

WESLEY NEWS

SEPTEMBER DIARY DATES

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- Sunday 3rd at 10.00 am**
 Rev Alex Rodgers
Holy Communion
PENTECOST 13
- Tuesday 5th, 10 – 12 noon**
“NATURE OF GOD” STUDY
- Sunday 10th at 10.00 am**
 Rev Alex Rodgers
PENTECOST 14
- Monday 11th at 4.00 pm**
Church Council
- Tuesday 12th, 10 – 12 noon**
“NATURE OF GOD” STUDY
- Wednesday 13th, 12 noon**
 Alma Hotel
COME-TO-LUNCH
- Sunday 17th at 10.00 am**
 Rev Alex Rodgers
PENTECOST 15
- Wednesday 20th at 2.00 pm**
Winter/Spring Concert
- Sunday 24th at 10.00 am**
 Rev Alex Rodgers
PENTECOST 16
MUSIC @ WESLEY
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Choir Practice
 Wednesday evening, 7.30pm

ARTS @ WESLEY

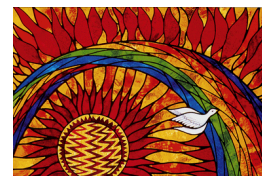
Patchworkers & Quilters
 Monday morning
 Contact Pat on 8331 9816

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



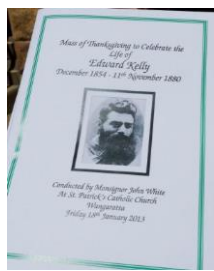
I am just in the process of finishing my latest book. It is a biography of Ned Kelly’s mother Ellen. Well, to be completely accurate it is the story of the Kelly family from their roots in Ireland through till Ellen’s death. The book has a lot of photographs I had never seen before, including some very graphic pictures of the remains of Ned’s gang who were killed in the shootout at the Glenrowan pub.

I have been very interested in the story of Ned Kelly and his family over the years and I was able to spend some time last year visiting some of the significant sites in the Kelly gang’s short but intense history. The site of the shootout at Glenrowan is just a small paddock you would be unlikely to take any notice of unless you knew its significance. It seems strange to me that no effort has been made to turn the site into some sort of museum or visitor information centre.

The other place I visited was the site of the murder of constable Fitzpatrick at Stringybark Creek near Mansfield in the Victorian high country. This place is very interesting to visit as it has a number of information placards describing what happened and where. The visitor can follow the action and stand where Ned, his gang and the police were during the action.

There is a real sense of history at Stringybark Creek and at Glenrowan that gives the person interested in history real chills.

Ned Kelly was a young man of mixed emotions – he could be charming and helpful to people in need, yet if crossed he was a cold blooded killer.



He was a Roman Catholic and after his capture at Glenrowan he spent quite some time with various priests talking about faith but he never expressed regret for the killings of police officers and he went to his death quite unrepentant for much of what he had done. The story is a very interesting one and well worth a bit of time looking in to.

Order of Service booklet for a Thanksgiving Mass to celebrate the life of Ned Kelly, held at Wangaratta on 13th January, 2013.

Blessings
 Alex Rodgers

Wesley Uniting Church
 Kent Town



Sunday 3rd September is Father’s Day.



This reflection appeared in UC e-News.

Fathers are special people. Their bonding with children begins once they are born; in awe of their new creation, charged with a great responsibility to raise this child. Fathers give us support. Laugh with us. Cry with us. Play sport with us. Raise us.

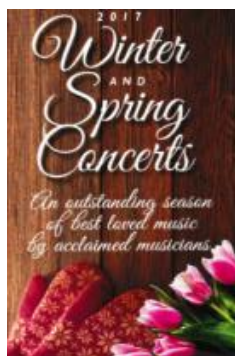
Just as earthly fathers fulfil this role, so too does God, our heavenly Father.

CHURCH ANNIVERSARY

We celebrated our 152nd Anniversary with a special service on 13th August. Rev Alex Rodgers was the worship leader and was assisted by an augmented choir who presented some delightful music. We were pleased that Mr Bradley Fenner, headmaster of PAC, and Mrs Fenner were present as well as the local member of state parliament, Hon. Steven Marshall. A delicious morning tea followed the service, and appropriately, Jean Lang cut the birthday cake.



WINTER/SPRING 2017 CONCERT SERIES



Our next concert will be held on **Wednesday, 20th September 2017**, at **2.00 pm** and features the Marryatville High School Music Ensemble who will present a varied program. 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, 12th September** at **12 noon**. This is always a happy event and a great opportunity to get to know one another better. We hope you can join us. Please let Trevor Leane know if you plan to attend.

REPAIRS TO SOUTH-WEST WALL OF CHURCH

The first stage to repair the guttering and flashing has been completed. The second stage will be undertaken towards the end of the year when the wall has had a chance to dry out thoroughly. The photo shows the scissor lift that was used to access the area of guttering requiring repair.



STUDY GROUP

Rev Alex Rodgers is currently leading a study series entitled "the Nature of God". These are being held in the Susannah Wesley Hall on Tuesday mornings from 10.00 am to 12 noon. Nine members of the congregation participated in the first session and all found it very worthwhile. KK Stacey kindly supplied some sandwiches so that everyone was able to share some lunch together afterwards. There is plenty of room for others to join in at any time and Alex would be pleased to see you there.



BOOKCASES FOR MINISTER'S VESTRY

Jean Lang kindly donated two bookcases that have been installed in the vestry. They complement the furnishings in the room and Rev Alex is delighted to have somewhere to store some of his vast collection of books. Jean also donated two carved pedestals for use in the church too. Thank you Jean!

CARETAKER



Steven Kay, our new caretaker, has settled in well and is enjoying being part of our community. He is in charge of gardening, general maintenance, and security of the premises.

NEWS OF OUR PEOPLE

Ian Chessell will be having a hip replacement this month. We wish him a speedy recovery. He is encouraged by Joan Atkinson's good recovery from the same procedure. We were pleased to see **Beth Pitman** again recently but unfortunately she has not been well again. Others to remember in your prayers are **Annis Bennett, Naomi & Frank Bryant, Raelene Chelley, Catherine Courtney, Robin & John Douglas Azalea Goldsworthy, Dal Harkness, David Kennett, Linda Nicholls and Rosanne & Graham Pillar.**

JUST A THOUGHT

The secret of happiness, you see, is not found in seeking more, but in developing the capacity to enjoy less.

Socrates

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