

WESLEY NEWS

NOVEMBER DIARY DATES

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- Wednesday 1st**
ALL SAINTS DAY
- Sunday 5th at 10.00 am**
Rev Alex Rodgers &
Rev Mac Macdonald
HOLY COMMUNION
PENTECOST 22
- Wednesday 8th, 12 noon**
Alma Hotel
COME-TO-LUNCH
- Saturday 11th**
REMEMBRANCE DAY
- Sunday 12th at 10.00 am**
Rev Alex Rodgers
PENTECOST 23
- Monday 13th at 4.00 pm**
CHURCH COUNCIL
- Wednesday 15th, 2.00 pm**
WINTER/SPRING
CONCERT
- Sunday 19th at 10.00 am**
Rev Alex Rodgers
PENTECOST 24
- Sunday 26th at 10.00 am**
Rev Alex Rodgers
CHRIST THE KING

MUSIC @ WESLEY

Choir Practice
Wednesday night, 7.30pm

ARTS @ WESLEY

Patchworkers & Quilters
Monday morning
Contact Pat on 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

During the First World War a number of young men in each of the combatant nations became well known for their poetry. Rupert Brooke, Siegfried Sassoon, Robert Graves and the greatest of all Wilfred Owen were just some of the British poets whose writings seemed to encapsulate the terrible tragedy they were living through. Probably the best known poem from the First World War is the poem from which people recite the second verse during services on Remembrance day and ANZAC day. Best known as "the ode" but really entitled "for the fallen" it was written by Laurence Binyon. The whole poem is written below:

*They went with songs to the battle, they were young,
Straight of limb, true of eyes, steady and aglow,
They were staunch to the end against odds uncounted,
They fell with their faces to the foe.*

*They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning,
We will remember them.*

*They mingle not with their laughing comrades again;
They sit no more at familiar tables of home;
They have no lot in our labour of the day-time;
They sleep beyond England's foam*

The poem was written while Binyon was sitting in a field looking out over the sea toward France a few days after the original BEF sailed from England in late August 1914. Binyon was too old to serve at the front, but he went to France as a Stretcher Bearer and got some idea what the war was really like.

Poets like Binyon and the others mentioned above soon ceased using old fashioned images of war and began to write much more realistic and terrible poetry like Owen's deeply moving poem *Dulce et decorum est*.

As we turn our minds toward Remembrance Day it is important to remember that War is not a chivalrous and honourable activity, but the most hellish thing humans can be involved in. For me this fact makes the sacrifice of all those men and women who die in warfare more potent and more deserving recognition.

Lest we forget..

Blessings,
Alex Rodgers

Wesley Uniting Church
Kent Town



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NEWS OF OUR PEOPLE

Ben Price and family travelled to Brisbane recently where daughter, **Annaleise** competed in the National Cheer-Leading Competitions. Annaleise came third in one event in the under 8 section and gained first place in another. Congratulations! We are pleased to welcome **Beryl Kennett** back home after her trip to New Zealand and Melbourne. **Ian Chessell** has made an excellent recovery from his hip operation and is managing to drive occasionally again. He was able to come to the Church barbecue where he made a very good contribution to the singing. **Azalea Goldsworthy** has recovered from an extended illness and is delighted to be back at worship services and joining in activities again. **John Douglass** is currently in respite at Regis Aged Care in Linden Park, and wife, **Robin**, is adjusting to living alone. They both miss the services and beautiful music at Wesley.

Others whom we miss and think of often in our prayers are **Annis Bennett, Naomi & Frank Bryant, Catherine Courtney, Dal Harkness, Linda Nicholls** and **Rosanne & Graham Pillar**.

WINTER/SPRING 2017 CONCERT SERIES



Our final concert for 2017 will be held on **Wednesday, 15th November 2017**, at **2.00 pm**. It features violinist, Janet Anderson and organist, John Hall. 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 for afternoon tea.

COME-TO-LUNCH

The next luncheon will be held at the **Alma Hotel** on **Wednesday, 8th November** at **12 noon**. We hope you can join the group and share in an enjoyable meal and a time of fellowship together. It is planned to share in a Christmas Dinner at the Alma in December. Please let Trevor Leane know if you would like to participate so that he can book tables for us.

STUDY GROUP



A new study series, with a focus on 'Advent', and led by the Rev Alex Rodgers, will commence on Tuesday, 7th November, 2017. Sessions will take place **each Tuesday in November from 10.00 am to 12 noon** in the Susannah Wesley hall. This will be another great opportunity to explore ideas and grow in faith. We usually enjoy some lunch together afterwards which adds to the occasion.



BARBECUE & SING-A-LONG

Members of the congregation shared a barbecue tea on Friday, 27th October. We express our thanks for the generosity of those who provided the delicious food. Following the meal we all joined in a sing-a-long, with everyone being in fine voice. A most enjoyable evening was had by all who attended.



ADVENT & CHRISTMAS

Advent commences in December. Please make a note of the following special events in the Church.

PAC Christmas Carols Service

Monday 4th December at 7.00pm featuring the combined PAC and Wesley Choirs

Christmas Carol Service

Sunday 24th December at 10.00am featuring an augmented Wesley Choir

Christmas Day Service

Monday 25th December at 9.00am

TAKE TIME TO SMELL THE ROSES

The roses at the front of the church are in full bloom and looking beautiful. Many people, who walk past the Church, comment on how much they enjoy them.



JUST A THOUGHT

Courage is not the absence of fear, but rather the recognition that something else is more important than fear.

Ambrose Redmoon

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