

WESLEY NEWS

JULY DIARY DATES

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- Sunday 2nd at 10.00 am**
 Rev Alex Rodgers
Holy Communion
PENTECOST 4
- Sunday 9th at 10.00 am**
 Rev Alex Rodgers
PENTECOST 5
- Monday 10th at 4.00 pm**
Church Council
- Wednesday 12th, 12 noon**
 Alma Hotel
COME-TO-LUNCH
- Sunday 16th at 10.00 am**
 Rev Alex Rodgers
PENTECOST 6
- Wednesday 19th**
Winter/Spring Concert
- Sunday 23rd, at 10.00 am**
 Rev Alex Rodgers
PENTECOST 7
- Friday 28th – Sunday 30th**
Wattle Racing Pedal Prix
- Sunday 30th at 10.00 am**
 Rev Alex Rodgers
PENTECOST 8
- MUSIC @ WESLEY**
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- Choir Practice**
 Wednesday evening, 7.30pm
- ARTS @ WESLEY**
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- Patchworkers & Quilters**
 Monday morning
 Contact Pat 8331 9816
- WESLEY IS HOME TO**
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- Young Adelaide Voices**
Adelaide Harmony Choir
Metropolitan Musical
Theatre Company
Monteverdi Singers

A MESSAGE FROM THE MINISTER

Ministerial Meandering

It is wonderful to have the amazing scientific and technological advances available in the modern world. Computers, mobile phones, large commuter aircraft and media devices have all contributed to making the world a much smaller place.

I have a Foxtel account and part of the deal is the supply of a host of 24 hour news channels. Among them are Fox News, CNN, Aljezera and my favourites the BBC and ABC news channels. These news outlets supply instant contact with breaking news across the globe. Reporters can quickly provide viewers with the details of conflict, politics and events happening as they unfold.

So in the past few weeks I have watched tragedies unfold in all parts of the world. Particularly heart wrenching were the fire in a London high rise apartment building and the massive landslide in China, both of which caused loss of life of ordinary people going about their daily lives.

Every now and again a good news story appears. I remember the story of a twenty year old man in Sudan who had been captured as a small child by one of the many terrorist groups active in Africa and they turned him into a child soldier involved in many acts of murder from the age of 10 until he was freed as a 17 year old. With the loving support of Aid workers in the Sudan this young man became a counsellor and mentor for other young people escaping the terrible life of a child soldier. He began studying to be a psychologist, and though he still has bad dreams about his past, his life has turned around and he has survived.

It would be good to hear more stories like this young man's, but it is the tragic and the terrible which seem to be most newsworthy.

The Creation stories in Genesis tell us that the act of creation was through the Spirit of God moving over the chaos of the uncreated and when God completed each new part of creation, God said that "it was good".

I therefore choose to believe that the creation *is good* and when I begin to doubt that, I sit in a garden for a while, or find my granddaughter and take a great big sniff of her hair, or look at my beautiful wife and watch her grow older with me. Friday the 30th of June was my sixty third birthday and life has been and is good. I hope and pray that you can say the same.

Blessings
 Alex Rodgers

Wesley Uniting Church
 Kent Town



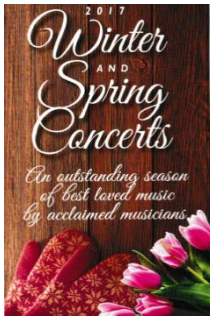
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**UNITING CHURCH IS 40 YEARS OLD**

On Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> June, 2017, Senator Penny Wong moved, that the Senate:

- (a) notes that 22 June 2017 is the 40th anniversary of the service of inauguration of the Uniting Church in Australia;
- (b) observes this day when members of the Congregational Union of Australia, the Methodist Church of Australasia and the Presbyterian Church of Australia entered into union in 1977;
- (c) congratulates the Uniting Church on attaining this significant milestone;
- (d) recognises the contribution of the Uniting Church, its agencies and its members have made to Australian society since its founding;
- (e) acknowledges that the Uniting Church has chosen togetherness in faith to be of utmost importance, with members committed to living as one diverse community, despite often differing views; and
- (f) expresses its hope that the Uniting Church continues to experience renewal in faith and its mission of unity as it celebrates 40 years as a uniquely Australian church.

## WINTER/SPRING 2017 CONCERT SERIES



The first of our popular series of concerts will be held on Wednesday, 19<sup>th</sup> July 2017 and features Soprano, Cassandra Humble and organist, Graham Bell. Tickets are available at the door for \$10. Afternoon Tea will be available in the Mark Symons hall following the concert. It would be appreciated if members could contribute a plate of food.

### COME-TO-LUNCH

Our next luncheon will be held at the **Alma Hotel** on **Wednesday, 12<sup>th</sup> July at 12 noon**. Please note that the lunches have moved to the second Wednesday of each month to avoid clashing with the Concert series. We hope you can join us next time.

### REPAIRS TO SOUTH-WEST WALL OF CHURCH

On the advice of the builder who will undertake the restoration, repairs will be undertaken in two stages. A cherry picker will be used to access the gutters and repair the flashing so that water cannot leak into the walls. Once winter is over and the wall has dried out, the stone mason will repair the crack and replaster the interior wall. This stage will be undertaken towards the end of the year.

We extend our thanks to all those who have generously donated to the appeal. If you would still like to contribute there are envelopes available in the porch or you can give your donation directly to the treasurer, Ivan Miller.

### CARETAKER

The church council is pleased to advise that a new caretaker will soon take up residence in the cottage His name is Steven Kay and he has lived in the area for several years. Steven is very enthusiastic about commencing as caretaker and looks forward to getting to know us and sharing in our community life. He has considerable experience in security, and property and garden maintenance.

### BOOKCASE FOR MINISTER'S VESTRY

Rev Alex Rodgers would like to have a bookcase in the vestry. If you have one that you no longer need and are willing to donate, can you please let Alex or Mark Symons know? It needs to be one that will blend with other furniture in this room.

### STUDY GROUP

Rev Alex Rodgers is planning a study series. If you are interested in participating, please speak to Alex.

### WATTLE RACING PEDAL PRIX VISIT

On the weekend of 16<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> June, we hosted 'Wattle Racing' pedal prix team, an official outreach ministry of Eaglehawk Uniting Church, Victoria. They bunked down in the Mark Symons hall and were able to use shower facilities at PAC. We enjoyed sharing a barbecue tea with them on the Saturday night. It was a successful visit for them with 2 of their teams taking out first place. They will be back with us again at the end of the month and members of the congregation are invited to come and meet them and share the meal on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> July.



## CHURCH ANNIVERSARY

The 152<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary Service is planned for Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> August 2017. Please mark this date in your diary and invite family, friends and past members to help us celebrate this special day.

### NEWS OF OUR PEOPLE

**Penelope Hackett-Jones** has spent 4 days in Athens, visiting the new Acropolis Museum - quite overwhelming and a beautiful work of architecture in itself - and seeing the new excavations at Marathon. She is spending 4 days on the island of Naxos, with lots of Northern Europeans on holiday, who seem to like



getting very sunburnt. She will visit her daughter Mary in Istanbul, with her husband Gabby and the 2 babies, Arthur (2) and Frederick (6 months), who were both baptised at Wesley. **Mac & Margaret Macdonald** sent greetings to all the folk at Wesley Kent Town from Lisbon, Portugal. We look forward to their return at the end of the month. **Pam & David George** are currently enjoying a Baltic cruise. On their return they will head north in their caravan for a few months. **Graham & KK Stacey** will be going home to Singapore on 11<sup>th</sup> July. It will be a good opportunity for KK to catch up with her family. The good news is that they will be back with us in a month's time. **Joan Atkinson** is recovering well from her hip replacement surgery. We have been delighted to see her in church again and she even made it to the Come-to-Lunch last month. We missed **John Beard** recently when he was laid low because of a bad allergic reaction to some medication. **Beth Pitman** has also been on the sick list but she is quite well again now. **Doug Stewart** underwent some heart surgery which went very smoothly, and with a little rest he will be soon be able to resume normal activities.

Others who need to be remembered in our prayers are **Annis Bennett, Naomi & Frank Bryant, Raelene Chelley, Catherine Courtney, Robin & John Douglass, and Margaret & Dal Harkness.**

### JUST A THOUGHT

I have found that if you love life, life will love you back.

*Arthur Rubinstein*

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