

WESLEY NEWS

MARCH DIARY DATES

Sunday 4th at 10.00 am
 Rev Alex Rodgers &
 Rev Mac Macdonald
Holy Communion
 LENT 3

Thursday 8th at 2.00pm
CHURCH COUNCIL

Sunday 11th at 10.00 am
 Rev Alex Rodgers
 LENT 4

Wednesday 14th, 12 noon
 Alma Hotel
COME-TO-LUNCH

Sunday 18th at 10.00 am
 Rev Alex Rodgers
 LENT 5
 AGM of Congregation

Sunday 25th at 10.00 am
 Special Choral Service
 PALM SUNDAY

Tuesday 27th at 7.00 pm
 TENEBRAE
 Stations of the Cross

Friday 30th at 9.00 am
 Rev Alex Rodgers
 GOOD FRIDAY

MUSIC @ WESLEY

Choir Practice
 Wednesday night, 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 Meanderings

We are in the period of the Christian Calendar known as **Lent**. Lent has been over the centuries of Christian belief, a time to contemplate the meaning of the approaching celebration of Easter. Initially it was simply a time for Christians to prepare themselves emotionally and spiritually for the most important week in a Christian's life.

As the years progressed the Church began to teach that Lent was a period for Christians to try and begin to understand the sacrifice of Jesus by giving something significant up for Lent. To begin with people took this very seriously and tried to find a way to 'suffer' as Jesus did. This still happens today in some cultures where Christians actually act out some of the sufferings of Jesus by self-flagellation or allowing themselves to be nailed to a cross as Jesus was.

Most people in western cultures no longer take this aspect of Easter seriously and simply try to give up something simple like bananas or chocolate!

Imogen (*sorry my granddaughter wanted to type her name!!*)

I think for most of us Lent should be a time when we make the effort to take our prayer life more seriously and take the time to read about an aspect of our faith and belief we might not otherwise take an interest in.

It is the one time of the year that we should make the effort to place our faith at the forefront of our lives

Blessings
 From Alex (& Imogen)

Wesley Uniting Church
 Kent Town



LENTEN STUDIES



Currently, Rev Alex Rodgers is conducting a **4-week study series** exploring the **meaning of the Easter Story and its relevance** for people today. These are being held on **Thursday** mornings from **10.00am – 12 noon** on the **1st, 8th, 15th and 22nd March**. It doesn't matter if you can't attend all of the studies because each one is a stand-alone session and resource materials are available to fill you in on anything missed.. Everyone is welcome to come along. We meet in the Susannah Wesley Hall and tea and coffee are provided.

Prayer

God of my life, remind me daily that you are with me, both in the darkness and in the morning; you are there in times of pain as well as in times of joy. May my growing faith encourage those around me to also trust in your mercy and compassion. **Amen**

HARVEST THANKSGIVING SERVICE

The annual Harvest Thanksgiving Service, held on **Sunday 25th February** was most enjoyable. The choir sang some special music and Tasso Bouyessis, director of voice and choirs at PAC, gave a beautiful rendition of "Jerusalem". He also sang with the choir, adding extra strength to the tenor section.



PAC boarders and boarding house staff attended and worship was led by both Rev Alex Rodgers and Rev Mark Dickens, chaplain of PAC. Several of the boys spoke of their experience of life on the land. A magnificent display of produce was featured at the front of the church. All produce was donated to Uniting Communities Eastern Services and will be distributed to people in need.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The **AGM of the Congregation** will be held on **Sunday 18th March 2018** in the Church, immediately following worship. Financial statements will be presented along with reports from the minister, treasurer, secretary and chairman. Mrs Beverley Jury and Dr Mark Symons have been nominated for Church Council.

HOLY WEEK



Palm Sunday: (Special Choral Service)

Sunday 25th March, 10.00am

Tenebrae Service:

Tuesday 27th March, 7.00pm

Good Friday:

Friday 30th March, 9.00am



Easter Day:

Sunday 1st April, 10.00am

Palm Sunday, Good Friday and Easter Day services will be held in the church and will feature an augmented choir with special choral music.

The **Tenebrae Service**, to be held in the Back Hall, will contain an abbreviated Passover Seder following the Stations of the Cross. (This had been planned for Thursday but unfortunately the hall was pre-booked).

COME-TO-LUNCH

The next Come-to-Lunch will be held at the **Alma Hotel** on **Wednesday, 14th March at 12 noon**. Trevor Leane is having a well-deserved holiday so please let Jenny Stewart know if you plan to attend (0400 279 684) Everyone is most welcome.

NEW MEMBERS

Last month we were pleased to formally welcome **Bev Jury** into membership at Wesley Kent Town by transfer from Mitcham City Uniting Church where she had been a valued long-term member.

We have also been delighted to have several other new people worshipping with us on a regular basis. We say a special welcome to **Wayne Myers** and his partner **Joahanna Garnica**, and their children, **Juan, Nakiah** and **Isabella**, and also to **Cynthia Story** who recently joined the choir

SA HISTORY FESTIVAL

We are pleased to assist the **Uniting Church SA Historical Society** to host an event here at Wesley Kent Town, on **Sunday 29th April, 2.30-4.00 pm**, as part of the "Open Doors: Built Heritage Weekend". It will include a tour of the building, information about the pipe organ and a talk from a local historian. Afternoon tea will be included.

RESTORATION OF SW WALL OF THE CHURCH

We are still waiting for work to commence but are assured it will be happening soon.

NEWS OF OUR PEOPLE

Trevor Leane and his wife **Lee** are taking a week's cruise to Perth. **Elizabeth & Frank Brookes** will be away for 4 weeks as they travel in the eastern states and **Penelope Hackett-Jones** will be spending some time in Singapore. We hope that they all have an enjoyable time. **Sonja Cherney** has returned home from her holiday with family in Bratislava.

We have been delighted that **Fernetta Bartlett** has recovered sufficiently to attend church services again and join in other activities. **Margaret Harkness** had a week in hospital for surgery, followed by another week in rehabilitation. She is back home but is undergoing further therapy and rehabilitation. She is showing incredible strength but needs the support of her Church family. Please uphold her in your prayers.

There are many others in our church family whom we miss because they are unable to be with us for a variety of reasons. Please remember them in your prayers – **Annis Bennett, Naomi & Frank Bryant, Catherine Courtney, Robin & John Douglass, Linda Nicholls, Rosanne & Graham Pillar** and **KK Stacey**.

JUST A THOUGHT

Seek to be worth knowing not to be well-known.

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