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## Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2024

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

### 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/>

### CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Church Council wishes to advise all members of Athelstone Uniting Church that we will be holding our **AGM on Sunday 3 March 2024 at 10.45am**. There are up to 5 vacancies for Council to be filled, so we ask you to prayerfully consider whether this is for you and if you would like to nominate or nominate another member from the Congregation. Other vacancies will be Chairperson of Congregation and Presbytery Representative.

Nomination forms are available in the foyer and once completed, please place in the box next to the offering box. Nominations close on Sunday 18 February 2023. If you have any queries please contact Jeff Dry (Chairperson of Church Council) 0408 254 489

Jayne Nicholas, Secretary Church Congregation

### WORSHIP ROSTERS

It is time to start processing the worship rosters for March, April and May 2024. Please log in to Elvanto and update any dates that you are unavailable for the next few months (or email them to the office) ASAP, and definitely no later than Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> February so that the office can start the rostering process.

#### To enter your Unavailability Dates in Elvanto yourself

- 1) Log in to Elvanto
- 2) Go to your My Profile page and then click on the unavailability sidebar.
- 3) Once there, simply select the range of dates and times that you'll be unavailable, and click 'Submit'.
- 4) Your upcoming unavailability will appear in a table on the page.

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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.*

## CONSIDERING VOLUNTEERING

A summary of responsibilities for each worship volunteer role can be picked up from the pamphlet display in the church foyer, or is attached to the email with this newsletter.

## ANNUAL REPORTS FOR CONGREGATION MEETING

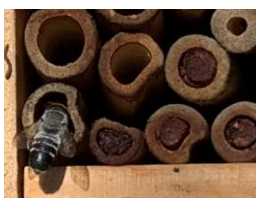
If you have not yet written your group report for the Congregation Meeting, then please get them to the office ASAP.

## CONNECT GROUPS

### TOFS Tuesday 6 February

Our first TOFS coffee and cake afternoon for 2024 will be held from 2pm at Nev's Café, 267 Smart Rd, St Agnes on Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> February. All are welcome.

## 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 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

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.

## Citizen Advocacy SA – seeking volunteer advocates

Citizen Advocacy SA is currently looking for volunteers to connect with someone with an intellectual disability in this area. Vulnerable persons with intellectual disability who are without family or friends are especially in need of at least one loyal long-term ally who is single minded committed to them. Volunteer advocates are matched and supported by the staff of a Citizen Advocacy office or program and many have been faithful companions to their protégés for decades. Please contact Joanne Christophersen on 0412 674 551 or email: [coordinatorcasa.jo@gmail.com](mailto:coordinatorcasa.jo@gmail.com) if you can help!

## NOTICES FOR MEMBERS

### 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 5 <sup>th</sup> February	4.45 – 6.00 pm	Auditorium	Waratah Calisthenics
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> February	6.30 – 8.30 pm	Lower Hall	Gain Momentum Pilates
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	9.30 – 11.30 am	Lower Hall	Gain Momentum Pilates
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	6.30 – 7.30 pm	Auditorium	Waratah Calisthenics
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> February	9.30 – 10.30 am	Lower Hall	Gain Momentum Pilates
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> February	6.30 – 7.30 pm	Lower Hall	Gain Momentum Pilates
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> February	7.30 – 8.30 pm	Auditorium	Worship Practice
Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup> February	9.00 – 11.30 am	Lower Hall	Gain Momentum Pilates
Saturday 10 <sup>th</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	4 <sup>th</sup> Feb	11 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Role	4 <sup>th</sup> Feb	11 <sup>th</sup> Feb
<b>Prayer with Preacher</b>	Robyn F	Jennifer C	<b>Tick &amp; Flick</b>	Trevor C	Trevor C
<b>Worship Leader</b>	David W	Jeff D	<b>Notices</b>	Don B	Sylvia M
<b>Preacher</b>	Ken W	Ken W	<b>Count Offering</b>	Paul H Don B	David W Glen L
<b>Singers</b>	Shelley W Lyndon R Eric H	Jeanine D Ann B Sylvia M	<b>Bible Reader</b>	Jean R	David W
<b>Sound Desk</b>	Noel M	Don B	<b>Flowers</b>	Carole W	Marie H
<b>Data Projector</b>	Sam W	David W	<b>Zoom Production</b>	Paul H	Tara S
<b>Chair Steward</b>	Scott T Sharon T	Janet L Glen L	<b>Communion Prep/Coordinator</b>	Friederike A-W	-
<b>Building Steward</b>	Paul H	Noel M	<b>Communion Helpers/Servers</b>	Robyn F Stella W Ros H	-
<b>Door Greeters</b>	Lynton N Jayne N	Robyn F Stella W			

*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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