian women on the first Friday in March. **This year, Athelstone Uniting Church is hosting one of the World Day of Prayer services on FRIDAY 1st March 2024 at 10 am.**

For decades, this global ecumenical prayer service has been an opportunity for local churches in each region to come together to pray, focusing on a particular place in the world and supporting a shared project.

This year the Order of Service has been prepared by Palestinian women. The theme is: *'I Beg You, Bear With One Another in Love'* (Eph 4:3)

The theme and resources were prepared before the current crisis but with all that has been unfolding in Palestine and Israel, it is very timely to have this opportunity to pray for the Holy Land, joining with our Palestinian sisters and brothers and all who are seeking a just and lasting peace. In preparation, you might like to listen to the Lord's Prayer sung in Aramaic or the beautiful and haunting Arabic refrain, *Yarabba ssalami* (God of peace and justice rain down upon us your peace) at the following link:

<https://worlddayofprayer.net/palestine-2024.html#>

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. If you did not receive them via email then please let the office know if you would like to be emailed a copy. There are some hard copies available in the foyer for those that need them as well.

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.

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 has been checked and was put through 4 cycles by the repair company, with no issues identified.

If using the dishwasher in coming months please complete the user log each time – so we can track how it is going.

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.

Bread tags for Wheelchairs – Plastic Tags Only

Please continue donating your plastic bread tags in 2024. The tags are recycled locally, raising funds to buy wheelchairs for disadvantaged people, mainly in South Africa.

Just a small reminder: The organisation collects and recycles **PLASTIC** bread tags only, **not cardboard tags** or N95 mask clips. It can be confusing as the colours can look the same - but if in doubt, just run your bread tag under the tap – if it goes a bit soggy, it is made of cardboard and can go in your green bin. If water runs off, it is plastic, and can go in the Aussie Bread tags for Wheelchair collection jar located on our giving table at church. Note that you can also tell if you bend them – plastic ones snap, whilst cardboard ones bend!



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. See note above.
Sally Stamp	Bring stamps to the office to help with this ministry.

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

WIDER CHURCH

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
Monday 26 th February	4.45 – 6.00 pm	Auditorium	Waratah Calisthenics
Monday 26 th February	6.30 – 8.30 pm	Lower Hall	Gain Momentum Pilates
Tuesday 27 th February	9.30 – 11.30 am	Lower Hall	Gain Momentum Pilates
Tuesday 27 th February	6.30 – 7.30 pm	Auditorium	Waratah Calisthenics
Wednesday 28 th February	9.30 – 10.30 am	Lower Hall	Gain Momentum Pilates
Wednesday 28th February	7.00 – 10.00 pm	Meeting Room	Church Council Meeting
Thursday 29 th February	6.30 – 7.30 pm	Lower Hall	Gain Momentum Pilates
Thursday 29 th February	7.30 – 8.30 pm	Auditorium	Worship Practice
Friday 1st March	10.00 – 11.00 am	Auditorium	World Day of Prayer Service
Saturday 2 nd March	9.00 – 11.30 am	Lower Hall	Gain Momentum Pilates
Saturday 2 nd March	9.30 – 12.00 pm	Auditorium	Waratah Calisthenics
Mon, Wed, Fri	9.00 – 3.00 pm	Top Hall	AGPN

Athelstone Uniting Church Postal Address: PO Box 307, Athelstone, And SA 5076: **Office Hours:** Tues/Thurs: 9.30am – 12.30pm:
Office Phone: (08) 8336 9905: **Office Email:** office@athelstonechurch.org.au : **Web:** athelstonechurch.org.au: **Newsletter Items:**
Please submit to the office by Wednesdays at 5 pm for next newsletter.

SUNDAY WORSHIP ROSTER

		Sun/25/Feb	Sun/3/Mar
Preaching & Liturgy	Worship Leader	Robyn Stevenson	Robyn Stevenson
	Preacher	Ken Wright	Ken Wright
	Pray with Preacher	Meg Edwards	Glen Luestner
	Notices	Lee O'Connell	Don Brown
	Bible Reader	Noel Maywald	Friederike Ashby-Weiss
Music Team	Piano / Keyboard	Celine Leslie	Di Curtis
	Singers	Bob Stevenson	Jeanine Dry
		Friederike Ashby-Weiss	Jeff Dry
		Lynton Nicholas	Bob Stevenson
	Guitar	David Walker	Chris Pritchard
	Bass / 2nd Guitar	Shelley Walker	Scott Tilley
Drums / Percussion	—	Glen Luestner	
Technical	Sound Desk	Don Brown	Noel Maywald
	Data Operator	Samantha Walker	David Walker
	Zoom Production	Tara Shirlock	Paul Howland
Communion	Preparation	—	Leanne Shirlock
	Servers / Helpers	—	Ros Howland
			Lee O'Connell
Engagement	Flowers	Jenny Riggall	Carole Walter
	Door Greeters	Jean Richardson	Carole Walter
		Coralie Summers	Ray Walter
Administration	Building Steward	Eric Hurrell	Paul Howland
	Chair Stewards	Bob Stevenson	Paul Howland
		Brenton Summers	Trevor Goldsmith
	Tick and Flick	Brenton Summers	Brenton Summers
	Count Offering	Lynton Nicholas	Don Brown
Bob Stevenson		Ray Walter	

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