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Sunday 24th March 2024

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

Morning Tea

FOLLOWING THE SERVICE TODAY, a morning tea will be held to say farewell to some special members of our church community. Please bring a plate of morning tea to share.

Scripture Focus

On the Sunday before his death, Jesus began his trip to Jerusalem, knowing that soon he would lay down his life for our sins. Nearing the village of Bethphage, he sent two of his disciples ahead, telling them to look for a donkey and its unbroken colt. The disciples were instructed to untie the animals and bring them to him.

Then Jesus sat on the young donkey and slowly, humbly, made his triumphal entry into Jerusalem, fulfilling the ancient prophecy in Zechariah 9:9:

"Rejoice greatly, O Daughter of Zion! Shout, Daughter of Jerusalem! See, your king comes to you, righteous and having salvation, gentle and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey."

The crowds welcomed him by waving palm branches in the air and shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!"

On Palm Sunday, Jesus and his disciples spent the night in Bethany, a town about two miles east of Jerusalem. This is where Lazarus, whom Jesus had raised from the dead, and his two sisters, Mary and Martha, lived. They were close friends of Jesus, and probably hosted Him and His disciples during their final days in Jerusalem.

Jesus' triumphal entry is recorded in Matthew 21:1-11, Mark 11:1-11, Luke 19:28-44, and John 12:12-19.

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 pass code: 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/>

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

Holy Week Timeline: From Palm Sunday to the Resurrection

While the exact order of events during Holy Week is debated by biblical scholars, this timeline represents an approximate outline of major events of the most holy days on the Christian calendar. Follow along with the steps of Jesus Christ from Palm Sunday through Resurrection Sunday, exploring the major events that occurred on each day:

Palm Sunday	Meaning: Commemorates Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. Importance: Fulfillment of prophecy and the beginning of the end of Jesus' earthly ministry. Bible Verses: Matthew 21:1-11, Mark 11:1-11, Luke 19:28-44, John 12:12-19.
Monday of Holy Week	Meaning: Jesus' cleansing of the Temple. Importance: Emphasizes the purity and sanctity of God's house. Bible Verses: Matthew 21:12-17, Mark 11:15-19, Luke 19:45-48.
Tuesday of Holy Week:	Meaning: Teaching and parables, including the Olivet Discourse. Importance: Jesus' preparation of His disciples for what is to come. Bible Verses: Matthew 21:23-26:5, Mark 11:20-13:37, Luke 20:1-21:36.
Wednesday of Holy Week	Meaning: Judas' agreement to betray Jesus. Importance: The turning point towards Jesus' arrest. Bible Verses: Matthew 26:14-16, Mark 14:10-11, Luke 22:1-6.
Maundy Thursday	Meaning: Last Supper, washing of disciples' feet, institution of the Lord's Supper. Importance: Establishes the sacrament of communion. Bible Verses: Matthew 26:17-30, Mark 14:12-26, Luke 22:7-39, John 13:1-17:26.
Good Friday	Meaning: Crucifixion and death of Jesus. Importance: Atonement for sins through Jesus' sacrifice. Bible Verses: Matthew 27:1-61, Mark 15:1-47, Luke 23:1-56, John 18:28-19:42.
Holy Saturday (Black Saturday)	Meaning: Jesus' body in the tomb. Importance: A day of reflection and waiting. Bible Verses: Matthew 27:62-66.
Easter Sunday	Meaning: Resurrection of Jesus. Importance: Victory over sin and death, the foundation of the Christian faith. Bible Verses: Matthew 28:1-10, Mark 16:1-8, Luke 24:1-12, John 20:1-18.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Working Bee

A call out to any members of the congregation who might be available this Saturday morning 23 March between 10 am and 12 noon to help out at a working bee on the church grounds. With the upcoming induction service for Rev Do Young Kim occurring on Sunday afternoon of 7 April we are anticipating quite a few visitors coming to join us so it would be great to show off our church property in the best possible way.

I would love you to join me on this Saturday armed with your gloves, spade, rake, broom, secateurs and any other garden tool so we can do some weeding, pruning, sweeping etc to tidy up the grounds. Let me know if you can spare an hour or two to join those able to make it. The weather looks very promising - sunny and 25. Hope to see you there.

Jeff Dry

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.

MISSIONAL

Packing Day Update: June 2nd/3rd

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

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>

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.

CONNECT GROUPS

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

Wirra – Watch and Wonder

The season is changing. Parnati/Autumn is on its way. Take time to visit the wirra to celebrate National Eucalypt Day and Easter. With a new display in the lower hall, learn something about Kaurna culture and how our wirra is connected to our local environment.

Joy and Bruce



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

Pastoral Care Worker - Position Vacant Advertisement

Schools Ministry Group, in partnership with local churches and school communities, are seeking applications for a pastoral care worker at Adelaide Easter Education Centre. This 8.9-9.5 hour per week position, ideally commencing Week 6 Term 2 2024. The position exists to offer Chaplaincy Services to students, staff and the broader school community. The Job Description and Application Form are available to download from the SMG website under 'Current School Vacancies'. Website: www.smg.net.au. Closing date: Wednesday 8th May 2024 at 9 am.

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 25 th March	4.45 – 6.00 pm	Auditorium	Waratah Calisthenics
Monday 25 th March	6.30 – 8.30 pm	Lower Hall	Gain Momentum Pilates
Tuesday 26 th March	9.30 – 11.30 am	Lower Hall	Gain Momentum Pilates
Tuesday 26 th March	6.30 – 7.30 pm	Auditorium	Waratah Calisthenics
Wednesday 27 th March	9.30 – 10.30 am	Lower Hall	Gain Momentum Pilates
Thursday 28th March	6.30 – 8.00 pm	Auditorium	Maundy Thursday Service
Friday 27th March	9.30 – 10.30 am	Auditorium	Good Friday Service
Tuesday 2 nd April	6.30 – 7.30 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/24/Mar	Thu/28/Mar	Fri/29/Mar	Sun/31/Mar
Preaching & Liturgy	Worship Leader	David Walker	Ken Wright	Lynton Nicholas	Jeff Dry
	Preacher	Ken Wright	Ken Wright	Ken Wright	Ken Wright
	Pray with Preacher	Di Curtis	—	Jennifer Clark	Jennifer Clark
	Notices	Sylvia Maywald	—	—	Don Brown
	Bible Reader	Sylvia Maywald	—	Jayne Nicholas	Ray Walter
Music Team	Piano / Keyboard	Di Curtis		Celine Leslie	Shelly Walker
	Singers	Sylvia Maywald	Ann Brown	Friederike Ashby-Weiss	Robyn Stevenson
		Allan Amber	Allan Amber	Eric Hurrell	Bob Stevenson
		Ann Brown		Jean Richardson	Jeanine Dry
	Guitar		Chris Pritchard	David Walker	Chris Pritchard
	Bass / 2nd Guitar	Shelley Walker			
Drums / Percussion					
Technical	Sound Desk	Don Brown	David Walker	Noel Maywald	Noel Maywald
	Data Operator	Shelley Walker	David Walker	Sam Walker	David Walker
	Zoom Production	Graham Jennings			
Communion	Preparation	—	—	—	—
	Servers / Helpers	—	—	—	—
Engagement	Flowers	Di Curtis	—	—	Marie Hickman
	Door Greeters	Jayne Nicholas Lynton Nicholas			Carole Walter Ray Walter
Administration	Building Steward	Noel Maywald			Eric Hurrell
	Chair Stewards	Trevor Goldsmith	Bernie O'Hara	Bernie O'Hara	Bernie O'Hara
		Paul Howland	Bob Stevenson	Bob Stevenson	Bob Stevenson
	Tick and Flick	Brenton Summers	—	Lee O'Connell	Ann Brown
Count Offering	Sylvia Maywald	—	—	Friederike Ashby-Weiss	
	Paul Howland	—	—	Don Brown	

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

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