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## Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2024

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

### Scripture Focus

*Very truly, I tell you, the hour is coming, and is now here, when the dead will hear the Voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live. John 5:25*

One of the most fascinating aspects of Jesus' message is the way he talks about both abundance and scarcity. For Jesus, there is materially enough for all. The feeding of the 5,000, his promiscuous generosity toward outcasts and his healing ministry bear witness to God's abundance amidst poverty and inequality.

Yet, the Gospels point to one resource that is scarce: time. "Very truly, I tell you, the hour is coming, and is now here..." Jesus says in today's passage. Jesus speaks of the shortness of time both in terms of his own life but also in a cosmic sense. He knows his time with the disciples is very brief—and that our own time on earth is, too. Jesus' physical presence on earth was brief; his public ministry was just three years. The Gospels convey a sense of urgency to Jesus' ministry; he is constantly rushing from one place to another, always aware of the storm clouds gathering on the horizon.


In our own lives, I believe we are called to somehow embody this Jesus-like witness to both abundance and scarcity. There really is enough for all, but time is short, the situation is urgent and we must act quickly.

How can we strike a balance between embracing abundance and embodying the sense of urgency Jesus displayed in his ministry?

(Daily Lenten Meditation engagement@episcopalrelief.org)

## WORSHIP

### Easter service times

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

### Worship Online

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.

## Worship at Home

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/>

## SPECIAL EVENTS

### Morning Tea – March 24

On Sunday morning March 24 following the worship service, a morning tea will be held to say farewell to some special members of our church community. You are invited to bring a plate of morning tea to share on this morning. More details to follow.

### Induction Service for Do Young Kim – April 7th

The Induction service for Rev Do Young Kim will take place on Sunday 7 April at 2pm and this will be followed by an afternoon tea. You should have already received your personal invitation via email.

## CHURCH COUNCIL UPDATE

### Manse update

A recent visitor to the church manse has now been relocated to a new home. A large possum had taken up residence in the manse roof cavity and was creating a noisy welcome to Do Young Kim and his family. Fortunately, I knew a person (Tony) who is a possum catcher and he was able to successfully trap the possum and move it to a park somewhere away from the manse. Tony refused to take any payment, as he was very happy to do it for the church. So to return his generosity Church Council suggested Tony's contact details be provided in the newsletter for any of our church members seeking help with the same problem. Tony can be contacted on 0420 545 989. Tell him you are from the Athelstone Uniting Church. His rates are very reasonable and we should support him as thanks for his job at the manse.

### Community Garden

I am pleased to inform the church community that Leanne Shirlock has very kindly volunteered to look after the community garden once Lyndon and Wendy make their move to Murray Bridge. Huge thanks to Leanne for taking on this important community service. In coming weeks we will be saying farewell to Wendy and Lyndon and thanking them for their commitment to the community garden and Peace garden.

*Jeff Dry, Church Council Chairperson*

## MISSIONAL

### Missions

Here are just some of our other 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 your <u>plastic</u> bread tags 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.

## 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](http://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 Update: June 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup>

This week I attended a meeting of the Packing Day Coordinators – Peter and Nancy Cranwell, coordinators; Phillip McMartin, Marion UC and Diana and Graham Pearson, Balhannah UC.

Planning is well underway for this year's Packing Day but for Peter and Nancy, Packing Day does not finish in early June. Peter has been proactive in extending the work of Packing Day to help other communities in need of goods. As we know, we get donations beyond our needs and Peter has found some outlets for these. In the last 12 months, he has sent excess goods to the following:

- Pt Augusta and Adelaide "Footsteps" programs (Aboriginal Drug & Alcohol Council of SA). "Footsteps" in Pt Augusta will take more but they have been doing building work so have not had the space to take as much as we could provide them.
- Uniting Care
- Woodville UC Op Shop
- 30 boxes sent to Ngaanyatjarra Pitjantatjara Yankunytjatjara Women's Council (NPYWC) which operates out of Alice Springs.

Our primary focus will be our 50+ boxes we send to tropical destinations but now some of the excess can be redirected to these other areas rather than overwhelming Goodwill. Hopefully we will be given some Allied Pickford's boxes for these goods.

The shed is starting to fill up and I am getting calls from other churches about delivery of goods. Please ask your family and friends to go through their wardrobes and donate suitable items. We particularly need men and children's clothing.

We only send new underwear and would appreciate donations of new underwear to include in our boxes.

Attached is the list of suitable items for our northern indigenous communities but if you have good quality items that could go to the other areas listed above, please feel free to donate those as well. As these items are going to Pt Augusta and Alice Springs, clothing for cooler conditions is acceptable.

*Jayne Nicholas*

## Shoebboxes Update

Over 18,000 boxes were collected in SA/NT and they went to the Philippines, Ukraine and PNG. How wonderful to know the joy that the children will have received through these boxes and the joy of the local churches being able to share the good news of Jesus.

## CONNECT GROUPS

### Wirra – Watch and Wonder

Warltati/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*



## 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 9.30–10.30 am in Indigo Espresso Cafe	Office
Threads	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Tues of the month at 2-4 pm in Indigo Espresso Café	Office
Triple Cs – Men's Group	2 <sup>nd</sup> Wed of the month at 10.30 am. Venues vary.	Ray Walter
TOFs Fellowship Group	1 <sup>st</sup> Tues of the month. 2 – 4pm. Venues vary.	Sheralyn Robertson

## 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 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

## 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 18 <sup>th</sup> March	4.45 – 6.00 pm	Auditorium	Waratah Calisthenics
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	6.30 – 8.30 pm	Lower Hall	Gain Momentum Pilates
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	9.30 – 11.30 am	Lower Hall	Gain Momentum Pilates
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	2.30 – 3.30 pm	Meeting Room	Pastoral Care Team Meeting
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	6.30 – 7.30 pm	Auditorium	Waratah Calisthenics
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	9.30 – 10.30 am	Lower Hall	Gain Momentum Pilates
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	6.30 – 7.30 pm	Lower Hall	Gain Momentum Pilates
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	7.30 – 8.30 pm	Auditorium	Worship Practice
Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	9.00 – 11.30 am	Lower Hall	Gain Momentum Pilates
Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto:office@athelstonechurch.org.au) : **Web:** [athelstonechurch.org.au](http://athelstonechurch.org.au): **Newsletter Items:**  
Please submit to the office by Wednesdays at 5 pm for next newsletter.

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## SUNDAY WORSHIP ROSTER

2024		Sun 17 <sup>th</sup> March	Sun 24 <sup>th</sup> March
<b>Preaching &amp; Liturgy</b>	Worship Leader	Meg Edwards	David Walker
	Preacher	Ken Wright	Ken Wright
	Pray with Preacher	Robyn Fry	Di Curtis
	Notices	Brenton Summers	Sylvia Maywald
	Bible Reader	Melissa Denison	Sylvia Maywald
<b>Music Team</b>	Piano / Keyboard	Shelley Walker	Di Curtis
	Singers	Friederike Ashby-Weiss	Sylvia Maywald
		Eric Hurrell	Allan Amber
		Jean Richardson	Ann Brown
	Guitar	Chris Pritchard	
	Bass / 2nd Guitar		Shelley Walker
Drums / Percussion			
<b>Technical</b>	Sound Desk	Don Brown	Don Brown
	Data Operator	Samantha Walker	Shelley Walker
	Zoom Production	David Walker	Graham Jennings
<b>Engagement</b>	Flowers	Raelene Anderson	Di Curtis
	Door Greeters	Jenny Riggall	Jayne Nicholas
		David Riggall	Lynton Nicholas
<b>Administration</b>	Building Steward	Richard Read	Noel Maywald
	Chair Stewards	Bob Stevenson	Trevor Goldsmith
		Brenton Summers	Paul Howland
	Tick and Flick	Brenton Summers	Brenton Summers
Count Offering	Bob Stevenson	Sylvia Maywald	
	David Walker	Paul Howland	

*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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## PACKING DAY

National and World Mission Support (*Sub-Committee of Uniting Church Adult Fellowship SA Synod Committee*)

Athelstone Uniting Church is packing goods to be sent to remote indigenous communities near Darwin. The packing of the goods will be held at Athelstone Uniting Church on Sunday June 2nd and Monday June 3rd. We would appreciate donations of the goods listed below.



### LIST OF GOODS REQUIRED:

**New & good quality, clean second hand clothing for all ages.**  
Summer weight - NO WOOLLEN CLOTHING please.

**Women's Clothing:** cotton frocks, blouses, tops, skirts, shorts, black skirts and white blouses for best. Jeans all ages, night attire, dressing gowns, flat shoes only, some swimwear, sunhats, headscarves, necklaces, beanies, light zip-ups and cardigans, few pedal pushers.



**Men's and Boy's:** jeans, shirts, (white for best) work shirts, trousers (black for best), track-pants, T-shirts windcheaters, black trousers and black shoes, thongs, sandals and sneakers.

**Children's:** all ages, T-shirts, tops, windcheaters, shorts, dresses, bathers, thongs, sandals, shoes. (small boys' pants and long shorts especially welcome)

**Beanies:** for everybody

**Underwear:** ONLY NEW underwear all types all ages

**Toiletries:** for all in the family

**Baby & Toddler wear:** nappies, jumpsuits, frocks, jackets, socks, rugs, singlets, nightwear.



**Manchester/Household goods:** Linen, sheets, pillowcases, curtains, light weight blankets, towels, knee rugs, bed socks. Kitchen ware (not crockery)

**Toys:** (inc small soft toys)

**Sewing Aids:** cotton material, sewing cotton, elastic, needles, bias binding, knitting needles etc



**Stationery:** Writing pads, pencils, rubbers, children's books including colouring and puzzle books, coloured pencils, biro, modern translation Bibles, simple Bible Stories, women's magazines, Craft books, craft aids,



**Books**

**MONETARY GIFTS** are also welcome to help cover expenses, or buy extra goods.



We would appreciate goods to be pre-sorted e.g. boy's clothing – girl's clothing etc.

Goods can be dropped to Athelstone Uniting Church before May 19th with prior arrangement with Jayne Nicholas. Please contact Jayne to arrange a suitable time.

**Contact:** Jayne Nicholas    0418836266    nichjl@bigpond.com