



## Athelstone Uniting Church Newsletter – 6 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.

### WORSHIP

#### Easter Service Times

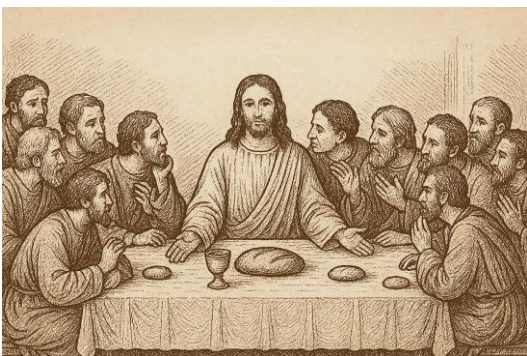
Holy Week (Mon 14 Apr – Sat 19 Apr)	6.00 – 8.00 am	Early Morning Prayer and Reflection
Maundy Thursday (17 Apr)	6.30 pm	Gather in Lower Hall to share a simple meal together and reflect on Jesus' love and sacrifice
Good Friday (18 Apr)	9.30 am	Worship Service
Easter Sunday (20 Apr)	6.30 am	Dawn Service held at Thorndon Park.
Easter Sunday (20 Apr)	9.30 am	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.*

#### 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.

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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.

## 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 Thorndon Park 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.

## 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.*

## 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.

## CONNECT GROUPS

### Triple C's Wednesday

Yes, no fooling around next Wednesday 09 April at 1030am Chaps, Coffee and Chat will be on again with a difference at Fine Foods Cucina Meredith St (off Graves St) Newton. The difference? You are encouraged to wear the brightest gaudiest most 'way out there' shirt in your wardrobe. "Our" corner needs brightening up...says Bob! Needing a lift? Contact Ray or Bob.

*Regards Ray*

## 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*



## 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. Venue varies each week.	Melissa O'Hara/Robyn Fry
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

## 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 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

### 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 25 May 2:00pm</b>	<b>2025 National Festival of Male Choirs 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 Entertainment Centre Theatre</b>  <b>Hindmarsh SA</b>
Tickets \$45/\$55 Ticketek.com.au On Sale Now!		



Government of South Australia  
Arts South Australia

We gratefully acknowledge grants for the  
MCAA (Male Choirs Association of Australia)  
2025 Choral Festival from Arts SA,  
the Freemasons Foundation Fund and the  
City of Charles Sturt.



More Information?  
Visit:



## 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

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)!

### 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/>

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

## CHURCH BUILDING BOOKINGS

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

Day	Time	Location	Hirer/User
Monday 7 April	10.30 – 11.30 am	Lower Hall	Gain Momentum Pilates
Monday 7 April	4.45 – 6.45 pm	Auditorium	Waratah Calisthenics
Monday 7 April	6.30 – 8.30 pm	Lower Hall	Gain Momentum Pilates
Tuesday 8 April	9.30 – 11.30 am	Lower Hall	Gain Momentum Pilates
Tuesday 8 April	6.30 – 8.30 pm	Auditorium	Waratah Calisthenics
Wednesday 9 April	9.30 – 10.30 am	Lower Hall	Gain Momentum Pilates
Thursday 10 April	6.30 – 8.30 pm	Lower Hall	Gain Momentum Pilates
Thursday 10 April	7.00 – 8.00 pm	Auditorium	Worship Practice
Saturday 12 April	9.00 – 11.00 am	Lower Hall	Gain Momentum Pilates
Saturday 12 April	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

### Australian Electoral Commission – Upcoming Church Use

Please note that the Australian Electoral Commission will be using the Auditorium, Kitchen and Amenities between the 14<sup>th</sup> April and the 9<sup>th</sup> May. We will not have access to these areas during this time (with the exception of Sunday worship services). We can access the lower hall and offices but please minimise any drop-ins during this time if you can.



## SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP ROSTER

2025		6 April	13 April
Preaching & Liturgy	Worship Leader	Robyn Stevenson	Di Curtis
	Preacher	Do Young Kim	Do Young Kim
	Pray with Preacher	Jennifer Clark	Lee O’Connell
	Notices	Lee O’Connell	Sylvia Maywald
	Bible Reader	Lee O’Connell	Hayeon Kim
Music Team	Piano / Keyboard	Celine Leslie	Shelley Walker
	Singers	Eric Hurrell	Lynton Nicholas
		Bob Stevenson	Sylvia Maywald
		Shelley Walker	Ann Brown
	Guitar	Chris Pritchard	David Walker
	Bass / 2nd Guitar		Scott Tilley
	Drums / Percussion		
Technical	Sound Desk	Paul Howland/David Walker	Don Brown
	Data Operator	David Walker	Samantha Walker
	Zoom Production	Paul Howland	
Engagement	Flowers	Jenny Riggall	Mignon Martin
	Door Greeters	Brenton Summers	Gus Robin
		Coralie Summers	Jan Robin
Administration	Building Steward	Paul Howland	Eric Hurrell
	Chair Stewards	Bob Stevenson	John Armstrong
		Brenton Summers	Bernie O’Hara
	Tick and Flick	Brenton Summers	Brenton Summers
	Count Offering	Paul Howland	Lynton Nicholas
David Walker		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.

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