



Athelstone Uniting Church Newsletter – 4 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

Today we celebrate the baptism of Hugo James Andrew.

Communion this month will be on Sunday May 11

When the Wall Broke

As many of you know, during the pre-polling period for the federal election last Saturday, a car crashed into the back wall of our church. It was a serious accident — the car actually came about a third of the way into the building. Thankfully, no one was hurt. The driver was okay, and though several cars were involved, there were no injuries. That in itself is something to be deeply thankful for.



Still, the impact left a big hole in our church wall. The sound desk was damaged, and the space doesn't look or feel quite the same right now. It's messy. It's a bit unsettling. And many of us were shaken by it — it's not every day you see a car halfway inside our place of worship.



Someone from church said something meaningful I've been thinking about ever since: "When I saw the broken wall, I thought about people in countries at war. Their homes, schools, churches — all gone. What we experienced is small compared to that." And I really felt that.

It's easy to see things on the news and feel sad for a moment. But when something breaks in our own space, even something small, it opens our heart a little more. It helps us understand — just a bit — what others might be going through on a much larger scale. It also reminded me why peace matters so deeply — not just for us, but for all people. War is long and exhausting. And as it drags on, the world's attention starts to fade. But the suffering continues. The pain deepens. So we pray — we pray that these wars, near and far, will end. That healing will come. That broken homes and broken hearts will be restored. We must not look away.

As followers of Jesus, we are called not just to notice, but to care. To stand for peace. To remember that when people are suffering, it is never okay to weigh human pain against political interests or economic advantage. That's not the way of Christ.

Psalm 34:18 says, "The Lord is close to the broken-hearted." Our wall may be broken, but God is near. We're still worshipping. Still singing. Still gathered in faith. So let's keep praying — for peace, for justice, for compassion. Let's keep showing up for those who suffer, even from a distance. And let's continue to trust in the One who makes all things new. And I pray that even in this disruption, we might find joy — in seeing how God can turn our challenges into something fruitful and beautiful. I would like to express my gratitude to all the brothers and sisters who are working hard to help restore our church.

With gratitude and hope, Do Young

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Newsletter Items: Submit by Wednesdays at 5 pm for inclusion in next newsletter

WORSHIP

Messy Church - May 4 - Cancelled

There will be no Messy Church this Sunday. The next Messy Church will on July 20.

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

Polling Day Barbecue and Cake stall - CANCELLED

There will be no voting at Athelstone Uniting on Polling Day. Therefore, the BBQ and cake stall have been cancelled.

If you did get your baking done early and don't know what to do with the items, then please feel free to bring them along to church on Sunday - as other people may like to purchase some of your goodies to take home!

Election Update

Given our church is no longer involved. The closest centres where you can vote are:

BEFORE ELECTION DAY – Pre Polling - Thursday and Friday – 8.30am to 5.30pm

Campbelltown Shopping Centre 618-620 Lower North-East Rd – the former Australia Post Office

Marden Shopping Centre - Shop 46, 9-21 Lower Portrush Rd, Marden

Tea Tree Plus Shopping Centre - Shop 32, 1020-1022 North East Rd, Modbury

ON ELECTION DAY – between 8am and 6pm

Athelstone Primary School – Brookside Road Athelstone

Thorndon Park Primary School – Stradbroke Road Athelstone

Campbelltown Shopping Centre – 618 to 620 Lower North East Rd – the former Australia Post Office

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. Phone: 0418 811 556

CONNECT GROUPS

TOFS

Our next TOFS coffee and cake afternoon will be on Tuesday 6th May 2pm at the Rezz Hotel, 20 Hamilton Terrace, Newton. Everyone is welcome.

Wirra – Watch and Wonder

The season parnati/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 Kaurua 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

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.

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

Worship Rosters – June, July & August

It's time to prepare the next lot of worship rosters for June, July & August!

Worship Volunteers, please log in to Elvanto and **update your unavailable dates** for the June, July and August 2025 rosters, or **email them to the office by Monday 5th May** so the office can start the rostering process for this period.

If you would like to consider additional roles, or have changes to your preferences re role, timing and frequency, then please contact the office.

We are always looking for more volunteers, so if you aren't yet on our roster, and would like to contribute to our worship services then please consider volunteering in any role. However, the roles that we particularly need some more volunteers for are zoom, data and sound operators and communion helpers.

Good Time Jazz Concert - 08 May at Athelstone UC

Note your diaries for this not to be missed concert at 10:30am on Thursday 08 May, at Athelstone Uniting!

Come and enjoy this relaxing light-hearted concert featuring the great skill of professional musicians Brenton and Paul. A delicious morning tea will be served. Buy your \$5 raffle ticket for a chance to win one of several attractive prizes. Tickets at the low cost of \$20 must be pre-purchased to assist with catering planning.

Please see/contact Jayne Nicholas (0418 836 266) or Sylvia Maywald (0408 810 507) to purchase your tickets.

All funds raised will support the charity fundraising efforts of the **Inner Wheel Club of Tea Tree Gully** and will be donated to the HAS Foundation and other Inner Wheel Charities.

2025 National Festival of Male Choirs



2025 National Festival of Male Choirs
Gala Concert

Sunday
25 May
2:00pm

Tickets \$45/\$55
Ticketek.com.au
On Sale Now!

Over 350 Singers from Across Australia
Performing Choral Favourites — Showtunes,
Popular, Folk, Classical and Sacred pieces,
with a 50-piece Orchestra.

A truly spectacular celebration of music!

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Entertainment
Centre
Theatre

Hindmarsh
SA

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.

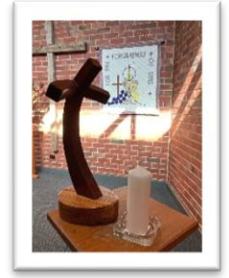
Memory Candle

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 5 May	6.30 – 8.30 pm	Lower Hall	Gain Momentum Pilates
Tuesday 6 May	9.30 – 11.30 am	Lower Hall	Gain Momentum Pilates
Wednesday 7 May	9.30 – 10.30 am	Lower Hall	Gain Momentum Pilates
Wednesday 7 May	4.00 – 5.00 pm	Whole Building	Inner Wheel Event Set up
Thursday 8 May	9.00 – 12.30 pm	Whole Building	Inner Wheel - Music Concert
Thursday 8 May	6.30 – 8.30 pm	Lower Hall	Gain Momentum Pilates
Thursday 8 May	7.00 – 8.00 pm	Auditorium	Worship Practice
Mon, Wed, Fri	9.00 – 3.00 pm	Top Hall	Australian General Practice Network

Athelstone Uniting Church acknowledges the Kaurana 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 4 May	Sun 11 May
Preaching & Liturgy	Worship Leader	David Walker	Lynton Nicholas
	Preacher	Do Young Kim	Do Young Kim
	Pray with Preacher		Jennifer Clark
	Notices	Lee O’Connell	Sylvia Maywald
	Bible Reader	Ray Walter	Noel Maywald
Music Team	Piano / Keyboard	Di Curtis	Celine Leslie
	Singers	Eric Hurrell	Sylvia Maywald
		Janet Luestner	Allan Amber
		Shelley Walker	Friederike Ashby-Weiss
	Guitar	Chris Pritchard	David Walker
	Bass / 2nd Guitar		Scott Tilley
Drums / Percussion	Glen Luestner	-	
Technical	Sound Desk	Don Brown	Don Brown
	Data Operator	Samantha Walker	Samantha Walker
	Zoom Production		Paul Howland
Communion	Preparation	No Communion today	Leanne Shirlock
	Servers / Helpers		Ros Howland Lee O’Connell
Engagement	Flowers	Mignon Martin	Jenny Riggall
	Door Greeters	Stella Waugh	Jenny Riggall
		Lee O’Connell	David Riggall
Administration	Building Steward	Richard Read	Paul Howland
	Chair Stewards	Bernie O’Hara	Paul Howland
		John Armstrong	Trevor Goldsmith
	Tick and Flick	Brenton Summers	Lee O’Connell
	Count Offering	Sylvia Maywald	Paul Howland
Glen Luestner		Don Brown	
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.			