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Do Young's day off is Friday

Sunday 8th December 2024

We welcome you to worship at Athelstone! Our preacher this morning is Rev Do Young Kim.

Messy Church is also on today at 4.00pm. We would love you to come, bring your friends and family and enjoy celebrating Messy Christmas!

Christmas Service Times

Sunday 8 th December	4 to 6 pm	Messy Christmas
Tuesday 24 th December	6.30 pm	Family & Carol's Service
Wednesday 25 th December	9.30 am	Christmas Day

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/>

Wirra – Watch and Wonder



Have you started your Christmas shopping yet? Gifts come in all shapes and sizes and recently we had one left on our doorstep. Kooki, the kookaburra has joined the wirra family. We now have Kooki and BJ, the blue jay enjoying the wirra. They seem to have become friends despite BJ not being a local!

Thanks to Richard and SES, we have refreshed the sandbag path.

Photo Credit: Joy and Bruce Stewart

S.A.Rock members continue to be active swapping rocks and bringing their grandchildren to join in the nature games.

Joy and Bruce Stewart

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.

MISSIONS

Our Christmas Giving

For a number of years now we have been supporting 2 major projects at Athelstone at Christmas: The Christmas Bowl Appeal and Tear Fund's Useful Gifts program that bring hope and dignity and the possibility of a new beginning to people and communities in great need of a fresh start in life.

Whether in supporting families who are internally displaced in Gaza or providing safe water in impoverished communities in the Pacific or Asia we are making a statement that we believe that compassion matters.

So let us give generously in the spirit of Jesus -God's greatest gift for all of us! See Don and Brian on Sunday for the Useful Gifts Catalogues and gift cards. You will also find Christmas Bowl material and envelopes on the Giving Table.

Christmas Bowl

Act for Peace this Christmas. For 75 years, church communities have been giving hope to families who are displaced through the Christmas Bowl Appeal. Funds raised are invested in life changing support and programs around the globe that empower people to find safety in exile and rebuild their lives. Giving envelopes for this year's appeal are available in the foyer or from the giving table. These can be placed in the offering at any time during the Advent season. You can also give online using our Athelstone UC donation page by clicking on the following link:

<https://christmasbowl.actforpeace.org.au/46015>



GAZA



Act for Peace's partner continues to address devastating gaps in Gaza's struggling health system, running healthcare stations, primary healthcare clinics and mobile clinics.

The staff are rapidly responding to the crisis by operating where they are needed most, when it is safe to do so.

Tearfund

Across the globe, Tearfund work in partnership with locally based agencies who understand the needs of their communities, and are in the best position to develop responses that are relevant and sustainable. Every gift makes a real difference: for the giver, the receiver, and most of all, for the people represented in the story behind each item.

These gifts bring life: with Useful Gifts, you can give towards a better world for all.

Through Tear Fund Useful Gifts, you can further the work of our Christian partners in 19 countries around the world. Gifts shared in love become gifts that grow hope, harvest change and transform the world.



Image Credit: Tearfund-Useful-Gifts_UG-Shop_Presentation.pdf.

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.

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	Office
Sunday Nights	6 pm. Venue varies each week.	Melissa O'Hara/Robyn Fry
Threads	2 nd & 4 th Tues of the month, 2-4 pm, 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

Triple C's

By popular demand we will meet this coming Wednesday as usual at Fine Foods Cucina, Meredith Street, NEWTON @ 1030hrs a usual. Subjects will no doubt be many with lots of Chatter, Coffee by the Chaps.

This will be the last big gathering until we meet again in February 2025.

Regards Ray

NOTICES FOR MEMBERS

Annual General Meeting – Call for Reports

As usual, the annual general meeting of our congregation will be held early in the new year (date to be advised).

It is now time for all groups to start preparing their 2024 annual reports. Where possible all reports for the AGM need to be submitted to Carol in the office by 31st December.

An Authentic Celebration of Christmas

Lynton & David invite you to the next Metropolitan Male Choir Concert. Saturday December 14, 7.30pm at Elder Hall

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

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

Day	Time	Location	Hirer/User
Monday 9 Dec	6.30 – 8.30 pm	Lower Hall	Gain Momentum Pilates
Tuesday 10 Dec	9.30 – 11.30 am	Lower Hall	Gain Momentum Pilates
Wednesday 11 Dec	9.30 – 10.30 am	Lower Hall	Gain Momentum Pilates
Thursday 12 Dec	6.30 – 8.30 pm	Lower Hall	Gain Momentum Pilates
Thursday 12 Dec	7.00 – 8.00 pm	Auditorium	Worship Practice
Saturday 14 Dec	9.00 – 11.00 am	Lower Hall	Gain Momentum Pilates
Mon, Wed, Fri	9.00 – 3.00 pm	Top Hall	Australian General Practice Network

*Waratah Calisthenics Classes resumes on 28 January 2025.

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

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Newsletter Items: Please submit to the office by Wednesdays at 5 pm for next newsletter.

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP ROSTER

2024		Sun/8/Dec	Sun/15/Dec
Preaching & Liturgy	Worship Leader	Jeff Dry	Di Curtis & Team
	Preacher	Do Young Kim	Do Young Kim
	Pray with Preacher	Glen Luestner	Robyn Fry
	Notices	Sylvia Maywald	Brenton Summers
	Bible Reader	Sylvia Maywald	Ann Brown
Music Team	Piano / Keyboard	Di Curtis	Di Curtis
	Singers	Jeanine Dry	Jean Richardson
		Eric Hurrell	Ann Brown
		Ann Brown	Eric Hurrell
	Guitar	Chris Pritchard	
	Bass / 2nd Guitar	Shelley Walker	Scott Tilley
Drums / Percussion	Glen Luestner	Glen Luestner	
Technical	Sound Desk	Don Brown	Don Brown
	Data Operator	David Walker	Samantha Walker
	Zoom Production	Paul Howland	Graham Jennings
Engagement	Flowers	Di Curtis	Advent Wreath
	Door Greeters	Stella Waugh	Ray Walter
		Lee O'Connell	Carole Walter
Administration	Building Steward	Paul Howland	Eric Hurrell
	Chair Stewards	Glen Luestner	-
		Janet Luestner	-
	Tick and Flick	Trevor Curtis	Trevor Curtis
	Count Offering	Glen Luestner	Glen Luestner
Paul Howland		Ray Walter	

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.