

# WESLEY NEWS

**SEPTEMBER DIARY DATES**

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10.00 am  
Rev Jim Winn  
*Holy Communion*  
**PENTECOST 15**

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> at 10.00 am  
Rev Alex Rodgers  
**PENTECOST 16**

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

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> at 2.00pm  
**CHURCH COUNCIL**

Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> at 10.00 am  
Rev Alex Rodgers  
**PENTECOST 17**

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> at 2.00pm  
**WINTER/SPRING CONCERT**

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> at 10.00 am  
Rev Alex Rodgers  
**PENTECOST 18**

Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> at 10.00 am  
Rev Alex Rodgers  
**PENTECOST 19**

**MUSIC @ WESLEY**

**Choir Practice**  
Wednesday night, 7.30pm

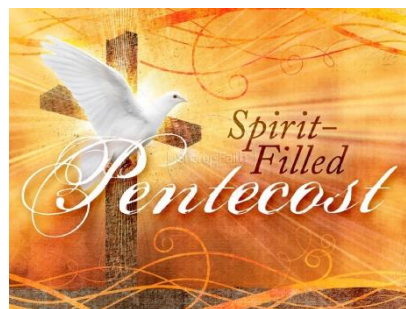
**ARTS @ WESLEY**

**Patchworkers & Quilters**  
Monday morning  
Contact Pat, 8331 9816

**WESLEY IS HOME TO**

**Young Adelaide Voices**  
**Adelaide Harmony Choir**  
**Metropolitan Musical Theatre Company**  
**Monteverdi Singers**

**Pentecost** is a period of time during which the Church recalls its faith in the Holy Trinity. It seeks to relate its faith as a people of God to Christ's mission in the world. It commences with Trinity Sunday and concludes with the feast of Christ the King, which this year is on Sunday, November 25<sup>th</sup>.



**A Radical Conversion of the Non-Poor**

In the bible, it is coldness of heart, not hate, that is the opposite of love. This is why Dante makes ice, and not fire, represent the lowest pit of hell. Injustice is not a trivial matter. It can wipe out whole races, cultures and whole peoples. To leave justice out of our meaning of love is itself a sin of omission.

Gandhi believed that both nature and society are subject to a single law of justice and unity. The problem in India was that the pursuit of individual salvation through austerities and contemplation could not adapt to the practical needs of society where people were more concerned to escape than to alter conditions of worldly life.

Paul's letters to the Galatians and Ephesians say justification means "making peace" or "breaking down the wall" between peoples. This brings to mind the Pentecost event, the work of the Holy Spirit, breaking through the confusion among persons.

Justification in Christ is not an individual miracle happening to this person or that person, rather it is the joining together of this person and that person; it is a social event. Jesus calls all persons to reconciliation with themselves and with one another. Jesus frees people from self-hatred and frees them to feel compassion towards themselves, inviting them to love others as they love themselves.

*Send justice like dew, you heavens,  
let the clouds rain it down.  
Let the earth open up  
so salvation will spring up'  
Let deliverance too bud forth  
which I, Yahweh, shall create.*

*(Isaiah 45: v 8)*

(Thoughts adapted by Rev D Fuller from 'Original Blessing'. Fox)

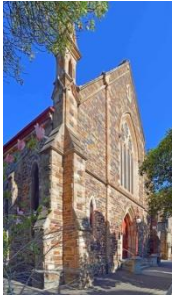
**MINISTER ON LEAVE**

Rev Alex Rodgers is currently on annual leave. He has travelled with his wife to Toowoomba in Queensland to visit one of their sons and he will return to Adelaide on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> September.

We trust that he has enjoyed his break and will feel refreshed and revitalised by the experience.



## CHURCH ANNIVERSARY



The church service to celebrate the 153<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary of this Church held on **Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> August** was a joyful occasion. We were privileged to have Rev Mark Dickens, chaplain to Prince Alfred College, as the guest preacher and greatly enjoyed the beautiful music presented by organist, Graham Bell, and the augmented Wesley choir

## WINTER/SPRING 2018 CONCERT SERIES

The next concert will be held on **Wednesday, 19<sup>th</sup> September 2018 at 2.00 pm**, and features guitarist, Caleb Lavery-Brook and organist, Ray Booth. Tickets are available at the door for \$15. Afternoon Tea will be available in the Mark Symons hall following the concert.



Trevor Leane visited two of our elderly members who are now residents in aged care facilities. **Annis Bennett** was in good spirits and interested to hear all Trevor could tell her about Wesley people. She is very grateful for the care she receives at "Summerhill" on a daily basis. **Linda Nicholls'** main problem is mobility but she still has a good memory. She celebrated her **106<sup>th</sup>** birthday back on the 30<sup>th</sup> May fairly quietly with a cake and a cuppa at 'Highercombe' with her daughter Val, Trevor and another friend, Jim, joining in to sing 'Happy Birthday'.

**Deborah White** is in Umbria, Italy at present, staying in her little villa. From the stairs just outside the kitchen, she has a lovely view down a little valley to the Alta Valtiberina. She has enjoyed attending a range of different concerts which are held at this time each year. She is missing the choir and has resorted to singing along to the radio to keep her voice working.

**Raelene Chelley** had knee surgery a few weeks ago at Ashford Hospital and is now undergoing rehabilitation at Griffiths at Hove. The surgeon is pleased with the outcome so we hope Raelene will soon feel the benefit.

**Catharina Corbett** had a fall and broke her right wrist. She is sporting a plaster and unfortunately won't be able to drive for about six weeks. We wish her a speedy recovery.

## COME-TO-LUNCH

The next **Come-to-Lunch** will be held at the **Alma Hotel** on **Wednesday, 12<sup>th</sup> September at 12 noon**. Please let **Trevor Leane** know if you plan to be there. These lunches provide a great opportunity to socialise and get to know one another better. Everyone is very welcome.

## THANK YOU

We extend a special thank you to **Rev Jim Winn** for taking the services for two Sundays while Rev Alex Rodgers was on leave. It was good to have a chance to see Jim again and thank him for leading our worship and for his insightful preaching.

## STUDY GROUP



Later this month, Rev Alex Rodgers will be leading a study group about same-sex marriage. This will provide an opportunity for members to discuss the range of issues involved and listen

sensitively to different points of view. Rev Alex will explain the theology behind the Uniting Church's recent decision in regard to this matter. Further details about dates and times will be advised shortly.

## NEWS OF OUR PEOPLE

**Pam & David George** are holidaying up north in their caravan as they do for a few months each year. While at Mareeba they took a drive and ended up at a farm gate, so "David decided to call up some cattle and have a talk". Pam says that she thinks he sometimes misses his farming days.



## CHOIR

We have been very fortunate to have **Yvonne Sinclair** and **Melanie Sanford-Morgan** join us in the choir in recent weeks. Melanie has enhanced anthems and introits by singing some solo sections and descants. At the end of August, psalm 84 was the set psalm so Yvonne gave a beautiful rendition of "How Lovely are Thy Dwellings". We thank them both for assisting us in this way.

## JUST A THOUGHT

A nation with no compassion has no future.

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