

WESLEY NEWS

AUGUST DIARY DATES

Sunday 6th at 10.00 am

Rev Alex Rodgers

Holy Communion

PENTECOST 9

Wednesday 9th, 12 noon

Alma Hotel

COME-TO-LUNCH

Sunday 13th at 10.00 am

Rev Alex Rodgers

CHURCH ANNIVERSARY

PENTECOST 10

Monday 14th at 4.00 pm

Church Council

Wednesday 16th at 2.00 pm

Winter/Spring Concert

Sunday 20th at 10.00 am

Rev Alex Rodgers

PENTECOST 11

Sunday 27th at 10.00 am

Rev Alex Rodgers

PENTECOST 12

MUSIC @ WESLEY

Choir Practice

Wednesday evening, 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

A MESSAGE FROM THE MINISTER

Ministerial Meandering

I have just finished reading two books – one I call my bed book because I read it in bed at night, and the other is my WC book because....well I'll leave that one to your imagination!

The first book is a story about ex-Prime Minister Tony Abbot's fall from grace and replacement by our present PM. The other book tells the story of the rise and fall of Cardinal George Pell from the streets of Ballarat to the basilicas of the Vatican and Rome and then all the way back again.

It would appear that both of these men desired power from a very young age and did all they could to gain power as quickly as possible. In order to gain that power they seem to have been willing to trample over other people on their way up.

Cardinal Pell and ex-PM Tony Abbot both reached as high as is possible in their careers, and then have come crashing down. Mr. Abbot seems to have fallen because he found it very difficult to listen to the advice of people around him – and Cardinal Pell appears to have suffered from the same problem.

It is a characteristic of many people who have reached the highest levels of power in their careers to believe that they alone have absolute knowledge of right and wrong. They also seem to have the ability to find excuses to explain the times when they seem to have got things wrong.

The greatest problem is that for those who wield the sort of power of Prime Ministers and senior Cardinals, when they get things wrong other people are hurt. When Mr. Abbot got tax or employment legislation wrong it was the poor who suffered. When Cardinal Pell looked the other way and allowed a paedophile priest to escape justice it was the weak who suffered.

I have no sympathy for those who have used and abused power given to them and then fallen from grace. The Gospels clearly indicate that Jesus had a preference for the poor and the powerless. Cardinal Pell clearly stands as a Christian 'Prince' of the Church and Mr Abbot constantly claimed to be a Christian. When you make the claim to live by Christian principles then you must be judged by them also....

Blessings

Alex Rodgers

Wesley Uniting Church

Kent Town



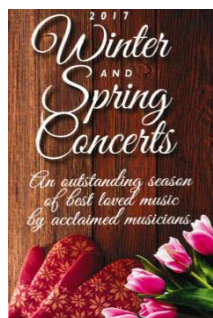
HAPPY BIRTHDAY WESLEY KENT TOWN

On **Sunday 13th August, 2017** we celebrate 152 years of faithful witness and service in the local community. There will be a special celebratory service of worship at **10.00 am** followed by morning tea in the Susannah Wesley Hall where there will be an opportunity to chat and reminisce. Rev Alex Rodgers will be the worship leader with support from an augmented Wesley choir led by organist and choir master, Graham Bell.

We hope to make this a Special Day so please mark the date in your diary and invite family, friends and past members to come along.



WINTER/SPRING 2017 CONCERT SERIES



Our next concert will be held on **Wednesday, 16th August 2017**, at **2.00 pm** and features violinist, Kate Worley and organist, Andrew Ampt. 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. The first concert held last month was very well attended with over 100 in the audience, and all present greatly appreciated the fine music presented.

COME-TO-LUNCH

Our next luncheon will be held at the **Alma Hotel** on **Wednesday, 9th August** 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

Quotes are a little slow coming in, but we expect work to commence in the near future on the first stage, which is to repair the guttering and flashing. This second stage will be undertaken towards the end of the year.

NEW CARPET IN SUSANNAH WESLEY HALL

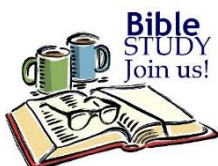
Thanks to the generosity of two of our members, new wall to wall carpet will be laid in the Susannah Wesley Hall at the beginning of the month. This will greatly improve the appearance of this room which is such a focal point of our hospitality.

CARETAKER

Steven Kay, our new caretaker has been with us for almost a month now and has settled in very well. We have been very appreciative of having Steve around to assist with the myriad of tasks and looking after security. Doug Stewart is his official supervisor so if there are any jobs that you would like to see attended to, please speak to Doug rather than directly to Steve so that work can be prioritised. You may have noticed how neat and tidy the rose garden is after Steve spent many hours weeding it thoroughly.

STUDY GROUP

Rev Alex Rodgers is planning a study series which he anticipates will commence in August. The time which seems to suit most people is on a Tuesday between 10.00 am and 12.00 noon. More news will be forthcoming soon.



WATTLE RACING PEDAL PRIX VISIT

On the weekend of 28th – 30th July, we again hosted ‘Wattle Racing’ pedal prix team, an official outreach ministry of Eaglehawk Uniting Church, Victoria. We were pleased to see them, and some of our folk shared a barbecue tea with them on the Saturday night. We look forward to seeing them on future occasions.

WESLEY CHOIR

Do you value our choir and organ? Well on Sunday 23rd July it almost didn't happen because organist/choir director, Graham Bell and 3 of the choir members all came down with a winter virus and choir practice had to be cancelled. We recruited the help of Janet Martin and Yvonne Sinclair and fortunately all but one of the regulars made it on Sunday morning, so the show went on. Joan Atkinson also made it back too. Yvonne Sinclair sang a beautiful rendition of ‘How Lovely are Thy Dwellings’ as a solo which everyone enjoyed immensely.

NEWS OF OUR PEOPLE

Deborah White sends greetings from Italy where she is spending her annual 3 months in her restored stone farmhouse in the Umbrian Apennines. Italy is suffering a record heat wave and drought, with serious fires in the south/central regions, often deliberately lit. No fires (so far) in her district, but it has rained only once in 2 months and local farmers are suffering. Summer is festival season (Perugia, Sansepolcro, Arezzo, Monterchi, Cortona ...). Every July, Deborah especially enjoys the Anghiari Festival, a week of classical concerts in churches and piazzas around the Upper Tiber Valley. The photo shows the Pieve di Sovara, a small Romanesque parish church and its attached buildings outside Anghiari, with sunflowers in the foreground, the second most common crop in those parts.



This month we are glad to welcome home **Mac & Margaret Macdonald**, **Graham & KK Stacey** and **Penelope Hackett-Jones**. **Beth Pitman** has been on the sick list as have **Azalea Goldsworthy** and **Robin & John Douglas**. We also miss **Annis Bennett**, **Naomi & Frank Bryant**, **Raelene Chelley**, **Catherine Courtney**, **Dal Harkness** and **Linda Nicholls** from regular worship but assure them that we think of them often.

JUST A THOUGHT

Before I got married I had six theories about bringing up children; now I have six children and no theories.

John Wilmot

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