

WESLEY NEWS

JUNE DIARY DATES

Sunday 3rd at 10.00 am
Rev Alex Rodgers &
Rev Mac Macdonald
Holy Communion
PENTECOST 2

Sunday 10th at 10.00 am
Rev Alex Rodgers
PENTECOST 3

Wednesday 13th, 12 noon
Alma Hotel
COME-TO-LUNCH

Thursday 14th at 2.00pm
CHURCH COUNCIL

Friday 15th - Saturday 16th
PEDAL PRIX TEAM VISIT

Sunday 17th at 10.00 am
Rev Alex Rodgers
PENTECOST 4

Friday 22nd
UCA 41st ANNIVERSARY

Sunday 24th at 10.00 am
Rev Alex Rodgers
PENTECOST 5

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

As I write this I am looking out of the window down on to our front lawn and the river on the other side of the road. We live on the Adelaide road in and out of Williamstown. It is a busy road and every weekend we see hundreds of motor cycles driving past. Many of these motor cycles, especially the US makes, like Harley Davison and Indians, have special exhausts which make an almighty rasping sound as they pass by. I think motor bike riders enjoy riding on this road.

The noise is an intrusion into the quiet beauty of the scene which exists when there are no loud exhausts driving by. There has been little sunshine for the last ten days and it is clear that winter has come.

The passing of the seasons were of extreme importance to ancient peoples whose lives evolved around nature. In Spring and Summer they were able to do much more than they could in Autumn and Winter. Longer days meant that they could do much more than when the loss of hours of sunlight in winter made them spend their time in dingy rooms lit with primitive candles or oil lamps giving out weak light, or a fire blazing away in a large hearth giving warmth as well as light.

It should be no surprise then to hear that Jesus was called the 'light of the world.' Today with so much ability to make and control light, it can be difficult to comprehend just how powerful an image describing Jesus as the "light of the world" was to people right up until the late 19th century.

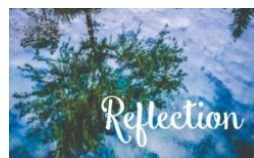
Just try to imagine a world with no electrical power providing light and heat. How would your life be impacted?

On the other hand, on a clear night here in Williamstown I can look up into the sky and see a myriad of stars. In the city, because of what is known as light pollution, we are unable to see the stars as well as we can in the countryside.

There are great benefits from our ability to control the power to make light and heat in our homes whenever we want, but there are also some negatives!!

Blessings
From Alex

Wesley Uniting Church
Kent Town



This reflection appeared in UC e-News.

Late autumn: the beauty of leaves turning red and gold, the sense of nature slowing down and preparing to rest. Let us attend to the invitations of autumn, to the moments when God invites us to live more gently, and to rest.

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven. – Ecclesiastes 3:1

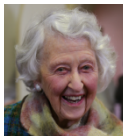
What "season" am I in? How does the rhythm of creation find its echo in the rhythm of my life? What might God be inviting of me? I pause and listen to my mind, my spirit, my body, to my circumstances, to the whispers of the Spirit.

This week I will notice the sacred rhythm of life, and invite others to join me in it.

Prayer

Jesus, you knew the time for action, and the time for rest and prayer. Grant me the wisdom and the grace to live at the rhythm you invite of me, the rhythm of all God's creation. *Amen.*

VALE JEAN LANG



It is with deep regret that we report the sad news that our dear friend, **Jean Lang**, passed away on 22nd May 2018 at the age of 97.

Jean was an active charity worker and gave a lot of her time and financial assistance to the Red Cross. She was also a member of several service organisations. She attended Kent Town Church for 95 years, starting when the family moved to St Peters. She was a member of the guild, the choir for over 50 years and the church council until recent times. Jean had a very artistic flair as seen in her floral arrangements in the church where she organised the flowers for Sunday services and weddings for several decades.

Her Christian faith, regular attendance at services, concern for members of the congregation, contribution and dedication to the church at Kent Town, have been exceptional. She has been most generous with her donations to the upkeep and ongoing work of her beloved church.

Jean will be deeply missed.

(contributed by Mark & Pat Symons)

CONGREGATIONAL PLANNING DAY

Fourteen members of the Congregation (including Jean Lang) attended our recent **Planning Day** and shared their ideas about how we might grow as people of God and continue to be a positive presence in this community. We thank our minister, Rev Alex Rodgers, for the work he put into preparing and leading this session. Alex is in the process of collating and prioritising the suggestions put forward. Church Council will then decide suitable time frames and set up a sub-committee to help implement the ideas in the most effective manner.

COME-TO-LUNCH

The next **Come-to-Lunch** will be held at the **Alma Hotel** on **Wednesday, 13th June at 12 noon**. Please let Trevor Leane know if you plan to be there. All welcome!

WATTLE RACING PEDAL PRIX VISIT

The Church Council has again agreed to host 'Wattle Racing', a pedal prix team which is an official outreach ministry of Eaglehawk Uniting Church, Victoria. They will stay in the halls from **Friday 15th June to Sunday 17th June**, and will visit again in July. Members of the congregation are invited to share a barbecue tea with them on the Saturday night.



CHANGES AROUND THE CHURCH

Restoration of the external stone work in the SW corner has been completed. There is still some interior work to be completed but the gallery on that side will soon be able to be safely accessed and the whole area will be far more ascetically pleasing thanks to its make-over.

You will probably have noticed that the overgrown Photinias at the front of the Church have been removed and the beautiful architecture of the front of the building is now far more visible. The Church Council is considering the best way to re-landscape this area.



TARTAN SUNDAY

On **Sunday 1st July** there will be a special service to celebrate **Tartan Sunday**. It is planned to have pipe bands from Scotch College and Seymour College participating.



NEWS OF OUR PEOPLE

Johanna & Wayne Myers are eagerly awaiting the arrival of their baby daughter who will be delivered by caesarean section on the 6th June if she doesn't make an arrival sooner.

Several members of the congregation have been travelling abroad. **Pam & David George** visited Japan and **Penny Maynard** did a European tour. **Penelope Hackett-Jones** travelled to Vietnam in April and on the way spent 3 days in Singapore. She enjoyed the time with her friends but was concerned at the level of pollution she witnessed, especially in Vietnam, where rubbish (including rubber tyres) was dumped along the river and then set fire to. It spoilt her cruise along the river. She writes, "the whole place is pretty smelly most of the time, and that romantic haze you see in pictures is actually fairly shocking pollution". Penelope is now planning a trip to Athens and then one to France where she will be doing a language course.

Some of the choir members have been absent because they have undergone surgery. **Madeleine Davey** is recovering well and we look forward to her return to the choir soon. **Ron McKay Smith** was absent for several weeks but has returned now, much to Ivan's delight as he now has a fellow bass to sing along with again. **Doug Stewart** also had to miss choir one week while he recovered from varicose vein surgery. Wayne Myers commented, that even when the ranks are depleted the choir still manages to produce a great sound.

JUST A THOUGHT

A person who never made a mistake, never tried anything new.

Albert Einstein

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