

WESLEY NEWS

OCTOBER DIARY DATES

Sunday 7th at 10.00 am
Rev Alex Rodgers
Holy Communion
PENTECOST 20

Wednesday 10th, 12 noon
Alma Hotel
COME-TO-LUNCH

Thursday 11th at 2.00pm
CHURCH COUNCIL

Sunday 14th at 10.00 am
Rev Alex Rodgers
PENTECOST 21

Wednesday 17th at 2.00pm
**WINTER/SPRING
CONCERT**

Saturday 20th at 12.30 pm
CHURCH FAMILY BBQ

Sunday 21st at 10.00 am
Rev Alex Rodgers
PENTECOST 22

Sunday 28th at 10.00 am
Rev Alex Rodgers
PENTECOST 23

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 Meandering

When we were travelling along the road to Toowoomba to visit our son a couple of weeks ago, we were shocked to see the state of the countryside. Country Queensland and Western New South Wales are under drought conditions

and that was clear as we passed farming land without a tinge of the beautiful deep greens you would expect to see at the end of a normal winter.

The image that was most devastating was not natural, but human. Parked in fallow paddocks next to the road in a number of properties were the large machines used by farmers to plant and harvest their fields. On or near these massive machines (like headers and threshers) were signs like 'for sale – will consider all offers', clearly the owners of the properties are in need of cash for feed for stock or seed for planting. When a farmer is trying to sell his or her major machinery things are really bad.

Another pointer to the difficulties people on the land are facing is the large numbers of stock grazing along the side of the road eating up the grass and weeds growing there for feed. Driving a fairly large vehicle meant there was the need to maintain constant vigilance in case one of the cattle or a sheep panicked and ran on to the road in front of you.

The other thing that caught our attention was the kangaroo carnage left at the side of the road. There were literally hundreds of these animals killed by trucks and cars. I guess this is the inevitable result of modern travel when metal meets muscle and bone. Kangaroos have been designated by the government as pests in certain parts of Australia so some would probably say that the toll of these animals is simply part of the culling process. At least the Wedge Tailed Eagles are happy with the easy food source!

Toowoomba is a beautiful city only an hour or so west of Brisbane. Clean, well planned and filled with beautiful homes and gardens (private and public) it is a place I would be more than happy to live. The city is also interesting to a historian with many places of historical importance. I especially enjoyed the Cobb and Co. museum which has a wide variety of interactive displays and people who are maintaining the crafts that were required in the running of a large horse powered transport company throughout the eastern seaboard (metal workers, carpenters, horse handlers etc.).

I believe implicitly that Australia is the most beautiful place on earth (equal to Scotland!!!!), and if you have the time you should drive to the other capital cities so as to see this land close up and not from 20,000 feet!

Blessings always,

Alex



Wesley Uniting Church Kent Town
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WINTER/SPRING 2018 CONCERT SERIES

The next concert, to be held on **Wednesday, 17th October 2018** at **2.00 pm**, features trumpeter, Hayden King and organist Peter Kelsell. Tickets are available at the door for \$15. Afternoon Tea will be available in the Mark Symons hall following the concert.



COME-TO-LUNCH

This month's **Come-to-Lunch** will be held at the **Alma Hotel** on **Wednesday, 10th October at 12 noon**. Please let **Trevor Leane** know if you plan to be there. These lunches are good fun and provide a great opportunity to socialise.

CHURCH FAMILY BARBECUE

Everyone is invited to share in a barbecue lunch at the home of Jenny and Doug Stewart on **Saturday 20th October from 12.30 pm**. Please let Jenny know if you are able to come, to assist with catering. If the weather is warm, children might like to bring bathers so they can have a swim in the pool. **Hope to see you there!**

STUDY GROUP



We have a few scheduled events coming up so it has been decided that the study group about same-sex marriage planned by Rev Alex Rodgers, will be deferred until the early next year.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

There are two special services planned for November. This year is the 100th Anniversary of Armistice Day and in recognition of this we will be holding a **Remembrance Day Service** on **Sunday 11th November at 10.00 am**. PAC will participate in this service. We hope to include relatives of those whose names appear on the Honour Roll so if you have contacts for these families please pass on the information to members of Church Council so that we may invite them.



On **Sunday 25th November at 10.00 am** a **St Andrew's Day Service** will be held. Please invite family and friends along.



NEWS OF OUR PEOPLE

Bev Jury has a new great-grandson who has been named Hart. He is a beautiful looking baby and Bev has lots of photos which she will willingly share.

Margaret Harkness has returned home safely following her recent holiday to the UK and France. On arrival in London she caught up with relatives and saw the latest addition to the Harkness family, her great nephew Milo. A highlight of her trip was a cruise along the Saône and Rhone rivers between Lyon and Avignon. From Lyon she travelled by train to Angers where she saw the magnificent tapestries in the castle of Anjou. She journeyed back to London across the channel by train and spent time in London, Wales and finally Scotland where she stayed with relatives for 2 weeks. What a marvellous trip!

Margaret briefly crossed paths with **Mac and Margaret Macdonald** at Glasgow airport. They were looking well and on their way to Toronto in Canada via Heathrow airport. The flight was delayed and Mac and Margaret arrived just in time to make the connecting flight, but unfortunately their luggage was delayed. They were planning to spend a few days at Niagara Falls. They will be returning to Adelaide at the end of October, visiting Mac's country of birth, New Zealand, on the way home.

Ron McKay Smith is travelling to Inverness in Scotland to visit his brother and will be away for five weeks. **Joan Atkinson** is also going away and will visit her daughter, Catherine, in Ireland. She has not yet decided how long she will stay and may not return until after Christmas. We hope they each have a great time and look forward to their return.

Raelene Chelley has made a good recovery from her knee surgery and reports that she is pain free. It was good to see her back at church and moving freely without the need of a walking frame. **Barbara Fitzsimmons** has not been well and was laid low with a terrible cough for several weeks. It has now been diagnosed as croup and she is being treated with antibiotics. Despite being so ill, she soldiered on to cater for a Royal Society of Church Music festival. Fortunately **Catherine Courtney** came to the fore and helped her out on the day. It is only when people are away that we realise the little jobs they do quietly each week. You may have noticed that the candles haven't been lit recently and that is due to Barbara's absence. **Catharina Corbett** still has her arm in plaster so is unable to drive. She hopes that it will be removed in the middle of October. Her husband, **Robert** had to be hospitalised for 5 days also when he contracted a severe gastro infection but he has made a full recovery. We trust they will remain in good health.

JUST A THOUGHT

There is no right way to do the wrong thing.

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