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Do Young's day off is Friday

Newsletter – 23rd February 2025

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

A NOTE FROM DO YOUNG

We live in an era of rapid change. AI and new technologies emerge constantly, and the world moves at a pace that feels impossible to keep up with. In the midst of this whirlwind, our beliefs and values can feel threatened. That is why I intentionally embrace slowness, imperfection, and analogue ways of doing things. One such practice is using a fountain pen.



Over time, I have gathered a collection of 30 fountain pens—some gifted, some discovered at garage sales like hidden treasures, and others purchased to commemorate significant moments in my life. Each pen carries a story, bringing me simple but profound joy. Among them, at least ten are much older than I am, dating back to the 1940s and 1950s. These pens once thrived in their time, shaping history in ways I can only imagine. Perhaps a love letter was written with one, or an important business deal was signed. Maybe it was used to record the joy of purchasing a first home. Alternatively, it could have penned a farewell note, capturing the weight of sorrow. Some of these pens may have even been held by great figures, signing documents that changed the course of history. But with the rise of ballpoint pens, their glory faded. This silent history embedded within them makes me cherish them even more.

Photo Credit: Do Young Kim.

Fountain pens require care. They can be messy, and ink can spill unexpectedly. But when I fill a pen with ink, glide it across the page, and hear the soft scratch of the nib on paper, I feel a quiet satisfaction. It's more than writing—it's a ritual. When inspiration doesn't come easily while preparing a sermon, I turn off my computer, select a fountain pen in a prayerful mindset, clean it carefully, and choose an ink colour that matches the season or the mood of the day. It feels like a sacred moment.

Lately, I have taken an interest in old and broken fountain pens—ones with dried ink and worn-out nibs that can no longer write. Instead of simply collecting them, I decided to restore them. I don't have a natural talent for this, but I wanted to give these pens new life, believing that they once held great significance for someone. The challenge was harder than I expected, but when I successfully revived my first pen, the joy was surprising. My hands ended up covered in ink, but I didn't mind—I was happy. Cleaning, adjusting the nib, restoring the ink flow—finally, as ink coursed through the pen once again, I whispered, "It's time for a resurrection."

We, too, can be like these old fountain pens. Our ink may dry up, leaving us unable to write the story of our lives. Our nibs may become misaligned, reflecting the ups and downs we have faced. Our writing may become rough, mirroring our strong will that sometimes resists God's guidance. But just as a pen can be restored—its nib realigned, its ink replenished—so too can we be renewed by God. "It's time to rewrite our story."

We may never know who once held these pens or what words they wrote, but one thing is certain: they were faithful tools in their time. I hope our lives can be the same—offered in faithful service to God.

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.

Last week, Peter stood before Jesus and declared, "I am a sinner. I am yours." May we also confess this truth, entrusting our lives to God, who will write a new story through us.

Even if we are worn, even if our ink has dried, even if our seals have cracked with time, in the hands of our Master, we can be restored, renewed, and repurposed. Just like an old fountain pen, our lives can be made new in God's hands. Do not be afraid to let God's hands get messy in restoring you.

Blessings.

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/>

Messy Church in 2025

Messy Church dates for 2025 are below. Anyone is welcome! Please save the dates in your diaries and invite as many people as possible. We are still looking for volunteers to help with the Messy Church program, so please talk to Do Young, Leanne Shirlock or Lee O'Connell to talk about how you might be able to help!

Messy Church Dates 2025

Date	Time	Theme
Sunday, March 16	4:00 PM	Creation & Gratitude
Sunday, May 4	4:00 PM	The Love of Jesus
Sunday, July 20	4:00 PM	Faith & Courage
Sunday, September 14	4:00 PM	Walking with God
Sunday, November 30	4:00 PM	Christmas

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION

Church Council wishes to advise all members of Athelstone Uniting Church that we will be holding our Annual General Meeting on **Sunday 16 March 2025 at 10.45am.**

There are up to three ***vacancies for Council*** to be filled at our upcoming AGM, so we ask you to prayerfully consider whether this is for you and if you would like to nominate or nominate another member from the Congregation.

Other vacancies will be ***Secretary of the Congregation and Presbytery Representative.***

Nomination forms are available in the foyer and once completed, please place in the box next to the offering box. **Nominations close on Sunday 23 February 2025.** If you have any queries please contact Allan Amber (Chairperson of Church Council) 0418 833 026 or Jeff Dry (Chairperson of Church Council) 0408 254 489.

Jayne Nicholas, Secretary Church Congregation

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 9.30am, 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

Wirra – Watch and Wonder

Warlta is the Kurna adjective for warm, hot, clear (weather) and is also the name of the wild turkey constellation that governs the summer season, hence warltati, summer. Normally we refrain from watering in the wirra as local plants survive through this season but we have responded recently to the very dry conditions and sadly we will lose some plants.



If you check out the grasses though, you will notice the lower stems DO still have some green on them! Read more about warltati in the new display on the noticeboard and learn how the Kurna moved to the coast, just as many of us enjoy the beach in this season. (*Photo Credit: J & B Stewart*)

Joy and Bruce Stewart

MISSIONS

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

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

WIDER CHURCH

Easter Sights and Sounds

Members of our congregation have been invited to join Spicer in this wonderful ministry event. They are looking for people to serve God with them and for them to bring their family and friends to experience the Sights and Sounds of Easter. There is a \$5 entry fee. Please see below for more information.



Volunteers needed!

Easter Sights & Sounds

2-4 April 2025 (daytime)
4 April 2025 (evening)

Spicer Uniting Church
44a Fourth Avenue, St Peters

Spicer Uniting Church is looking for volunteers to act and also for supporting roles. If you are interested, please contact the church office on 8362 3771.

"Being a part of ESS [Easter Sights and Sounds] is powerful and profound. Being able to be a part of something that touches people's lives in a way they remember for years (especially children) is something I am incredibly thankful for." – Anne

Spicer Uniting Church has been presenting "Easter Sights and Sounds", a dramatized production of the Easter Story for 30 years. The members of the congregation, members from other churches, family and friends work together to produce a high-quality experience of the first Easter. We welcome children in Years 3 and up from schools across the city to attend this one-hour play. This year we will be presenting the play over three days on the 2nd, 3rd and 4th of April and for the public on Friday evening the 4th of April at 6 & 7pm. We will do 20 performances in total during this time.

This is a major event in the life of our church, and we are seeking volunteers to assist with major acting roles, minor acting support roles, set construction, set decoration, wardrobe management, sound and lighting. Some people assist over the full three days and others for one or two days. Our live donkey is already booked for the triumphant entry with Jesus into Jerusalem.

You can see a short youtube clip by clicking [Here](#) tracing some of the scenes in the play.

Image Credit: Spicer Uniting 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 24 Feb	10.30 – 11.30 am	Lower Hall	Gain Momentum Pilates
Monday 24 Feb	4.45 – 6.45 pm	Auditorium	Waratah Calisthenics
Monday 24 Feb	6.30 – 8.30 pm	Lower Hall	Gain Momentum Pilates
Tuesday 25 Feb	9.30 – 11.30 am	Lower Hall	Gain Momentum Pilates
Tuesday 25 Feb	6.30 – 8.30 pm	Auditorium	Waratah Calisthenics
Wednesday 26 Feb	9.30 – 10.30 am	Lower Hall	Gain Momentum Pilates
Wednesday 26 Feb	5.30 – 10.00 pm	Auditorium	Private Hire
Wednesday 26 Feb	7.00 – 9.30 pm	Meeting Room	Church Council
Thursday 27 Feb	6.30 – 8.30 pm	Lower Hall	Gain Momentum Pilates
Thursday 27 Feb	7.00 – 8.00 pm	Auditorium	Worship Practice
Saturday 1 Mar	9.00 – 11.00 am	Lower Hall	Gain Momentum Pilates
Saturday 1 Mar	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 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

2025		Sun 23 Feb	Sun 2 Mar
Preaching & Liturgy	Worship Leader	Robyn Stevenson	Di Curtis
	Preacher	Do Young Kim	Do Young Kim
	Pray with Preacher	Di Curtis	Jennifer Clark
	Notices	Lee O'Connell	Brenton Summers
	Bible Reader	Ann Brown	Jayne Nicholas
Music Team	Piano / Keyboard	Di Curtis	Shelley Walker
	Singers	Janet Luestner	Sylvia Maywald
		Bob Stevenson	Friederike Ashby-Weiss
		Allan Amber	Eric Hurrell
	Guitar	David Walker	Chris Pritchard
	Bass / 2nd Guitar	Shelley Walker	Scott Tilley
Drums / Percussion	Glen Luestner	-	
Technical	Sound Desk	Noel Maywald	Noel Maywald
	Data Operator	Samantha Walker	David Walker
	Zoom Production	Tara Shirlock	Graham Jennings
Communion	Preparation	-	Leanne Shirlock
	Servers / Helpers	-	Eric Hurrell
		-	Friederike Ashby-Weiss
Engagement	Flowers	Raelene Anderson	Jenny Riggall
	Door Greeters	Coralie Summers	Jayne Nicholas Lynton Nicholas
Administration	Building Steward	Richard Read	Richard Read
	Chair Stewards	Janet Luestner	Bernie O'Hara
		Glen Luestner	John Armstrong
	Tick and Flick	Trevor Curtis	Brenton Summers
	Count Offering	Don Brown Bob Stevenson	Lynton Nicholas Sylvia Maywald

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.