

# WESLEY NEWS

## MAY DIARY DATES

**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> at 10.00 am**  
Rev Alex Rodgers &  
Rev Mac Macdonald  
*Holy Communion*  
EASTER 6

**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup>, 12 noon**  
Alma Hotel  
COME-TO-LUNCH

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> at 2.00pm**  
CHURCH COUNCIL

**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> at 9.30 am**  
Back Hall  
CONGREGATION  
PLANNING DAY

**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> at 10.00 am**  
Rev Alex Rodgers  
ASCENSION

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> at 10.00 am**  
Rev Alex Rodgers  
EASTER 7

**Sunday 27<sup>nd</sup> at 10.00 am**  
Rev Alex Rodgers  
PENTECOST

## 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

I listen to audio books as I drive into the city. At the moment I am listening to a book written by James Comey, 7th Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. James Comey Jr. is an American lawyer, who served as the seventh Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation from September 4, 2013, until his dismissal on May 9, 2017 by President Donald Trump.

Comey's book is about political ethics, but really could be a general treatise on personal ethics. He was asked by Trump to pledge personal allegiance to him above all other things which he refused to do as he believed the head of the FBI's highest allegiance was to the people of the United States. He had led the investigation of personal emails in which Hilary Clinton had released classified information. So when the possibility that Trump and his supporters were receiving information about Hilary Clinton came up, Comey believed that the FBI had the responsibility to investigate these charges. It was because of this belief that the head of the FBI must be impartial, that Trump fired him.

Comey seems to be a highly ethical man who was very popular with his employees at the FBI and whose beliefs cost him his job.

As Christians, I believe that we have a great responsibility to the maintenance of truth and justice. If we have the choice between doing something right or wrong we have to do what is right. This is particularly the case if our choices affect the welfare of other people. It is also important in relation to the actions of people and institutions with power over others.

In Australia the hearings in the Banking Royal Commission are showing the extreme lengths that our banks go to maintain their profits, even to harming customers' rights. People have been calling for a Royal Commission into the banks for years yet Governments (of each colour) have consistently voted against it, and the present government has been dragged kicking and screaming into the decision to establish the commission.

Our Ethical standards as Christians are deeply important, most particularly in the choices we make each and every day between wrong and right. Where do you stand?

Blessings  
From Alex

Wesley Uniting Church  
Kent Town



Jesus' ascension to heaven depicted by John Singleton Copley, 1775



Pentecost – painting by El Greco, 17<sup>th</sup> century

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY ALEX

Rev Alex Rodgers was inducted here as Minister of the Word on 1<sup>st</sup> May 2017, so it will be the 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of this important event coming up shortly. Thank you Alex for a great year! We have enjoyed getting to know you and have appreciated your insightful preaching and challenging study groups. We look forward to our future together.

## CHURCH COUNCIL

At the April Church Council Meeting, election of office-bearing positions took place. Dr Mark Symons was elected as Chairman, Mrs Jenny Stewart as Secretary and Mr Ivan Miller as Treasurer. Mrs Beverley Jury was also officially welcomed to her first council meeting following her election to Church Council at the Annual General Meeting of the Congregation.

The Church Council is composed of:

Minister:	Rev Alex Rodgers
Minister in Association:	Rev Mac Macdonald
Chairman:	Dr Mark Symons
Secretary:	Mrs Jenny Stewart
Treasurer:	Mr Ivan Miller
Councillors:	Mrs Joan Atkinson Mrs Beverley Jury Mr Trevor Leane

## CONGREGATIONAL PLANNING DAY



All members of the Congregation are invited to participate in our next **Planning Day** to be held on **Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> May from 9.30 am to 12.00 noon** in the **Back Hall**. We would like as many people as possible to attend and contribute ideas about possible future

directions for our Church. A morning tea break will be incorporated.

## COME-TO-LUNCH

The next Come-to-Lunch will be held at the **Alma Hotel** on **Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> May at 12 noon**. Please let Trevor Leane know if you plan to be there. Everyone is most welcome.

## RESTORATION OF SW WALL OF THE CHURCH

Restoration of the external stone work is progressing well. Once completed, the interior walls in the South-West corner will be re-plastered and painted so that the southern gallery will once again be accessible. We thank everyone again for their generous donations which have enabled this to happen.

## NEWS OF OUR PEOPLE

**Fiona Atkinson** is home again following some time in the United States. She attended a conference in New York which was relevant to her work as a Therapeutic Masseuse and then went to Arizona where she caught up with a former javelin coach of hers. In her teens, Fiona was National Champion in Javelin and was ranked in the top ten in the world for her age group. She was also a very good lacrosse player. Both of these skills could be attributed to her having a good natural throwing action.

**Daniel & Cherry Brookes** delighted us all when they brought **baby Courtney Rose** along to Church recently. She is progressing very well and growing steadily all the time. Many of us were very fortunate to be able to have a hold. She is a very beautiful baby.



**Johanna & Wayne Myers** are awaiting the arrival of their baby which is due at the end of May, so it won't be long before we welcome another new baby into our midst.

You may have missed **Madeleine Davey** from her place in the choir. This is because she had to undergo some surgery. She is home from hospital and is making a good recovery. She was pleased to receive visits from some of the members of the choir.

Trevor Leane called in to see **Beryl Kennett** recently and spent a couple of hours catching up. She is still suffering with sciatica and experiencing quite a bit of pain in her right shoulder. We hope these conditions begin to improve soon.

Trevor also visited **Linda Nicholls**. She will turn 106 later this month. Happy Birthday Linda and congratulations on a remarkable life!

**Naomi Bryant** has been in hospital also. We hope she is feeling better soon and can return home. Husband **Frank** had his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday while she was in hospital, but good friends Mark and Pat Symons are keeping a watchful eye on both of them.

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## JUST A THOUGHT

It is not the strongest of the species that survive, nor the most intelligent, but the one most responsive to change.

*Charles Darwin*

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