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Sunday 31st March 2024

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

Scripture Focus

Easter is coming face to face with a Jesus who has not just reversed the power death, but has completely triumphed over it.

Today is *the* day in our faith to proclaim this fabulous news.

The Good News of the Resurrection is that Christ is a light that overcomes all the darkness that life can entail. That light overcomes the darkness we experienced in Holy Week when we passed through vivid reminders of our human frailty and sin, reminders of how easy it is for us to be gobbled up by the power of the enemies of God.

Now – today – we can declare that things are different.

Now we know we have the love and light of Christ going before us and living within us. Now we can see the way and dare to bring that love and light to the darker parts of our world.

Now we go forth from this Easter Sunday back into our workaday world in a renewed and transformed way. We can go forward with confidence and courage because we know that as Christ went before the disciples into Galilee, he also goes before us into all the world.

Christ leads the way for us, ever going before us, raising us with him from the depths – from sickness and pain and even death, from disappointment and sin and despair and grief. Christ ever goes before us as our light in the darkness, allowing us to reflect his light into the world.

Today we move with the women at the tomb into a renewed life, ready to face everything with joy, and filled with God's love, proclaiming and showing that Christ is risen, indeed.

Today we shout, "He IS Risen... He is Risen Indeed...Alleluia! Alleluia!"

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

Induction Service for Do Young Kim

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. **Please bring a plate of food to share for afternoon tea.**

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

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

TOFS

Our next TOFS coffee and cake afternoon will be 2pm Tuesday 2nd April at Gico Eatery, 143 Glynburn Rd, Firlé (opposite Services SA). Everyone is welcome.

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 Kurna culture and how our wirra is connected to our local environment.

Joy and Bruce



NOTICES FOR MEMBERS

Funeral – Gloria Richards

The funeral service for Gloria Richards will be held at Athelstone Uniting Church on Wednesday 3rd April 2024 at 11 am. The service will be followed immediately by a private burial (family only). No morning tea required.

Thank you from Anthea Bond

I wish to express my sincere gratitude to those members of the Athelstone UC who provided me with scrumptious meals following my temporary incapacity following my significant (almost fatal) fall on 8th March 2024. I thank all those people on the Prayer chain who offered prayers on my behalf – my recovery has been miraculous.

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
Tuesday 2 nd April	9.30 – 11.30 am	Lower Hall	Gain Momentum Pilates
Tuesday 2 nd April	6.30 – 7.30 pm	Auditorium	Waratah Calisthenics
Wednesday 3 rd April	9.30 – 10.30 am	Lower Hall	Gain Momentum Pilates
Wednesday 3rd April	11.00 – 12.00 pm	Auditorium	Gloria Richards Funeral Service
Thursday 4 th April	6.30 – 7.30 pm	Lower Hall	Gain Momentum Pilates
Thursday 4 th April	7.30 – 8.30 pm	Auditorium	Worship Practice
Saturday 6 th April	9.00 – 11.30 am	Lower Hall	Gain Momentum Pilates
Saturday 6 th April	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 MORNING WORSHIP ROSTER

2024		Thu/28/Mar	Fri/29/Mar	Sun/31/Mar	Sun/7/Apr
Preaching & Liturgy	Worship Leader	Ken Wright	Lynton Nicholas	Jeff Dry	Robyn Stevenson
	Preacher	Ken Wright	Ken Wright	Ken Wright	Andrew Robertson
	Pray with Preacher	—	Jennifer Clark	Jennifer Clark	Jeff Dry
	Notices	—	—	Don Brown	Brenton Summers
	Bible Reader	—	Jayne Nicholas	Ray Walter	David Walker
Music Team	Piano / Keyboard		Celine Leslie	Shelly Walker	Celine Leslie
	Singers	Ann Brown	Shelley Walker	Robyn Stevenson	Janet Luestner
		Allan Amber	Eric Hurrell	Bob Stevenson	Friederike Ashby-Weiss
			Jean Richardson	Jeanine Dry	Bob Stevenson
	Guitar	Chris Pritchard	David Walker	Chris Pritchard	David Walker
	Bass / 2nd Guitar				Shelley Walker
Drums / Percussion				Glen Luestner	
Technical	Sound Desk	David Walker	Noel Maywald	Noel Maywald	Noel Maywald
	Data Operator	David Walker	Sam Walker	David Walker	Samantha Walker
	Zoom Production				
Communion	Preparation	—	—	—	—
	Servers / Helpers	—	—	—	—
Engagement	Flowers	—	—	Marie Hickman	Jenny Riggall
	Door Greeters			Carole Walter Ray Walter	Jayne Nicholas Coralie Summers
Administration	Building Steward			Eric Hurrell	Richard Read
	Chair Stewards	Bernie O'Hara	Bernie O'Hara	Bernie O'Hara	Janet Luestner
		Bob Stevenson	Bob Stevenson	Bob Stevenson	Glen Luestner
	Tick and Flick	—	Lee O'Connell	Ann Brown	Brenton Summers
Count Offering	—	—	Friederike Ashby-Weiss	Sylvia Maywald	
	—	—	Don Brown	Glen Luestner	

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