



Athelstone Uniting Church Newsletter – Sunday 1 June 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 note from Do Young

Dear Church Family,

This week marks an important event in the life of our church community: Packing Day, a day when we come together to serve, to share, and to love.

First of all, I just want to say a big thank you to everyone who helped make Packing Day happen — whether you prepared, packed, donated, organised, or prayed. Your quiet acts of love and generosity haven't gone unnoticed. We truly appreciate you. Thank you!



We may not know exactly where each box will go, who will receive it, or what it will mean to them. But we send each one out with a prayer: that even in the smallest gift, God's light may be revealed, and that something far greater than we can imagine might unfold.

This year, our Packing Day coincides with National Reconciliation Week, reminding us that this act of giving is part of a bigger story a story of healing, relationship, and hope for our nation. What a beautiful connection.

Let me also share something meaningful I've been working on.

Inspired by the word **P.A.C.K.I.N.G.**, I reflected on what this day is really about:

Prepare, Assist, Care, Kindness, Inspire, Nurture, and Give.

We **PREPARE** each box with love, **ASSIST** those in need with compassion, **CARE** for our neighbours near and far, and fill every package with **KINDNESS**. Through this, we **INSPIRE** hope, **NURTURE** community connections, and **GIVE** as Christ first gave to us.

Isn't that amazing?

Or... here's a slightly more *fun* version:

- **P** – *Prayerfully searching* for the packing tape
(which somehow disappears every 5 minutes...)
- **A** – *Assembling boxes* with the spiritual gift of... trial and error
- **C** – *Counting items*, then recounting,
then asking someone else to count again, just in case
- **K** – *Kneeling... because you dropped something.*
And now you can't get back up without help. (Ouch.)
- **I** – *Inevitably getting tape stuck to itself... again.*
N – *Negotiating the sacred balance between "just right" and "exploding when taped."*
- **G** – *Giving thanks* that there's still pizza and drinks left in the kitchen! (Thanks to Settebello)

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So, I invite you to pause and reflect on what **Packing Day** means to you.
When you do, I believe you'll come to see what I've come to know:

Let's see what *you* would come up with:

P — A — C — K — I — N — G —

(Your turn! Got a great idea? I'd love to hear it!!)

Packing Day is not just about doing, it's about serving. Not just about giving but giving with love. And in that, we discover joy, gratitude, and blessing. Thank you once again for your beautiful service. May God bless you and every box we send out into our sisters and brothers. With gratitude and grace,

Do Young

UPCOMING EVENTS

Packing Day 2025: Be excited, Be involved!

Packing Day is here! **Come along on Sunday 1 June and Monday 2 June** to help pack clothing and household items to send up to remote northern aboriginal communities. Please speak to Jayne Nicholas (0418836266) if you have any queries.

Why we do what we do on packing day:

This letter from Kim McRae is a timely reminder of the impact of our efforts on Packing Day. Kim is the Manager of the Tjunga Team of the NYP Women's Council in Alice Springs.

It was very timely to receive the donated clothes. We have had a lady in hospital in Alice Springs with early onset dementia. She came into town with only the clothes she was wearing. We were able to find some nice things in the boxes and take her a care package to the Hospital, so she doesn't have to stay in a hospital gown the whole time. She told us she feels much better now she has some clothes, her dignity has been restored, and she is feeling less vulnerable.

We have also provided a box of baby clothes to our Child and Family Wellbeing colleagues who were heading out to the Lands this week so I am confident that the clothes will be very well received particularly as the weather is starting to cool down.

We are extremely grateful to you and Allied Pickfords for your ongoing support for our clients and families.

The clothes she is referring to are the 'extra' boxes we pack after the 57 large boxes for our northern, tropical communities. Letters such as these provide encouragement that what we do on Packing Day really makes a difference to people's lives.

See you on Sunday June 1st for a day of fun, fellowship and packing!

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

Please note that currently there are some weeks when we cannot offer the zoom service due to issues surrounding the damage to our building and multi-media equipment. If you find you can't access it one week, then please try again the next and be patient with us.

Services are usually recorded each week. To request a copy please contact the church office.

CONNECT GROUPS

TOFS

Our next TOFS, coffee and chat will be held on Tuesday 3rd June 2pm at Cafe Primo, 151 Glynburn Rd, Firlie.

Wirra – Watch and Wonder

Although parnati/autumn has brought limited rain, the wirra is responding to every little drop that falls. Have you spotted the little green shoots appearing? Amongst the mulch, you'll find the leaves of *Calostemma purpureum*, Garland lily as well as tiny *Bulbine semibarbata*, Annual Bulbine-lily. The Garland lily is unique in that it flowers before the shoots appear, so you've already missed the flowers until next warltati/summer.

Hopefully, we will see a display of Bulbines in wirltuti/spring. Both were prevalent on the Adelaide Plains before urbanisation with the root bulbs/walyu being eating or cooked by the Kaurna.

Come and explore **NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK** activities on the theme, 'Bridging Now to Next' in the wirra from 27 May to 3 June 2025.

Joy and Bruce Stewart



Image 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 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

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

Office Phones – Finally Working!

Just a quick note to let you know Paul Howland has liaised with our phone company, and finally our office phones are back working again! Thank you, Paul!

Church Newsletter – Changing to eNews!

Exciting News! We are updating our newsletter to an e-News format!

Church Council have approved a change to our church newsletter. From next week, we will be changing to a more modern e-Newsletter format that can be read more easily on mobile devices as the information is in the text of the email rather than as a pdf attachment. As an example, think of UC e News, which comes directly to your inbox from UC SA Synod and can be viewed in the email itself and has colourful formatting and buttons for links to other online information etc. If you are one of those few who still rely on our printed newsletter, don't worry – we will still be printing the eNews for you!

Sermon Blog

Do Young has created a sermon blog entitled Together in the Word. You can now view Do Young's sermon reflections each week at the following link: <https://doyoungkimuca.wixsite.com/aucsermon>. Alternatively, to find the link from our website, click on the News and Blogs (and then the Sermon Tab) on our website.

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).

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

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

GM Pilates

Our hirer, GM Pilates, is introducing 2 new class times, with instructor, Tahlia Towers. So, if you do see a new (ish) face around the building on Tuesdays from 7 – 8 pm, and Thursdays from 6.30 – 7.30 am, then this is who it may be!

Church Building Booking Calendar

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

Day	Time	Location	Hirer/User
Sunday 1 June	11 am onwards	Whole Building	Packing Day
Monday 2 June	9.00 – 4.00 pm	Whole Building	Packing Day
Tuesday 3 June	9.30 – 11.30 am	Lower Hall	Gain Momentum Pilates
Tuesday 3 June	7.00 – 8.00 pm	Lower Hall	Gain Momentum Pilates (New Class Time)
Wednesday 4 June	9.30 – 10.30 am	Lower Hall	Gain Momentum Pilates
Thursday 5 June	6.30 – 7.30 am	Lower Hall	Gain Momentum Pilates (New Class Time)
Thursday 5 June	9.45 – 10.45 am	Lower Hall	Gain Momentum Pilates
Thursday 5 June	6.30 – 8.30 pm	Lower Hall	Gain Momentum Pilates
Thursday 5 June	7.00 – 8.00 pm	Auditorium	Worship Practice
Saturday 31 May	9.00 – 11.30 am	Lower Hall	Gain Momentum Pilates
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.

WORSHIP ROSTER

2025		Sun 1 June	Sun 8 June
Preaching & Liturgy	Worship Leader	Di C	Lynton N
	Preacher	Do Young Kim	Do Young Kim
	Pray with Preacher	Glen L	Jennifer C
	Notices	Brenton S	Lee O'C
	Bible Reader	Ann B	Lee O'C
Music Team	Piano / Keyboard	Shelley W	Celine L
	Singers	Janet L	Friederike A-W
		Ann B	Eric H
		Allan A	Sylvia M
	Guitar	Chris P	Chris P
	Bass / 2nd Guitar	Scott T	
	Drums / Percussion	Glen L	
Technical	Sound Desk	Don B	Noel M
	Data Operator	David W	Hayeon K/Di C
	Zoom Production	Tara S	
Communion	Preparation	Friederike A-W	-
	Servers/Helpers	Stella W Eric H	-
Engagement	Flowers	Di C	Raelene A
	Door Greeters	Stella W	David R
		Lee O'C	Jenny R
Administration	Building Steward	Eric H	Noel M
	Chair Stewards	Bernie O'H	Bob S
		John A	Brenton S
	Tick and Flick	Trevor C	Trevor C
	Count Offering	Glen L	Bob S
		David W	Friedericke A-W
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.			