

WESLEY NEWS

NOVEMBER DIARY DATES

Sunday 4th at 10.00 am
Rev Alex Rodgers
& Rev Mac Macdonald
Holy Communion
PENTECOST 24

Thursday 8th at 2.00pm
CHURCH COUNCIL

Sunday 11th at 10.00 am
Rev Alex Rodgers
ARMISTICE DAY
PENTECOST 25

Wednesday 14th, 12 noon
Alma Hotel
COME-TO-LUNCH

Sunday 18th at 10.00 am
Rev Alex Rodgers
PENTECOST 26

Wednesday 21st at 2.00pm
WINTER/SPRING
CONCERT

Sunday 25th at 10.00 am
Rev Alex Rodgers
ST ANDREW'S DAY
CHRIST THE KING

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

A hundred years ago this month the Australian Army in France were very much involved in the events that brought the war to an end a few months later. A Great German offensive against the British Army which nearly defeated them had petered out and the Germans did not have the strength to keep attacking. From July, British and Empire forces, French and American troops began to slowly but surely force the Germans back toward Germany.

General Sir John Monash was appointed commander of all Australian Forces in France – the first Australian born soldier to command an Australian force – and he was in great part the initiator of the tactics that all allied forces would use from that time on. However the Battalions of the 5 Australian Divisions in France which should have contained a thousand men at a full complement were down to a few hundred. There were few replacements from Australia and Prime Minister Billy Hughes's attempts to introduce conscription through 2 referendums failed dramatically so it was not likely that this lack of recruit would change.

In September 1918, the decision was made to amalgamate some of the smaller Battalions. The ordinary diggers were not happy with this, and in their terms they 'went on strike'. Soldiers kept everything in their battalions going but they refused to obey the order to go 'on parade' the official mustering of the Battalion to go on active service.

To the senior officers this was purely and simply an act of mutiny. Earlier in the war the French Army mutinied and when the mutiny was over the ringleaders were executed. The Australian Army held the death penalty for mutiny and many argued that it should be applied. But Monash and the Australian government felt that it was too extreme a punishment, so no troops were executed.

The mutiny was soon over and the amalgamations went ahead and the Australians were in the vanguard of the fighting till the end of the war.

It has always struck me as very enlightened of the Australians not to execute their men like the other armies did. The Diggers felt that they were being employed by the army to fight the war, in the same way they might be employed as a miner or a bank clerk back home. They felt that they had 'rights' as volunteers and that if they were not happy with something they could complain and in extreme cases withdraw their labour. In many ways it was this pride in being different that made the Australian soldier so effective in war.

Blessings always,

Alex



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ARMISTICE DAY SERVICE



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**. There will be some special music presented by organist, Graham

Bell and the augmented Wesley choir. Frank Brookes (former Major) will recite "the Ode".

COME-TO-LUNCH

This month's **Come-to-Lunch** will be held at the **Alma Hotel** on **Wednesday, 14th November 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.

WINTER/SPRING 2018 CONCERT SERIES



The next concert, to be held on **Wednesday, 21st November 2018 at 2.00 pm**, features tenor Tasso Bouyessis and organist, Graham Bell. Tickets are available at the door for \$15. Afternoon Tea will be available in the Mark Symons hall following the concert.

ST ANDREW'S DAY SERVICE

On **Sunday 25th November at 10.00 am** a **St Andrew's Day Service** will be held in the Church. There will be an augmented choir and pipers. Please invite family and friends along.



CHURCH FAMILY BARBECUE

A group of 30 people shared in a barbecue lunch at the home of Jenny and Doug Stewart on **Saturday 20th October**. The weather was perfect and everyone appreciated the opportunity to relax and enjoy one another's company.

NEWS OF OUR PEOPLE



Justin Brookes was baptised in the Church on Sunday afternoon, 28th October in a family ceremony. Rev Alex Rodgers officiated. We have been most fortunate to have Justin and his immediate

family, **Daniel & Cherry Brookes** and baby sister **Courtney**, worshipping with us regularly.

Mac and Margaret Macdonald returned to Adelaide at the end of October after several months overseas. They visited the United Kingdom, Canada and Mac's country of birth, New Zealand. Welcome home!

We welcome the return of **Ron McKay Smith** who travelled to Inverness in Scotland to visit his brother. He has been missed from the choir and Ivan and Doug, in particular, will really appreciate having the support of another male voice as he returns.

Joan Atkinson reports that she is greatly enjoying travelling around and enjoying places of interest with her daughter, Catherine, in Ireland.

A few other members of the congregation are taking shorter holidays. **Trevor & Lee Leane** enjoyed a bus trip along the Great Ocean Road and **Bev Jury** took a cruise along the Murray River from Renmark to Wentworth. **Jenny & Doug Stewart** are going to Queensland in early November. The principal reason for their trip is to watch their daughter, Cathy, compete in the Pan Pacific Masters Calisthenics competitions on the Gold Coast, but they will take the opportunity to visit some relatives and stay at O'Reilly's Rain Forest.

Catharina Corbett's arm is out of plaster but still strapped. We were pleased that she and her husband, **Robert** were both able to come to the church barbecue.

Rosanne Pillar has not been well and required a period of hospitalisation. Fortunately the doctors have now given her a bill of good health and she is slowly regaining strength. We look forward to seeing her back at church. **Madeleine Davey** has also been unwell for several weeks with a flu-like virus. We wish her a speedy recovery.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

❖ *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, will feature 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.



JUST A THOUGHT

No one ever became poor by giving.

Anne Frank

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