



Athelstone Uniting Church Newsletter – 18 May 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

A Pink Surprise - Reflections on Mother's Day



Last year on Mother's Day, I did something a bit out of the ordinary—I wore a pink shirt. Pink isn't exactly my favourite colour. In fact, it's probably the one day of the year you'd see me in pink! I thought it would be a nice way to celebrate on Mother's Day, a small gesture to honour the spirit of motherhood. I didn't think much of it at the time, just a simple nod to the occasion. But apparently, it made more of an impression than I realized!

Last Sunday, as I walked into the church that morning, I couldn't believe my eyes. At first, I spotted a few pink outfits and thought, "That's interesting—maybe it's just a coincidence." There was a wave of pink that caught my eye, and I was puzzled for a moment. Could it really be intentional? People were wearing pink—pink shirts, pink scarves, pink ties, even some brand-new pink clothes! There was definitely something different about the atmosphere that morning, but I couldn't quite put my finger on it.

Then, as I stepped up to the pulpit to begin the sermon, it finally hit me. That's when I realized: this wasn't just a coincidence—it was a surprise, and it was for me! The congregation had planned it all behind the scenes. You remembered that one time I wore pink last year and decided to do the same this year as a way of supporting me and having a bit of fun.

Now, to be honest, Sunday mornings for me are usually filled with a bit of nervous energy and a lot of focus on the service ahead. So, I admit, it took me a while to catch on. Even when Lynton mentioned something about a "Memo," I thought he was just talking about a note or a sticky post-it. I didn't realize it had a deeper nuance. Well, I guess I learned something new that day!

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But when I finally understood what was happening, I was truly moved. Some of our members even went out and bought new pink shirt just for the occasion! That's when I knew—our congregation is not only thoughtful but also wonderfully creative and just a bit mischievous!

I felt so blessed—and not the least bit alone. Standing there in that beautiful pink wave, I felt truly supported and loved. It reminded us once again why we are so grateful to be part of this community. We could feel God's heart—like a mother's love—embracing us once again.

The Meaning of Pink

Did you know that in Korean, the word for pink is "분홍" (**bunhong**)? The word itself is quite beautiful.

- 분 (**bun**) means "fine powder," and

홍 (**hong**) means "red."

So, 분홍색 (**bunhong-saek**) literally means "a fine, powdered red" or "a soft, dusty red."

Thinking about it that way made me see that day a bit differently. It wasn't just a bunch of people wearing pink—it was like all our small hearts came together to create one soft, warm, and welcoming presence. Just like fine powder combining to form a beautiful colour, our individual acts of love came together to create something bigger and more beautiful. After the service, a few members suggested that next year, we could add even more meaning to this tradition. Since pink is also the colour associated with breast cancer awareness, why not turn this fun tradition into a way to raise support for breast cancer research? Such a brilliant idea!

I am sure we love how something so light-hearted and spontaneous could grow into something that makes a difference. That's the spirit of our church—taking small, joyful moments and turning them into acts of love and kindness.

To everyone who took part in this year's "Pink Surprise"—thank you. You truly made our community feel seen, loved, and we are definitely not alone. Our creativity, sense of humour, and thoughtful gestures made our day unforgettable.

Next year, we are looking forward to celebrating Mother's Day in pink once again—not just as a nod to our occasional fashion choice, but as a way to support one another and spread love in a meaningful way.

With gratitude and a big smile,

Do Young

Worship Online or at Home

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.

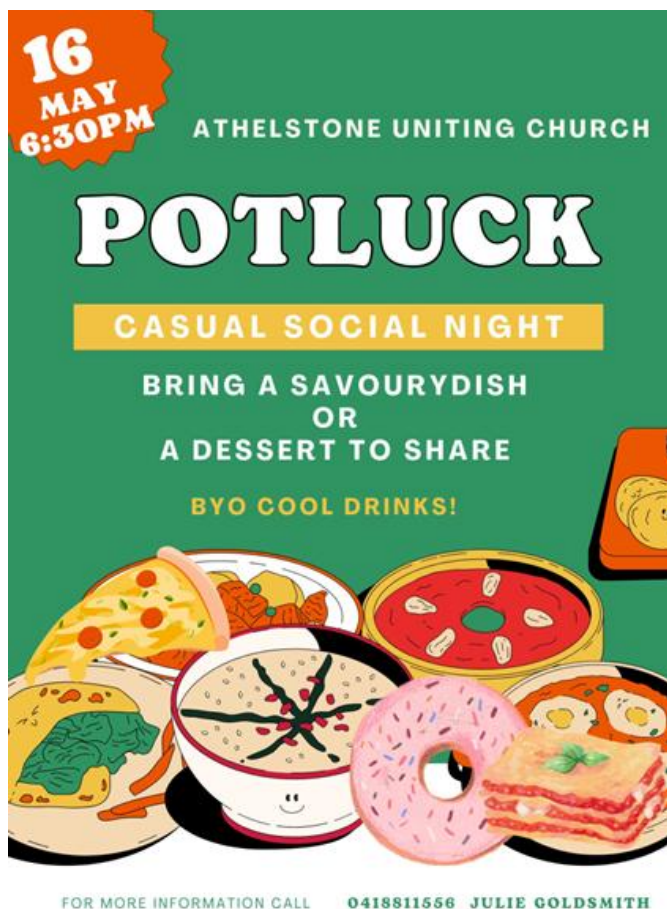
If you wish to join in our online Zoom service on Sunday mornings at 9.30am, you can view the service as it is happening, using the link below:

<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.

UPCOMING EVENTS



Casual Social Night – Potluck Dinner

When: Friday 16th 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 Potluck Dinner!

An opportunity to get to know your Church Family. Any questions, please see Julie Goldsmith.

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CONNECT GROUPS

Wirra – Watch and Wonder

The season of spring/autumn is bringing changes with much needed rain for creatures large and small. This little Australian Marbled Gecko was enjoying the cool, damp darkness under the sand tray near the bridge. Mainly nocturnal, sometimes hunting for insects near outdoor lights, they are well adapted to urban areas and can live 5-10 years.



Check out the display board at the back of the church and learn about Kaurna families and how they prepared for the cold, damp weather to come.

Image Credit: J & B Stewart

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 st & 3 rd Tues of the month at 9.30am, Indigo Espresso Cafe.	Office
Sunday Nights	6 pm. Venues vary each week.	Melissa O'Hara
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
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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:

- **Plan to come along on 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.

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

NOTICES FOR MEMBERS

2025 National Festival of Male Choirs

Sunday 25 May 2:00pm <small>Tickets \$45/\$55 Ticketek.com.au On Sale Now!</small>	2025 National Festival of Male Choirs <h1 style="color: red; margin: 0;">Gala Concert</h1> <p>Over 350 Singers from Across Australia Performing Choral Favourites — Showtunes, Popular, Folk, Classical and Sacred pieces, with a 50-piece Orchestra.</p> <p style="color: yellow; font-weight: bold;">A truly spectacular celebration of music!</p>	Adelaide Entertainment Centre Theatre Hindmarsh SA
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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.

Office Phones

A reminder that we still have no phones in the office. If you need to contact the church office then please email us instead, or call Do Young's mobile for urgent matters.

Memory Candle

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.

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 of 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 & 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 Booking Calendar

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

Day	Time	Location	Hirer/User
Monday 19 May	6.30 – 8.30 pm	Lower Hall	Gain Momentum Pilates
Tuesday 20 May	9.30 – 11.30 am	Lower Hall	Gain Momentum Pilates
Tuesday 21 May	2.30 – 3.30 pm	Meeting Room	Pastoral Care Team Meeting
Wednesday 21 May	9.30 – 10.30 am	Lower Hall	Gain Momentum Pilates
Thursday 22 May	9.40 – 10.45 am	Lower Hall	Gain Momentum Pilates
Thursday 22 May	6.30 – 8.30 pm	Lower Hall	Gain Momentum Pilates
Thursday 22 May	7.00 – 8.00 pm	Auditorium	Worship Practice
Saturday 24 May	9.00 – 11.30 am	Lower Hall	Gain Momentum Pilates
Saturday 24 May	12.00 – 2.00 pm	Auditorium	Gain Momentum Pilates (Workshop)
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.

WORSHIP ROSTER

2025		Sun 18 May	Sun 25 May
Preaching & Liturgy	Worship Leader	Jeff Dry	Di Curtis
	Preacher	Do Young Kim	Rev Paul Turley
	Pray with Preacher	Ros Howland	Jeff Dry
	Notices	Lee O'Connell	Brenton Summers
	Bible Reader	Hayeon Kim	Ann Brown
Music Team	Piano / Keyboard	Di Curtis	Shelley Walker
	Singers	Jeanine Dry	Allan Amber
		Janet Luestner	Friederike Ashby-Weiss
		Ann Brown	Ann Brown
	Guitar	Chris Pritchard	David Walker
	Bass / 2nd Guitar	Shelley Walker	Scott Tilley
	Drums / Percussion	Glen Luestner	
Technical	Sound Desk	Don Brown	Don Brown
	Data Operator	David Walker	Samantha Walker
	Zoom Production	Tara Shirlock	Paul Howland
Engagement	Flowers	Raelene Anderson	Carole Walter
	Door Greeters	Gus Robin	Coralie Summers
		Jan Robin	Brenton Summers
Administration	Building Steward	Richard Read	Paul Howland
	Chair Stewards	Sharon Tilley	Trevor Goldsmith
		Scott Tilley	Jeff Dry
	Tick and Flick	Trevor Curtis	Trevor Curtis
	Count Offering	David Walker	Paul Howland
		Friederike Ashby-Weiss	Ray Walter
<p><i>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.</i></p>			