

WESLEY NEWS

**JUNE
DIARY DATES**

Sunday 4th at 10.00 am

Rev Alex Rodgers
Holy Communion
PENTECOST

Sunday 11th at 10.00 am

Rev Alex Rodgers
TRINITY SUNDAY

Monday 12th at 4.00 pm

Church Council

Friday 16th – Sunday 18th

Wattle Racing Pedal Prix

Sunday 18th at 10.00 am

Rev Alex Rodgers
PENTECOST 2

Wednesday 21st, 12 noon

Alma Hotel
COME-TO-LUNCH

Wednesday 21st

UCA ANNIVERSARY

Sunday 25th, at 10.00 am

Rev Alex Rodgers
PENTECOST 3

MUSIC @ WESLEY

Choir Practice

Wednesday evening at
7.30pm

ARTS @ WESLEY

Patchworkers & Quilters

Monday morning
Contact Pat 8331 9816

WESLEY IS HOME TO

Young Adelaide Voices
Adelaide Harmony Choir
Metropolitan Musical
Theatre Company
Monteverdi Singers

"When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them."
Acts 2: v 1-4



A MESSAGE FROM THE MINISTER

Meanderings

Ants are amazing things – they are all over the place – just when you think you have got rid of them, they seem to find another way of getting into your house and making a meal of the bits of food left lying around. I have even found them in a sealed plastic container of icing sugar alive and well, with no obvious means of entry or exit. They can carry more than fifty times their own weight, and, if you drop them on the floor from any height (within reason) they cheerfully pick themselves up and go back about their business as if they didn't have a care in the world.



As I write this, I watch an ant scurrying across my desk, in spite of the fact that I have previously squashed, flicked and pulverised at least twenty of his compatriots over the past hour and a half. I have sprayed the surrounding windows, floor and walls with 'Baygon high performance crawling

insect surface spray' which claims to be specially formulated to deal all known creepy crawlies instant and permanent loss of life.

I have moved my desk (and everything on it) to try and identify where these ants are entering the study without success and the moment I returned everything to normal, another ant appeared on the desk top with all the swagger of Sir Edmond Hilary standing atop Mount Everest.

I have come to the conclusion that these are special ants trained in the same attributes as members of the SAS and the US Special Forces. I am waiting any moment for a hail of ant sized weaponry to explode in my direction in retaliation for my war on their ant colleagues. I am thinking seriously of surrender.

Nature is remarkable. It has the ability to repair and renew itself constantly. Here in Australia we see that in the way that the bush is restored very quickly after the most devastating of bushfires – already in Victoria many of the trees burnt in those terrible, recent fires are showing signs of regeneration.

At Easter time we celebrate that sense of renewal as it is made real in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus – a mystery beyond understanding that God became part of human history to show the depth of love in our relationship with God. These ants remind me of that mystery – there are realities in life that are beyond our intellectual grasp – so we simply accept them and be thankful for the benefits...

Peace and blessings.....Alex (P.S. another one just walked across the computer keyboard!!!)

Rev Alex Rodgers

Wesley Uniting Church
Kent Town



INDUCTION SERVICE

The induction of Rev Alexander Rodgers, held on Monday evening, 1st May 2017 was a very happy occasion. In the congregation were many of our own members and some of Alex's family, representatives of presbytery, the headmaster and chaplain of PAC, past parishioners of Alex from Prospect and Brougham Place Uniting Churches, as well as some former students of



Alex from Scotch College. Pastor Wendy Perkins led the worship with Rev Philip Gardner as the preacher. Uniting Church SA Moderator, Rev Sue Ellis was also in attendance.

The picture shows Rev Alex introducing his wife Elaine to the congregation.

Rev Alex has settled in quickly and has already officiated at his first wedding. We are enjoying getting to know him and appreciating his easy going manner and sense of humour. Alex is working in the minister's vestry on most days and welcomes people calling in to say hello.

COME-TO-LUNCH

Our next luncheon will be held at the **Alma Hotel** on **Wednesday, 21st June** at **12 noon**. A group of 20 people attended the May luncheon and everyone enjoyed themselves immensely. Please plan to join us next time and enjoy the company.



WINTER/SPRING 2017 CONCERT SERIES



This year's series of concerts is in the planning stage and we are grateful to Mark Symons who has been busy contacting organists and guest artists. The concerts will be held on the third Wednesday of each month from July through to November so you might want to enter these in your diary. More

information will be available in the next newsletter.

REPAIRS TO SOUTH-WEST WALL OF CHURCH

The response to the appeal to repair the South-Western wall of the church has been outstanding and we are very close to reaching our target. Updated quotations for the work have been sought and we expect that work will be able to commence in the near future.

We thank those who have donated, for their generosity. 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.

JUST A THOUGHT



It is not enough to be **busy**. So are the ants. The question is, "What are we busy about?" – *Henry David Thoreau*

WATTLE RACING PEDAL PRIX VISIT

After the success of last year's visit, the Church Council has again agreed to host 'Wattle Racing', a pedal prix team which is an official outreach ministry of Eaglehawk Uniting Church, Victoria. They will stay in the halls from Friday 16th June to Sunday 18th June, and again in July. We plan to provide a barbecue tea for them on the Saturday night and invite members of the congregation to share this meal and make them feel welcome.



NEWS OF OUR PEOPLE

Linda Nicholls will celebrate her 105th Birthday at the end of this month. She is now in Residential Care at ACH at Hope Valley and is in remarkably good health for her age. What a wonderful achievement!

We are pleased to welcome home both **Margaret Harkness** and **Ron McKay-Smith** who have both been on their respective holidays in the United Kingdom. **Mac & Margaret Macdonald** are still travelling in England, Scotland and Spain and we will have to wait for a couple of months yet until they will be back with us. Rev Alex Rodgers is very much looking forward to Mac's return. **Beryl Kennett** returns home shortly and we look forward to seeing her again soon. **Deborah White** will be travelling to Italy this month for her annual visit. She has a small villa in Umbria and spends 3 months there each year, enjoying the warmer weather and attending musical festivals. We will miss her greatly from the choir.

Raelene Chelley has undergone surgery on her shoulder and **Joan Atkinson** has had a hip replacement. We hope their surgery is successful and that they will experience improved, pain-free mobility once they have recuperated. **Doug Stewart** is feeling quite a bit better now that he is receiving the right treatment and is appreciative of the extra energy he now has. **Graham & KK Stacey** picked up a nasty respiratory virus which has laid them low, but with their resilience they are confident of being back to full strength soon. We assure them all that they are in our thoughts and prayers.

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

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