

WESLEY NEWS

DECEMBER DIARY DATES

Sunday 2nd at 10.00 am

Rev Alex Rodgers
& Rev Mac Macdonald

Holy Communion
ADVENT 1

Monday 3rd at 7.00 pm

PAC SERVICE OF
LESSONS & CAROLS

Sunday 9th at 10.00 am

Rev Alex Rodgers
ADVENT 2

Thursday 13th at 2.00pm
CHURCH COUNCIL

Sunday 16th at 10.00 am

Rev Alex Rodgers
ADVENT 3

Sunday 23rd at 10.00 am

Rev Alex Rodgers
SERVICE OF
LESSONS & CAROLS
ADVENT 4

Tuesday 25th at 10.00 am

Rev Alex Rodgers
CHRISTMAS DAY

Sunday 30th at 10.00 am

Rev Mac Macdonald
CHRISTMAS 1

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 I remember the Christmases of my childhood in Scotland there are three or four images that stick in my memory.

The first is not so much an image as a fragrance. Each Christmas there was a small cardboard box in my old soccer sock hung over the fireplace.

Inside there were four mandarins. These were pieces of fruit we generally couldn't get. The mandarins were called tangerines back in Scotland and they came from Israel or Spain wrapped in silver paper. The aroma was amazing and when I eat a mandarin today my mind soars back to Christmas Day.

The second image was snow, deep on the ground. In Scotland, the holidays over Christmas were quite short and generally there was a good layering of snow on the ground and Christmas morning, very early (sometimes still dark) all the kids in the tenements would be out chucking snowballs at each other!!

The third image is of the Christmas 'cloutie dumplin' my grandmother made every Christmas. We always spent the afternoon of Christmas day at my granny's house and the cloutie dumpling was the centrepiece of the dinner. I used to always help her make the dumpling. Coins were put inside before being wrapped in the cloth (clout) for boiling in a great big pot. If I put the coins into the mix I could estimate where they were and get the slice of dumpling at dinner where I thought the most expensive coin was.

The final image was spending Christmas Eve at the midnight carols, candles and communion service at the local church. It was an amazing experience for a child. Filled with special sights and sounds, people packed in to the building and a sense of something holy happening.

I wonder if this is something we as a congregation might try to offer people next year as a special Christmas gift to the community. It reminds us that Christmas is a holy time of peace and love and it prepares us for the joy of family and friends that Christmas grants us.

A blessed Christmas to all of you from myself and Elaine. Lang mae yir lum reek!!

Alex



We enter a season of waiting, watching. Watching out for the specials. Waiting to receive the perfect gift. Friends, let us wait upon Jesus, the one true perfect gift.

Jesus said: "But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Be on guard! Be alert! You do not know when that time will come.

It's like a man going away: He leaves his house and puts his servants in charge, each with their assigned task, and tells the one at the door to keep watch. Therefore keep watch because you do not know when the owner of the house will come back; whether in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or at dawn; If he comes suddenly, do not let him find you sleeping. What I say to you, I say to everyone: 'Watch!'

Think about the following questions, "What am I waiting for?" "Who am I waiting for?"

Thank you, Jesus, for the reminder that you are the perfect gift, worth waiting for. Help me to keep my eyes on you, to not be distracted by things in this world, but recognise them as good gifts you give to me.

Come, Lord Jesus, come.

Reflection from UC e-News November, 2018



Wesley Uniting Church Kent Town



THINKING OF THOSE IN NEED

Donations for Uniting Communities

Please bring donations of packet or tinned food to place under the Christmas tree in the Church. These can be brought any Sunday during Advent or on Christmas Day. After Christmas, they will be packed and taken to Uniting Communities Eastern Services for distribution to the needy.

Christmas Bowl Appeal



The Christmas Bowl is the Christmas Appeal of Act for Peace, the international aid agency of the National Council of Churches in Australia. Envelopes are available in the porch if you would like to make a donation. The Christmas Day offering will be donated to this appeal.

ARMISTICE DAY SERVICE

Everyone who attended the **Remembrance Day Service** found it very moving. The special music presented by organist, Graham Bell and the augmented Wesley choir complimented the service beautifully.



WINTER/SPRING 2018 CONCERT SERIES

The final concert for 2018 was most enjoyable. A change to the programme saw **Alex Roose**, bass/baritone replace Tasso Bouyessis. Both Alex and organist, **Graham Bell**, delighted the audience with a varied programme of excellent music.



ST ANDREW'S DAY SERVICE

The **St Andrew's Day Service** was well attended and everyone was most appreciative of the music presented by the augmented choir and pipers. Following the service there was a dedication of plaques recognising the service to the church of the late Dalglish Harkness.



NEWS OF OUR PEOPLE

We are pleased to welcome home **Pam & David George** who have been caravanning up north during the colder months. **Joan Atkinson** is enjoying her holiday in Wexford, Ireland. She will spend Christmas with her daughter Catherine and her husband. **Beryl Kennett** has been on holiday in Melbourne and will then travel to Hobart, Tasmania where she will spend Christmas.

Fernetta Bartlett has not been in good health. We have missed her and hope that she will soon be well enough to attend church again.

REGULAR GIVING

Choosing to contribute financially to your church is a truly personal choice. **UCInvest** offers a program called **eGive** that makes the practical side of giving easy.

What is eGive? eGive is an electronic-giving option that establishes a regular Direct Debit from your bank account or credit card, replacing the need to carry cash for your offering.

Giving electronically allows you to set your regular financial gift upfront, rather than giving whatever happens to be in your wallet as the offering plate passes by. It's a simple way to financially contribute to your church and assists the church with its budgeting.

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ADVENT & CHRISTMAS

The first Sunday in Advent marks the beginning of the Christian Year. It is a time of expectant waiting and preparation for the celebration of the Nativity of Jesus.

❖ *PAC Service of Lessons & Carols*

Monday 3rd December at 7.00pm

The congregation is invited to share in this service which will feature combined PAC and Wesley Choirs and PAC music ensembles. Refreshments will be available in the hall following the service.

❖ *Wesley Service of Lessons & Carols*

Sunday 23rd December at 10.00am

This special service, relating the Christmas story of the birth of Christ through Bible readings and music, features an augmented choir led by organist, Graham Bell. It has a long tradition in the history of Wesley Kent Town.

❖ *Christmas Day Service*

Tuesday 25th December at 9.00am

This family service celebrates the birth of Christ and the coming of Love into the world.



Please invite family and friends along to these services.



Love came down at Christmas

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