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Do Young's day off is Friday

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Welcome to worship at Athelstone! Our preacher today is Rev Do Young Kim.

A NOTE FROM DO YOUNG

"Finding Nemo, Finding Jesus – Father's day message"

You probably don't know my English name. I officially go by Do Young Kim, but there's a story behind another name I once chose. I remember my first English conversation class at language school. After a simple placement test (looking back, it was quite basic), I found myself in the beginners' group. About ten young non-English speakers sat there, tight-lipped, exchanging nervous glances. You can imagine the atmosphere, right? That's when Jane, our cheerful English teacher, walked in and asked us to choose English names. I pondered for a moment, and suddenly, a name popped into my head. "NEMO," I blurted out, my voice a mix of excitement and nerves. I'm sure I heard a few "Pardons?" before finally making Jane burst into laughter.

You might be wondering, "Why Nemo?" Well, let me share my story. When I first flew to Sydney, Australia - my first long-haul flight of over 11 hours - I was a bundle of expectations and worries. A friend who saw me off at the airport advised, "The fastest way to learn English is to pick an easy animated movie and watch it 1,000 times. You'll end up sounding like a native!" (Sounds exhausting, doesn't it?) Maybe it was because of that advice, but on the plane, I spotted an animation titled "Finding Nemo." Determined to conquer English, I watched it three times that night. As we neared Sydney International Airport, my heart swelled with excitement. "Wow, I'm finally arriving in Sydney, setting foot on new land..." Then, through the window, I saw the beautiful Sydney Harbor and Opera House. It's still vivid in my memory - the moment I realized I was looking at the actual setting of "Nemo," the movie I'd just watched in my cramped airplane seat. At that instant, Nemo became the hero of my life's movie.

It wasn't just about the stunning views. The movie's story resonated deeply with what I was going through. In the film, Nemo, a young fish, leaves his overprotective father, Marlin, craving to see the bigger world beyond his father's shadow. As Nemo starts his journey without his dad, he's thrilled by the newfound freedom but also faces numerous dangers. Marlin's quest to find Nemo is filled with uncertainties and moments of despair, but his unwavering love for his son keeps him going. Eventually, they reunite and reconcile. It's a beautiful story set against the backdrop of a colourful, mysterious underwater world, accompanied by a lovely soundtrack.

What started as a tool for English practice became a turning point in my life. Like Nemo, I wanted to run away from God's calling. I even considered giving up on becoming a pastor in Australia, dreaming of a different life. But God wouldn't let me go. I felt Him searching for me, the runaway, and I began to grasp a fraction of His deep, vast love. So, like the prodigal son returning home, I chose "Nemo" as my English name. In fact, people in Sydney who remember me still call me Nemo Kim. Every time I hear it, I'm reminded of my journey.

As we approach Father's Day, we reflect on the profound journey of fatherhood. It also reminds us of our Heavenly Father. Today, we celebrate all the fathers who give their best for their children. To all the fathers in our church, we wish you a Happy Father's Day. May God's love fill you, as you love your children with strength, forgiveness, encouragement, and unwavering dedication.

Blessings to you all.

WORSHIP

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>

Alternatively, 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.

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 & Music Workshop - September 7, 2024

Venue: Adelaide West Uniting Church, Brooklyn Park. When: Saturday 7 September from 9.30 – 4.00 pm

A great opportunity exists for anyone interested in attending this worthwhile workshop to learn more.

Think about joining us for a day of input, inspiration, ideas and skill development. Keynote speaker is Stephen Burns from Melbourne: "The Congregation is not an Audience".

Electives include:

- Worship and Preaching in a Multicultural Church
- Creative Ways to Engage Congregations in Singing
- Online Church and Communities of Faith
- Crafting Words for Worship
- Playing Jesus? – Presiding at the sacraments
- Learning and Teaching New Music
- The Word Comes Alive: Not Just a Bible Reading!
- Planning and Leading Intergenerational Worship
- Creative Ideas for Advent and Christmas
- Worship with No Musicians
- Art, Symbol and Imagination
- Copyright: The conversation you'd rather not have (but need to)

Please see Di Curtis if you would like to attend or for more information.

Further information can also be found at: <https://www.cmla.org.au/events/sing-a-new-song/>

UPCOMING EVENTS

Family Dinner and Social Evening – FRIDAY 6 SEPTEMBER!

Athelstone UC is hosting a family dinner and social evening Friday 6th September commencing at 6.30 pm. Family and friends are welcome to attend. Transport is available on request. Hot potatoes, with a variety of toppings as well as a range of tarts, puddings and cakes will be provided for main meal and dessert. BYO drinks. Tea and coffee provided. Cost is \$20 per person – payable at door on arrival. Venue is Athelstone Uniting Church.

Booking essential: Please complete the booking form on the table at the door.

For more information, please contact Julie Goldsmith.

CHURCH COUNCIL

Church Council update

1. Congregational meeting – a date has been set for the next Congregational meeting to be held following the morning service on Sunday 22 September
2. Exciting news as two of our young people Hayeon and Tara have been chosen to take part in a Cultural and mission awareness tour to Korea in late November. This tour will help develop relationships between members of the Presbyterian Church in the Republic of Korea (PROK) and the Uniting Church SA. These tours have been occurring since 1992. This year 16 young people will be participating in the tour. Through these friendships and conversations, members of both churches have gained an understanding of being Christian in another culture.
3. Our church will be hosting the next Wimala Presbytery meeting at which the 76 member churches of the Wimala Presbytery have been invited to attend. The event will be held on Saturday 12 October from 9am to 4pm. We are being asked to conduct the opening worship component and to provide volunteers to help with morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea. If willing to volunteer please speak with Jeff Dry.
4. In the morning worship service on Sunday 15 September we are planning to incorporate a time to celebrate and make welcome some new members to our congregation. More details to follow.
5. At this stage over 60 people have booked to attend the Family Fun Night this coming Friday 6 September. Funds raised from the event will be put towards the church fundraising budget.
6. In October, Synod will be conducting a state-wide Safe Church Audit for all Uniting Churches and as such Church Council will be reviewing the compliance of all our members to ensure we are providing a safe and welcoming environment. We need to make sure all our church council and key leaders have up to date screenings.

Jeff Dry, Chair Church Council

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 Rev Do Young Kim 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.

CONNECT GROUPS

Sunday Nights

A group from AUC have been meeting for a number of years on Sunday nights. We meet somewhere different each week. If you wish to join with us every Sunday or at any time, contact Melissa O'Hara 0402 474 353 or Robyn Fry 0411 499 125. We're going to Dawn to Dusk this coming Sunday at 6.00pm.

Wirra – Watch and Wonder

The weeding season is in full swing! Plenty to share so come and join us if you have a few spare moments and enjoy the sunshine. Did you know the wirra has its own blog? You can find it on the website athelstonechurch.org.au. We have been maintaining it for several years now and as a result, it has become a great historical record of wakwakurnaku wirra even back to the original planting in 2009.

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.

Connect Group	When/Where	Contact
Book Club	1 st & 3 rd Tues of the month at 9.00am Indigo Espresso Cafe Current book series: 'The Kindness Revolution' by Hugh Mackay.	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

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 your plastic bread tags to church to support this charity. You will find a container on the giving table. Please be sure to check your bread tags are plastic. You can do this by folding the bread tag. Cardboard bread tags bend, whilst plastics tags snap when folded. Cardboard tags can go in your green bin. <u>The charity can only use plastic tags.</u>
Sally Stamp	Bring stamps to the office or giving table to help with this ministry

Athelstone Uniting Church acknowledges the Kurna people whom God placed as the traditional custodians of the country on which our church stands. We pay our respects to them for their care of the land

WIDER CHURCH

Wimala Presbytery Youth Event

The Wimala Presbytery holds occasional youth events, bringing young people from churches across the presbytery together for fun, food, community and faith building. At the next event, all youth are welcome to celebrate and reflect on the 'Season of Creation'. Sunday 22 September 12.30-4.30 pm at The Gums Reserve, Shakespeare Ave, Tranmere. Meet at the Yongala Community Shed. Lunch will be provided. Cost is \$5 per person. RSVP to Rebecca Purling by 15 September (for catering purposes).

25 years of Together in Song

An afternoon of hymn and song singing, a guest artist and pop-up choir to celebrate 25 years since the publication of Sunday September 15 at 2.30 pm. Christ Church Uniting, 26 King William Road, Wayville. Afternoon tea provided.

Admission \$15 - all proceeds to the Christ Church Organ Scholarship Fund.

Book online at: <https://events.humanitix.com/25-years-of-together-in-song>

Take part in their poll to find out the local favourite TIS hymns/songs: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/72KTBT3>

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/additions to regular bookings or location are highlighted **in bold**.

Day	Time	Location	Hirer/User
Saturdays	9.30 – 12.30 pm	Auditorium	Waratah Calisthenics
Saturdays	9.00 – 11.30 am	Lower Hall	Gain Momentum Pilates
Mondays	4.45 – 6.45 pm	Auditorium	Waratah Calisthenics
Mondays	6.30 – 8.30 pm	Lower Hall	Gain Momentum Pilates
Tuesdays	9.30 – 11.30 am	Lower Hall	Gain Momentum Pilates
Tuesdays	6.30 – 8.30 pm	Auditorium	Waratah Calisthenics
Wednesdays	9.30 – 10.30 am	Lower Hall	Gain Momentum Pilates
Thursday 5th Sept	9.30 – 12.30 pm	Meeting Room	Wimala Presbytery Selection Committee Meeting
Thursdays	6.30 – 8.30 pm	Lower Hall	Gain Momentum Pilates
Thursdays	7.00 – 8.00 pm	Auditorium	Worship Practice
Friday 6th Sept	6.30 – 10.00 pm	Whole Building	Family Dinner and Social Evening
Mon, Wed, Fri	9.00 – 3.00 pm	Top Hall	Australian General Practice Network

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP ROSTER

2024		Sun/1/Sep	Sun/8/Sep
Preaching & Liturgy	Worship Leader	David Walker	Di Curtis
	Preacher	Do Young Kim	Do Young Kim
	Pray with Preacher	Di Curtis	Stella Waugh
	Notices	Sylvia Maywald	Brenton Summers
	Bible Reader	Ray Walter	Ann Tubb
Music Team	Piano / Keyboard	Di Curtis	Celine Leslie
	Singers	Janet Luestner	Allan Amber
		Sylvia Maywald	Ann Brown
		Jean Richardson	Friederike Ashby-Weiss
	Guitar	Chris Pritchard	Chris Pritchard
	Bass / 2nd Guitar	Shelley Walker	Shelley Walker
Drums / Percussion	Glen Luestner		
Technical	Sound Desk	Noel Maywald	Don Brown
	Data Operator	Samantha Walker	David Walker
	Zoom Production		Paul Howland
Communion	Preparation	Leanne Shirlock	—
	Servers / Helpers	Friederike Ashby-Weiss Stella Waugh	—
Engagement	Flowers	Carole Walter	Di Curtis
	Door Greeters	Ray Walter	Hayeon Kim
		Carole Walter	Dana Lim
Administration	Building Steward	Richard Read	Eric Hurrell
	Chair Stewards	Bernie O'Hara	Paul Howland
		Trevor Goldsmith	Brenton Summers
	Tick and Flick	Trevor Curtis	Trevor Curtis
Count Offering	Sylvia Maywald	Paul Howland	
	Ray Walter	Friederike Ashby-Weiss	

If you cannot take your turn, please swap with someone, or if late notice contact the worship leader or Rev Do Young Kim for that service as appropriate. Thank you.