

WESLEY NEWS

OCTOBER DIARY DATES

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Sunday 1st at 10.00 am
 Rev Alex Rodgers
HOLY COMMUNION
PENTECOST 17

Sunday 8th at 10.00 am
 Rev Mac Macdonald
PENTECOST 18

Monday 9th at 4.00 pm
CHURCH COUNCIL

Wednesday 11th, 12 noon
 Alma Hotel
COME-TO-LUNCH

Sunday 15th at 10.00 am
 Rev Alex Rodgers
PENTECOST 19

Wednesday 18th, 2.00 pm
WINTER/SPRING
CONCERT

Sunday 22nd at 10.00 am
 Rev Alex Rodgers
PENTECOST 20

Sunday 29nd at 10.00 am
 Rev Alex Rodgers
PENTECOST 21

MUSIC @ WESLEY

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Choir Practice
 Wednesday night, 7.30pm

ARTS @ WESLEY

.....
Patchworkers & Quilters
 Monday morning
 Contact Pat on 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

Another gun tragedy in the United States! This time we are told that the man responsible was not that sort of person. However, the police announced that he had nearly 40 guns, explosives and 30000 rounds of ammunition in his home and at the hotel where he did the shooting. It seems to me that he clearly was the sort of person who would do this sort of thing. He had also had the weapons in his room adapted to fire at a higher rate and with more accuracy than they would have had when they were purchased.

Sometimes it might seem that the world is “going to hell in a handbasket” what with all the other terrible things happening in Africa, South and Central America and in Myanmar (Burma). Not so long ago I was talking with a couple wanting to get married and when we came to talk about their expectations for children they said they did not want to have children with the world the way it is today. That set my mind back to the times when Elaine and I got married in the 1970’s when a significant number of our friends refused to have children because of the threat of nuclear war.

It is sad that we feel we need to change the way we live because of the bad things that happen around us. For instance, the crime figures in Australia have generally been falling or staying steady, yet so many (especially older people) feel that they need to take precautions to protect themselves that it changes their lifestyle to the extent that they lose touch with family and friends and the world around them.

I have said many times that the world is essentially good, and so are people. We should not let the tragedies that take place change the fundamental belief that the Universe was created, as the first chapter of Genesis states, to be good. The evidence of this is in the immediate aftermath of these events when we hear of the bravery of people who risked their lives to help others out of the dangerous situation. The media has also shown how ordinary people responded to the tragedy in Las Vegas by standing in huge lines to donate blood, those who have given practical support to the survivors and their loved ones, and the bravery of the “first responders” to the tragedy. This is always what happens after these events.

So let’s concentrate on the recognition that, the great majority of good things that happen in society and do not get reported in the media are the reality of human nature, and not the single evil event that fills the media for days on end. The World is good, people are essentially good and as the 60’s song said “what the world needs now is love, sweet love.” Couldn’t have said it better myself!

Blessings,
 Alex Rodgers

Wesley Uniting Church
 Kent Town



This is part of a reflection that appeared in UC e-News.

He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God. – Micah 6:8

Pleasing God and living by His ‘rules’ is simple. Commit today to love God with everything you have, to love others as you love yourself, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God. Ask God to help you in these things.

IN MEMORIUM

It was with sadness that we received the news that Steve Lengyel, a former member of this church, had passed away. Steve sang in the Wesley choir as did his three daughters. We extend our sincere sympathy to his wife, Elizabeth and the rest of Steve's family.

WINTER/SPRING 2017 CONCERT SERIES



Our next concert will be on **Wednesday, 18th October 2017**, at **2.00 pm** and features baritone, Douglas M^cNicol and flautist, Madeleine Stewart. 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.

The last concert presented by Marryatville High School Music Ensembles was enjoyed immensely by those in attendance. It was wonderful to see such talent displayed by a group of young people.

COME-TO-LUNCH

The next luncheon will be held at the **Alma Hotel** on **Wednesday, 11th September** at **12 noon**. We hope you can join the group and enjoy some lively conversation. Please let Trevor Leane know if you plan to attend.

STUDY GROUP



The 4 session study series, entitled "the Nature of God" led by the Rev Alex Rodgers has concluded. This was

attended by about 10 of our members, all of whom found it very interesting and beneficial. Thanks to the generosity of KK Stacey and Beryl Kennett, the group shared in lunch together after each session.



Alex is planning another series later in the year so please look for further news about that. It will be another great opportunity to share ideas and grow in faith as a spiritual community.

WEBSITE

Have you looked at our new website lately? It features the beautiful stained glass window at the front of the church. You can visit it at www.wesleykenttown.org.au.



AN EVENT OF INTEREST

There will be a **concert** at **St David's Church**, 490 Glynburn Road, Burnside on **Sunday 15th October** at **3.00 pm**. Artists performing will be Trudie Jackson (soprano), Bill Jackson (bass/baritone) and Ray Booth (pianist/organist).

WORKING BEE

A group of our people gathered together to help our caretaker, Steve Kay, spread mulch on the front rose gardens. The roses are showing lots of new spring growth and new buds will soon burst into bloom. The group comprised Trevor Leane, Ivan Miller, Graham and KK Stacey, Doug and Jenny Stewart, Deborah White and Jenny and Doug's young grandson, Joshua.



NEWS OF OUR PEOPLE

Graham & KK Stacey made a short trip to the Barossa Valley recently and enjoyed themselves very much. KK was at first dubious about the rustic setting but found their cabin accommodation very tasteful and comfortable. **Beryl Kennett** is looking forward to taking a 2 week cruise around New Zealand and will also spend a short time in Melbourne. **Ian Chessell** is making a good recovery from his hip operation. We look forward to seeing him and **Diana** at church again soon. We have missed them. **Raelene Chelley** is back with us again and reports the good news that her shoulder operation appears to have been successful this time.



Trevor Leane visited both **Annis Bennett** and **Linda Nichols** recently and found them in good spirits and comfortable in their respective homes. They send their love to everyone.



Others to remember in your prayers are **Naomi & Frank Bryant**, **Catherine Courtney**, **Robin & John Douglas**, **Azalea Goldsworthy**, **Dal Harkness**, and **Rosanne & Graham Pillar**.

JUST A THOUGHT

Life is really simple but we insist on making it complicated.

Confucious

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