

WESLEY NEWS

FEBRUARY DIARY DATES

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Sunday 3rd at 10.00 am
 Rev Alex Rodgers
 & Rev Mac Macdonald
Holy Communion
EPIPHANY 4

Sunday 10th at 10.00 am
 Rev Alex Rodgers
EPIPHANY 5

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

Thursday 14th at 2.00pm
CHURCH COUNCIL

Sunday 17th at 10.00 am
 Rev Alex Rodgers
EPIPHANY 6

Sunday 24th at 10.00 am
 Rev Alex Rodgers
 & Rev Mark Dickens
Harvest Thanksgivings
Service
EPIPHANY 7

MUSIC @ WESLEY

Choir Practice
 Wednesday evenings in the
 Choir Vestry at 7.00 pm

ARTS @ WESLEY

Patchworkers & Quilters
 Monday morning in the
 Susannah Wesley Hall
 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

The last few days have been very sad for the family. We have had to make the decision to have our pet dog Freya put down. She is a beautiful long haired German Shepherd with the most amazing temperament and she is very much part of the family. She was bought as a tiny puppy and was given to me for my fiftieth birthday, but soon belonged to everyone.

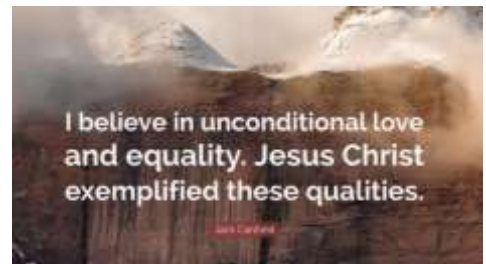
Over the last few months she has developed muscular problems in her back legs and slowly but surely she has become paralysed and she can only drag her herself around. Elaine and I don't want to have her put down but we cannot watch her deteriorate any more.

It is amazing how close one becomes to a pet. I guess it is because of the unconditional love we receive from them.

Freya is not the first German Shepherd we have had. I have had to watch two other shepherds put down over the years, Algy 1 and Algy 2. Each time it was deeply difficult. So I wait for the vet to come and I feel terrible, but I know that it is best because she has no joy in life and that she is in deep pain.

It makes me think about euthanasia, and whether people should have the right to choose to die if they are in pain or have no joy in life. I know that I would prefer to be allowed to die in these circumstances.

Ah well, I hope the vet gets here soon,
 Blessings,
 Alex Rodgers



HYMNS FOR PROFESSIONALS

- Dentist:** "Crown Him with many crowns"
- Building Contractors:** "The Church's one foundation"
- Golfers:** "There is a green hill far away"
- Politicians:** "Standing on the promises"
- Librarians:** "Let all mortal flesh keep silence"
- Lawyers:** "In the hour of trial"
- Dry Cleaners:** "O for a faith that will not shrink"
- Credit Card Users:** "A charge of keep have I"
- Census Takers:** "All people that on earth do dwell"
- Taxation Officers:** "We give thee but thine own"
- Traffic Engineers:** "Where cross the crowded ways of life"

by Iris Wellwood, St Thomas, Ontario, Canada
Courtesy of Rev Mac Macdonald



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 Kent Town



HARVEST THANKSGIVING SERVICE

The annual Harvest Thanksgiving Service will be held on **Sunday 24th February**. This will be a combined service with Prince Alfred College and will feature an augmented Wesley Choir and input from students of PAC. The service will be led jointly by **Rev Alex Rodgers and Rev Mark Dickens**, chaplain of PAC. Members of the congregation are asked to contribute tinned and packet



food for a display of produce at the front of the church. All produce will be donated to Uniting Communities Eastern Services.

Setting up will take place on Saturday 23rd February. It would be helpful if donations of produce were brought to the church that afternoon or on the previous Sunday. If this is not convenient, please still bring things on the 24th and they will be added to the display.

FORWARD NOTICE OF DIARY EVENTS

- **Ash Wednesday, start of Lent:**
Wednesday 6th March
- **Palm Sunday:**
Sunday 14th April
- **Maundy Thursday Service:**
Thursday 18th April
- **Good Friday:**
Friday 19th April
- **Easter Day:**
Sunday 21st April

The **Annual General Meeting of the Congregation** will be held in March at a date to be arranged.

COME-TO-LUNCH

Our first Come-to-Lunch for 2019 will be on **Wednesday 13th February** at the **Alma Hotel**. Please let **Trevor Leane** know if you will be attending so that he can book a table for us. These lunchtime gatherings are always very enjoyable and everyone is most welcome to attend.

JANUARY – A TIME OF REST FOR SOME

Rev Alex Rodgers took 2 weeks Annual Leave during January. We hope he found it relaxing and refreshing. We extend our thanks to Rev Mac Macdonald who took two of the Sunday Services in Alex's absence and also made himself available for pastoral support.

The choir had a month's rest, which they appreciated after the busy schedule in December. Organist and choir director, Graham Bell also had two weeks off although he was roped in to play at Flinders Street Baptist. We appreciated Dr Mark Symons playing the organ for the two weeks that Graham was away. Mark certainly hasn't lost his touch and delighted us with some beautiful music. We are very fortunate to be blessed with two talented organists in the congregation.

JUST A THOUGHT

Tact is changing the subject without changing your mind.

NEWS OF OUR PEOPLE

Deborah White is travelling to Nepal and will be away during February. Deborah has an adopted Nepalese daughter so it will be a good chance for her to catch up with her and other family members. She is also undertaking an architectural project while there so has packed her drawing board and equipment. She expects that a full programme awaits her.

Joan Atkinson has returned home safely from her holiday in Ireland and is looking very well. **Pam & David George** are also back and it is good to welcome them home.

Madeleine Davey has had an unfortunate run of illness for several months but she was well enough to attend church recently. Her voice has been left a little husky and she is hoping that will correct itself so she can take her place in the choir again. We also miss **Fernetta Bartlett** who has been kept indoors because of respiratory problems.

As reported last month, **Rosanne Piller** had an accident on her way to the PAC Service of Lessons & Carols, when she was hit by a car. A car came out of a driveway and hit her with great force sending her flying through the air. The doctors told her that she was very fortunate not to be more seriously injured. After time in hospital she is recovering at home and is grateful for the support of some very good neighbours.

Beryl Kennett travelled to Melbourne back in November and planned to spend Christmas in Hobart with family. Unfortunately she had a fall and broke her hip. She wasn't progressing very well and, as it turned out, the pin that was inserted in the femur protruded into the ball and socket joint causing her great pain. The outcome was that she required a full hip replacement. This has been successful and recently she was well enough to be transported back home by her son.

We extend our love and prayers for all our church family to be restored to full health.

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