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Do Young's day off is Friday

Newsletter - 26 January 2025

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

HAVE A PEACE FILLED NEW YEAR

"Glory to God in the Highest, and on earth peace, goodwill towards all mankind." Luke 2: 14

The Christmas season is now behind us with the New Year in full focus.

Although the Christmas stress may now be happily behind us, it is easy to forget the true essence of Christmas.

An important celebration to hopefully sustain us for the challenges of the New Year ahead.

Our New Year's resolution may offer a temporary quick fix while in a troubled world; the ideal of peace among nations has always remained short-lived. Lasting inner peace in the hearts of many may also remain elusive.

The first part of the message from the Angel to the shepherds reveals an important truth.

"Glory to God in the Highest..."

The Designer and Maker of the Universe is alone worthy of our worship. The One who brings completion and wholeness holds the master plan. To know how something works it makes sense to look to the Maker.

..peace and goodwill to all mankind" then becomes less about New Year resolutions and the cessation of war and conflicts. The focus rests on a complete change of heart and direction now possible through the Saviour of the world.

To focus on the outer layers of our world without factoring in the internal state of our own hearts is like baking a loaf of bread minus the main yeast ingredient that gives rise and completion.

We forget the babe of Bethlehem-Saviour and Prince of peace grew into a man where the theme of peace was central to His final discourse with His disciples.

"Peace I leave with you. My peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid." (John 14:27)

This promised peace could only come after His death, resurrection and ascension. The provision of His presence through the Holy Spirit.

This **peace** is not the absence of conflict. It is the inner assurance of His presence in the *midst* of trial and conflict. A gift of grace extended to everyone and received personally through faith according to **John 3 v 16...**

Perhaps the resounding refrain of Handel's Messiah, '*Forever and ever..*' resonates Universally because it means exactly that. **His peace** is everlasting!

Carol Goode 1/1/23

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.

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/>

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Annual General Meeting – Call for Reports

The annual general meeting of our congregation will be held on Sunday 16th March.

All groups need to submit their 2024 annual reports for the AGM.

Please submit these to Carol in the office ASAP if you have not done so yet.

OFFICE

Office Hours

Carol is back in the office from now until 30 January, so feel free to contact the office, or pop in any time during office hours if you need anything. However, please note that Carol will be attending a family event interstate between 31 Jan and 9 Feb so if you have anything for the Sun 9 Feb newsletter please refer to the revised submission dates below.

Newsletter Publication Times

Please note the following changes to our newsletter publication dates over the Summer period. Thank you.

Newsletter published for:	Articles due to office by 5 pm on
Sunday 26 Jan 2025	Wed 22 Jan 2025
Sunday 2 & Sun 9 Feb 2025*	Wed 29 Jan 2025
Sunday 16 Feb 2025 (and returns weekly thereafter)	Wed 12 Feb 2025 (and weekly thereafter)

Articles and Notices for the Newsletter can be emailed to the office at office@athelstonechurch.org.au.

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
Sally Stamp	Bring stamps to the office or giving table to help with this ministry.

NOTICES FOR MEMBERS

Worship Rosters

The new worship rosters for March, April and May 2025 will be prepared in February. If you would like to volunteer to assist with worship please let the office know. Worship Volunteers can submit any unavailable times ahead of the rostering for this period by Monday 10th February.

Please remember to include your preferences or unavailability for Easter services (Good Friday 18 April; Easter Sunday 20 April).

You can enter your own unavailability directly into Elvanto at any time as per instructions below, or send an email to the office email address.

Instructions for entering your unavailability using Elvanto:

1. Log in to Elvanto
2. Go to your My Profile page and then click on the unavailability sidebar.
3. Once there, simply select the range of dates and times that you will be unavailable, and click 'Submit'.
4. Your upcoming unavailability will appear in a table on the page.

To remove a unavailability, select the upcoming unavailable times that you are now available for (by clicking on their check boxes), and select 'Delete' in the drop-down menu that appears at the top of the table once you've selected something. To perform the delete on all selected times click the 'Perform Mass Manage' button.

As always, please contact the office if you would like a login to Elvanto, or you need admin to reset your passwords.

Inner Wheel Movie Fundraiser

Inviting all to attend the screening of the movie: Bridget Jones, Mad About the Boy, at the Regal Theatre, Kensington Road, on Sunday February 16th, at 2:00pm. Tickets at \$15 are available from Sylvia Maywald or Jayne Nicholas. Tickets can also be purchased in the foyer on the day. There will be some great raffle prizes, with tickets a mere \$5.

This movie fundraiser is hosted by the Inner Wheel Club of Tea Tree Gully, which several of our congregation are members of. Funds raised go to the HAS Foundation, which supports families with terminally ill children.

Hope to see you there with your friends and families!

2025 UCA Calendars

Some 2025 Uniting Church SA Calendars are still available (on the giving table). Please take one if you would like one.

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

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. Next gathering will be Feb 2025.	Ray Walter
TOFs Fellowship Group	1 st Tues of the month. 2 – 4pm. Venues vary.	Sheralyn Robertson

Wirra – Watch and Wonder

Warltati, Summer has arrived and so has 2025.

Check out the new display on the noticeboard and learn how the Kaurna moved to the coast, just as many of us enjoy the beach in this season, but there's still plenty happening in the wirra. Kooki and Bluejay keep moving, S.A.Rocks and library books come and go with many children exploring the space during school holidays.

One enthusiastic little helper assisted us in picking up the heavy fall of bark.

(Photo Credit: J & B Stewart)

Joy and Bruce Stewart



WIDER CHURCH

Wider Church News - Links

Uniting Church in Australia: <https://uniting.church/>

Uniting Church in South Australia: <https://sa.uca.org.au/>

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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 27 Jan	6.30 – 8.30 pm	Lower Hall	Gain Momentum Pilates
Tuesday 28 Jan	9.30 – 11.30 am	Lower Hall	Gain Momentum Pilates
Tuesday 28 Jan	6.30 – 8.30 pm	Auditorium	Waratah Calisthenics
Wednesday 29 Jan	9.30 – 10.30 am	Lower Hall	Gain Momentum Pilates
Thursday 30 Jan	6.30 – 8.30 pm	Lower Hall	Gain Momentum Pilates
Thursday 30 Jan	7.00 – 8.00 pm	Auditorium	Worship Practice
Saturday 1 Feb	9.00 – 11.00 am	Lower Hall	Gain Momentum Pilates
Saturday 1 Feb	9.30 – 12.00 pm	Auditorium	Waratah Calisthenics
Mon, Wed, Fri	9.00 – 3.00 pm	Top Hall	Australian General Practice Network

Athelstone Uniting Church acknowledges the Kaurna 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

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		Sun/26/Jan	Sun/2/Feb
Preaching & Liturgy	Worship Leader	Di Curtis	Lynton Nicholas
	Preacher	Do Young Kim	Do Young Kim
	Pray with Preacher	Stella Waugh	Jeff Dry
	Notices	Don Brown	Lee O'Connell
	Bible Reader	Eric Hurrell	Ray Walter
Music Team	Piano / Keyboard	Di Curtis	Shelley Walker
	Singers	Celine Leslie	Jeff Dry
		Janet Luestner	Jeanine Dry Friederike Ashby-Weiss
	Guitar	Ann Brown	Chris Pritchard
	Bass / 2nd Guitar	David Walker	Scott Tilley
Drums / Percussion	Glen Luestner		
Technical	Sound Desk	Noel Maywald	Don Brown
	Data Operator	Samantha Walker	David Walker
	Zoom Production	Graham Jennings	Paul Howland
Communion	Preparation	—	Frederike Ashby-Weiss
	Servers / Helpers	—	Ros Howland
		—	Lee O'Connell
Engagement	Flowers	Di Curtis	Carole Walter
	Door Greeters	Hayeon Kim	Ray Walter
		Dana Lim	Carole Walter
Administration	Building Steward	Noel Maywald	Paul Howland
	Chair Stewards	Trevor Goldsmith	Jeff Dry
		Brenton Summers	Paul Howland
	Tick and Flick	Trevor Curtis	Brenton Summers
	Count Offering	Don Brown	Ray Walter
Glen Luestner		Paul Howland	

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.