



## Athelstone Uniting Church Newsletter – 13 April 2025

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Do Young's day off is Friday

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

### UPCOMING WORSHIP

#### Easter Service Times

Holy Week (Mon 14 Apr – Sat 19 Apr)	6.00 – 8.00 am	Early Morning Prayer and Reflection
Maundy Thursday (17 Apr)	6.30 pm	Gather in Lower Hall to share a simple meal together and reflect on Jesus' love and service
Good Friday (18 Apr)	9.30 am	Worship Service
Easter Sunday (20 Apr)	6.30 am	Easter Dawn Service held at <b>Balmoral Reserve, Dernancourt</b> (and NOT at Thorndon Park!)  <b>** Please note this change of venue from previous newsletter**</b>
Easter Sunday (20 Apr)	9.30 am	Easter Sunday Worship Service

#### Silence and Prayer in Holy Week

As we approach Holy Week 2025, we propose creating a special early morning prayer and reflection time in the auditorium. This initiative aims to provide a sacred and contemplative space for personal reflection, prayer, and spiritual renewal as we journey toward Easter.

The church doors will open from 6:00 AM, and anyone is welcome to come and participate at a time that suits us. A screen will display simple scripture passages and prayer points for the day to guide reflection and prayer. The time of prayer and reflection will be quiet yet powerful. If you have any questions, please reach out to Do Young

Date: Holy Week (Monday, April 14 – Saturday, April 19) Time: 6:00 AM – 8:00 AM.

***Please note** that due to early voting, there may be changes to the availability of our main hall. While we currently plan to use the main auditorium for this time of silence and prayer, please note that the location may shift to the Lower Hall, depending on circumstances.*

#### You're Invited – Easter Dawn Service

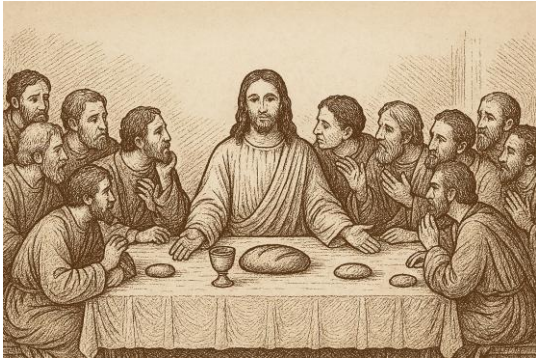
Join us for a special Easter Dawn Service, as Campbelltown UC, Dernancourt UC, and Athelstone UC come together to celebrate the risen Christ. We'll gather at **BALMORAL RESERVE, DERNANCOURT at 6:30 AM** to witness the sunrise on Easter morning—a beautiful reminder of the hope and joy of the resurrection. Everyone is welcome.

**\*\*Please note that the venue for the Dawn Service this year will be Balmoral Reserve, in Dernancourt (on Balmoral Road opposite Dernancourt Uniting Church) and NOT Thorndon Park as in previous years\*\***

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***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*

## Maundy Thursday – April 17 at 6:30pm, Lower Hall.



On Maundy Thursday, we remember the night Jesus shared a final meal with His disciples. We'll gather on **Thursday, April 17 at 6:30pm in the Lower Hall** to share a simple meal together. Please bring something light to eat. As we eat, we'll reflect on Jesus' love and sacrifice. Toward the end of our meal, we'll move into a quiet time of reflection and share in Holy Communion. Come and be part of this special evening. If you have any questions, please get in touch with Do Young.

## 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>

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.

## Pastoral Care – New initiative



The Pastoral Care team have decided on a new initiative.

If you have a family member, relative or friend who has recently died we wish to light a candle at the beginning of a service to honour that person and to share in your grief.

One of the Pastoral Care team or the Worship leader will say a few sentences in memory of your loved one and light the candle, which will remain lit for the duration of the service.

For more information: Please contact a member of the Pastoral Care team

*Photo Credit: Do Young Kim.*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Polling Day Barbecue and Cake stall - Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> May, 8am – 1pm

Polling Day at our church gives us the opportunity to connect with our community and hold a Barbecue and Cake Stall to raise funds.

We are hoping our church family will be involved and are asking for volunteers to set up marquee and tables etc and help at the event. Help even for a brief time appreciated.

We require donations of cakes, biscuits, jams, and other produce. All goods require a list of ingredients attached.

Donations will be received at the church on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> May (time to be confirmed) or by 8am on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> May, Thank you.

If you can help, please see Di Curtis (0419-862-606) on behalf of Church Council.

## Casual Social Night – Pot Luck Dinner

**When:** Friday 16<sup>th</sup> May

**Where:** Athelstone Uniting Church, Fox Avenue, Athelstone

**Time:** 6.30pm

**Cost:** No charge.

**Transport:** If required please advise Julie Goldsmith

This event is suitable for all ages, families welcome. Please bring a savoury dish OR a dessert to share. If bringing a meal that needs to be eaten hot, please bring it already heated. BYO cool drinks, coffee and tea will be provided.

We may have more desserts than savoury dishes but so be it as this is the idea of a Pot Luck Dinner!

An opportunity to get to know your Church Family. Any questions, please see Julie Goldsmith. Phone: 0418 811 556

## MISSIONS

### Packing Day 2025: Be excited, Be involved!

Once again, AUC will be involved in Packing Day. Packing Day is a chance for our church community to co-ordinate the packing of clothing and household items to remote northern aboriginal communities.

What you need to do:

- Save the date – Sunday June 1st and Monday June 2nd
- Start collecting clothing and household goods – we pack for tropical communities so need clothing that is suitable for this climate.
- Ask friends and family to collect suitable clothing and household items – we have been particularly short of children and men's clothing in the past.
- Collected items can be brought along to church and placed in the shed.

Please speak to Jayne Nicholas (0418836266) if you have any queries.

## Uniting World - Lent Appeal

Each year the Uniting Church of Australia, through Uniting World, carefully selects a significant project of outreach and Christian mission. This year's lent appeal is supporting our neighbours in the Pacific, Asia and Africa, who due to the ever-growing climate crisis, are living with its devastating impacts. Families are being displaced by disaster; lands are becoming infertile and clean water is becoming harder to find and store. For those already living in poverty, these challenges are immense, and the chance to rebuild after disasters is impossible without help.

There are a few giving envelopes left on the Giving Table to donate to this year's Lent Appeal.

Alternatively, you can give online at <https://unitingworld.org.au/join-us-for-lent-event-2025/>

## Missions

Here are some of our other ongoing mission projects at Athelstone UC:

Sally Stamp	Bring stamps to the office or giving table to help with this ministry.
Uniting Communities	Please keep bringing in your donations and let us fill the giving table

## CONNECT GROUPS

### Wirra – Watch and Wonder

Oh, how we all enjoyed that last rain! A new season, parnati/ autumn, is bringing changes. Check out the display board at the back of the church and learn about Kaurna families and how they prepared for the colder weather to come.

We have been picking up waardlawarnka, fallen tree branches and bark to reduce the heavy “mulch” and it is how our wardli/hut was created. It has become a favourite play spot for families now.

*Joy and Bruce Stewart*



*(Photo Credit: J & B 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 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tues of the month at 9.30am, Indigo Espresso Cafe.	Office
Sunday Nights	6 pm. Venues vary each week.	Melissa O’Hara
Threads	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Tues of the month, 2-4 pm, Indigo Espresso Café	Office
Triple Cs – Men’s Group	2 <sup>nd</sup> Wed of the month at 10.30 am. Venues vary.	Ray Walter
TOFs Fellowship Group	1 <sup>st</sup> Tues of the month. 2 – 4pm. Venues vary.	Sheralyn Robertson

## NOTICES FOR MEMBERS

### 2025 National Festival of Male Choirs

Lynton, Dave & Shelley are performing in the National Festival of Male Choirs Gala Concert and invite you to share in this music experience which promises to be fantastic!

Tickets via: <https://premier.ticketek.com.au/Shows/Show.aspx?sh=MCHOIR25>

NOTE: some of our congregation would really appreciate travel assistance to attend.

<b>Sunday</b> <b>25 May</b> <b>2:00pm</b>  Tickets \$45/\$55 Ticketek.com.au On Sale Now!	<b>2025 National Festival of Male Choirs</b> <b>Gala Concert</b>  Over 350 Singers from Across Australia Performing Choral Favourites — Showtunes, Popular, Folk, Classical and Sacred pieces, with a 50-piece Orchestra. <b>A truly spectacular celebration of music!</b>	<b>Adelaide</b> <b>Entertainment</b> <b>Centre</b> <b>Theatre</b>  <b>Hindmarsh</b> <b>SA</b>
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## Australian Electoral Commission – Upcoming Church Use

Please note that the Australian Electoral Commission will be using the Auditorium, Kitchen and Amenities between the 14th April and the 9th May. We will not have access to these areas during this time (with the exception of Good Friday & Sunday worship services). We can access the lower hall and offices but please minimise any drop-ins during this time, especially during pre-polling hours, if you at all can. They will also be using our trestle tables, some chairs and other items.

Note that an alternative venue for our Waratah Calisthenics hirer has been arranged in the interim.

## 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

### Wimala Presbytery Youth Event

This Sunday 13 April at Brougham Place Uniting Church from 4.00 to 8.00 pm, including an evening meal.

Remembering and celebrating the story of Easter and the last week of Jesus' life and the Resurrection.

Easter games, craft, food, stories.

Call Rebecca on 0407 993 526 for more information and to register (by April 6 for catering purposes)!

## Presbytery Meeting Report



Rev Do Young Kim and I attended the March meeting of the Wimala Presbytery on the 29<sup>th</sup> March at the Moonta Uniting Church.

After welcoming refreshments, the meeting of about 100 people began at 10am. About 25 new representatives were warmly welcomed and their responsibilities were summarised.

A period of worship including prayers, scripture readings, singing and a homily followed – indeed the whole day was described as a day of worship.

Capable, committed and enthusiastic people made the following comments during the day:

Safe churches – one of the ways we show God's love to others; Church planting – encourage and seek involvement; Chaplains and drought – assisting people suffering the severe effects of the drought, Uniting World [UW] – 31 Congregations gave to UW in 2024, 34 projects in 13 countries directly involving 132,555 people with focus on clean water, climate change effects, poverty, emergencies, gender equality, Missions: State Youth Conference, Parenting for Faith, Youth Pastor retreat, Property; Church mission vitality required to consider how to identify and evaluate effective mission and how can the Presbytery assist when future vitality is impacted; Frontier services – *'Not all of us can do great things - we can only do small things with Great Love'* (Mother Teresa) 81 volunteers are helping remote farmers in SA. Yorke Peninsula Ministry Team: Young at heart focus, *'Bowl of cream and 2 frogs'* story, God is moving in YP Developments at Curramulka, Point Turton, Warooka; Pt Adelaide UC is in good heart looking at its mission: UC grants report Unique project Adnyamathanha translation of the Bible and *Wimala Youth Event planned for April*.

I had a feeling of hope and thanks when considering the scope of significant activities being carried out so positively and enthusiastically in SA by God's people. This list is but a small part. God is very active! Thanks be to God!

We are asked for our prayers, to offer ourselves as volunteers and to provide monetary gifts. To seek further information please contact Uniting Church office [8236 4200], Rev Do Young or myself.

Eric (Your Presbytery Rep)

## Wider Church News & Useful 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/>

Worship at Home self-guided resource: <https://sa.uca.org.au/worship-at-home/>

## CHURCH BUILDING BOOKINGS

### Church Building Bookings

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

Day	Time	Location	Hirer/User
<b>Monday 14 April – Friday 6 May</b>	<b>All day</b>	<b>Auditorium, Kitchen &amp; Amenities</b>	<b>Australian Electoral Commission</b>
Monday 14 April	6.30 – 8.30 pm	Lower Hall	Gain Momentum Pilates
Tuesday 15 April	9.30 – 11.30 am	Lower Hall	Gain Momentum Pilates
<b>Tuesday 15 April</b>	<b>2.00 – 3.00 pm</b>	<b>Meeting Room</b>	<b>Pastoral Care Meeting</b>
Wednesday 16 April	9.30 – 10.30 am	Lower Hall	Gain Momentum Pilates
<b>Thursday 17 April</b>	<b>6.30 – 8.30 pm</b>	<b>Lower Hall</b>	<b>Maundy Thursday Reflection &amp; Meal</b>
Thursday 17 April	7.00 – 8.00 pm	Auditorium	Worship Practice
<b>Friday 18 April</b>	<b>9.30 – 10.30 am</b>	<b>Auditorium</b>	<b>Good Friday Service</b>
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*

## SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP ROSTER

2025		Sun 13 Apr	Fri 18 Apr	Sun 20 Apr
Preaching & Liturgy	Worship Leader	Di Curtis	Do Young Kim	Lynton Nicholas
	Preacher	Do Young Kim	Do Young Kim	Do Young Kim
	Pray with Preacher	Lee O'Connell	-	Lee O' Connell
	Notices	Sylvia Maywald	-	Brenton Summers
	Bible Reader	Hayeon Kim	Eric Hurrell	Friederike Ashby-Weiss
Music Team	Piano / Keyboard	Shelley Walker	Celine Leslie	Shelley Walker
	Singers	Lynton Nicholas	-	Friederike Ashby-Weiss
		Sylvia Maywald	-	Eric Hurrell
		Ann Brown	-	Sylvia Maywald
	Guitar	David Walker	-	Chris Pritchard
	Bass / 2nd Guitar	Scott Tilley	-	Scott Tilley
	Drums / Percussion	-	-	-
Technical	Sound Desk	Don Brown	Noel Maywald	Noel Maywald
	Data Operator	Samantha Walker	David Walker	David Walker
	Zoom Production			
Engagement	Flowers	Mignon Martin		Carole Walter
	Door Greeters	Gus Robin	Dana Lim	Ray Walter
		Jan Robin	Hayeon Kim	Carole Walter
Administration	Building Steward	Eric Hurrell	Noel Maywald	Eric Hurrell
	Chair Stewards	John Armstrong	Sharon Tilley	Brenton Summers
		Bernie O'Hara	Scott Tilley	Bob Stevenson
	Tick and Flick	Brenton Summers	Lee O'Connell	Brenton Summers
	Count Offering	Lynton Nicholas	-	Bob Stevenson
		Sylvia Maywald	-	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.*

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