



Athelstone Uniting Church Newsletter – 25 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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Packing Day 2025: Be excited, Be involved!

Packing Day is fast approaching! It is a chance for our church community to co-ordinate the packing of clothing and household items to send up 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.

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!

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

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

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

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 wirrtuti/spring. Both were prevalent on the Adelaide Plains before urbanisation with the root bulbs/walyu being eaten or cooked by the Kurna. *Image Credit:* J & B Stewart

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

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

Potluck Dinner - Thank you!

My thanks and appreciation to all helpers who contributed to the success of last Friday night's Potluck Dinner.

A range of savoury and dessert dishes was enjoyed by all, a great opportunity for social contact with our extended church family.

Julie G

2025 National Festival of Male Choirs

Sunday 25 May 2:00pm	2025 National Festival of Male Choirs Gala Concert 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!	Adelaide Entertainment Centre Theatre Hindmarsh SA
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Tickets \$45/\$55
Ticketek.com.au
On Sale Now!

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

Paul Howland has graciously installed the new modem in the office, but our phones are still not working. There is now an issue from the phone company end that they will hopefully repair in the next few days. So hopefully by the next newsletter I can report that our office phones have been restored. For now, if you need to contact the church office then please email us instead, or call Do Young's mobile for urgent matters.

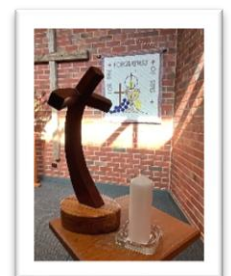
Memory Candle

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 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 26 May	6.30 – 8.30 pm	Lower Hall	Gain Momentum Pilates
Tuesday 27 May	9.30 – 11.30 am	Lower Hall	Gain Momentum Pilates
Wednesday 28 May	9.30 – 10.30 am	Lower Hall	Gain Momentum Pilates
Wednesday 28 May	7.00 – 9.00 pm	Meeting Room	Church Council Meeting
Thursday 29 May	6.30 – 8.30 pm	Lower Hall	Gain Momentum Pilates
Thursday 29 May	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 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 25 May	Sun 1 June
Preaching & Liturgy	Worship Leader	Di Curtis	Di Curtis
	Preacher	Rev Paul Turley	Do Young Kim
	Pray with Preacher	Jeff Dry	Glen Luestner
	Notices	Brenton Summers	Brenton Summers
	Bible Reader	Ann Brown	Ann Brown
Music Team	Piano / Keyboard	Shelley Walker	Shelley Walker
	Singers	Allan Amber	Janet Luestner
		Friederike Ashby-Weiss	Ann Brown
		Ann Brown	Allan Amber
	Guitar	David Walker	Chris Pritchard
	Bass / 2nd Guitar	Scott Tilley	Scott Tilley
	Drums / Percussion		Glen Luestner
Technical	Sound Desk	Don Brown	Don Brown
	Data Operator	Samantha Walker	David Walker
	Zoom Production	Paul Howland	Tara Shirlock
Communion	Preparation	-	Friederike Ashby-Weiss
	Servers/Helpers	-	Stella Waugh Eric Hurrell
Engagement	Flowers	Carole Walter	Di Curtis
	Door Greeters	Coralie Summers	Stella Waugh
		Brenton Summers	Lee O’Connell
Administration	Building Steward	Paul Howland	Eric Hurrell
	Chair Stewards	Trevor Goldsmith	Bernie O’Hara
		Jeff Dry	John Armstrong
	Tick and Flick	Trevor Curtis	Trevor Curtis
	Count Offering	Paul Howland	Glen Luestner
Ray Walter		David Walker	
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.			