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Sunday 3rd March 2024

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

A reminder that the **annual general meeting** of the congregation **will follow today's service** at 10.45 am.

Scripture Focus

John 2:13-22... Cleansing of the Temple.

What Jesus did was very significant, even revolutionary. People believed the temple was holy and Jesus said that it wasn't... because they had desecrated it... used it for their own profit. They wondered, "Who is he to do that? What authority did he have to make that kind of a statement? Only God can decide that the temple was no longer holy."

They asked him, "Show us a sign so that we will know if God has given you authority to do this thing." And Jesus said, "Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up." This amazed those who were listening. It had taken 46 years at that time to build the temple, and it wasn't finished yet. How could he rebuild it in three days? Of course they misunderstood him.

The temple in Jerusalem was destroyed just as Jesus predicted. The Romans destroyed it, and it has not been rebuilt to this day. But as we all know Jesus' prediction did come true. The temple he was speaking of was his body. God dwelt in him. They destroyed his body just as he said they would, and three days later he was raised up. But Christ's death and resurrection changed everything. Followers of God no longer need to go to a temple and make sacrifices to atone for their sins. Christ's death was and is the only sacrifice ever needed for the sins of the world. Through his death and resurrection Christ replaced the temple with himself. No longer would God dwell primarily in the Holy of Hollies. Now Jesus became the presence of God in our midst, not the temple. And he lives in every believer's heart making each of us a Holy of Hollies; a walking temple.

The Bible says that we are God's holy people.(I Peter 2:9) It also says that each of us are living stones built into the temple of God.(I Peter 2:5) Christ dwells in the hearts of each believer just as God dwelt in the temple in the Old Testament. God has set us apart to be a holy people just as the temple was a holy place.

WORSHIP

Easter service times

	Maundy Thursday Service	Thursday 28 th March	6.30 pm
	Good Friday Service	Friday 29 th March	9.30 am
	Easter Sunday Service	Sunday 31 st March	9.30 am

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.

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](#).

MISSIONAL

Lent Event 2024

UnitingWorld is challenging us to take 40 days of faithful action for God's creation this Lent.



In the face of climate change, we need Urgency, Solidarity and Faithful Action.

Join us for Lent Event and support the churches of the Pacific and SE Asia in the action they are taking.

Heaps of resources are available for individuals – find out more at www.lentevent.com.au

More details and donation envelopes are available in the church entry. You can also donate online using this link: <https://donate.unitingworld.org.au/donate-now>

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

Warlati/Summer is still with us and won't the birds and insects enjoy the two new flower spikes on our Xanthorrhoea/grass tree! Take time to visit, to watch and wonder as they grow and flower. Don't forget to view the display in the lower hall and take up the challenge to make changes to your lifestyle during Lentevent 2024 that will benefit all of God's creation.

Joy and Bruce



TOFS – Tuesday 5th March

Our next TOFS coffee and cake afternoon is from 2pm at Dawn to Dusk Café, 67 Graves St, Newton. All are welcome.

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 9.30–10.30 am in Indigo Espresso Cafe	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

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.

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
Friday 8th March	10.00 – 11.00 am	Auditorium	World Day of Prayer Service
Monday 4 th March	4.45 – 6.00 pm	Auditorium	Waratah Calisthenics
Monday 4 th March	6.30 – 8.30 pm	Lower Hall	Gain Momentum Pilates
Tuesday 5 th March	9.30 – 11.30 am	Lower Hall	Gain Momentum Pilates
Tuesday 5 th March	6.30 – 7.30 pm	Auditorium	Waratah Calisthenics
Wednesday 6 th March	9.30 – 10.30 am	Lower Hall	Gain Momentum Pilates
Thursday 7 th March	6.30 – 7.30 pm	Lower Hall	Gain Momentum Pilates
Thursday 7 th March	7.30 – 8.30 pm	Auditorium	Worship Practice
Saturday 9 th March	9.00 – 11.30 am	Lower Hall	Gain Momentum Pilates
Saturday 9 th 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

2024		Sun/3/Mar	Sun/10/Mar
Preaching & Liturgy	Worship Leader	Robyn Stevenson	Di Curtis
	Preacher	Ken Wright	Ken Wright
	Pray with Preacher	Glen Luestner	Meg Edwards
	Notices	Don Brown	Lee O'Connell
	Bible Reader	Friederike Ashby-Weiss	Jayne Nicholas
Music Team	Piano / Keyboard	Di Curtis	Celine Leslie
	Singers	Jeanine Dry	Lynton Nicholas
		Jeff Dry	Allan Amber
		Bob Stevenson	Janet Luestner
	Guitar	Chris Pritchard	Chris Pritchard
	Bass / 2nd Guitar	Scott Tilley	Shelley Walker
Drums / Percussion	Glen Luestner	Glen Luestner	
Technical	Sound Desk	Noel Maywald	David Walker
	Data Operator	David Walker	Samantha Walker
	Zoom Production	Paul Howland	Tara Shirlock
Communion	Preparation	Leanne Shirlock	—
	Servers / Helpers	Ros Howland Lee O'Connell	—
Engagement	Flowers	Carole Walter	Marie Hickman
	Door Greeters	Carole Walter	Jan Robin
Ray Walter		Gus Robin	
Administration	Building Steward	Paul Howland	Eric Hurrell
	Chair Stewards	Paul Howland	Janet Luestner
		Trevor Goldsmith	Glen Luestner
	Tick and Flick	Brenton Summers	Brenton Summers
Count Offering	Don Brown	Friederike Ashby-Weiss	
	Ray Walter	Lynton Nicholas	

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
