

# WESLEY NEWS

## APRIL DIARY DATES

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> at 10.00 am

Rev Alex Rodgers

*Holy Communion*

LENT 5

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup>, 12 noon

Feathers Hotel

COME-TO-LUNCH

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> at 2.00 pm

CHURCH COUNCIL

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> at 10.00 am

Rev Alex Rodgers

*Service of Readings &*

*Music*

PALM SUNDAY

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> at 7.00 pm

MAUNDY THURSDAY

Service in Back Hall

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> at 9.00 am

Rev Alex Rodgers

GOOD FRIDAY

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> at 10.00 am

Rev Alex Rodgers

EASTER DAY

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> at 10.00 am

Rev Alex Rodgers

EASTER 2

## 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

My granddaughter Imogen loves Wesley very much! She calls it her church. Whenever she drives past with her mum or her dad she announces, "There's Pop-pop's Church!" On those occasions when I have met with one of her parents to pass her over after spending some time at our house, she insists on taking them on a tour of the church. She tells her parents it is where God lives!

Imogen's other grandparents, Grandpa Trevor and Grandma Nita attend Flinders' Street Baptist Church and she has attended church with them a few times. It would be nice if Imogen attended Church regularly, but both of her parents don't want that to happen until she is of an age to make conscious choice on the matter.

I would very much like her to come to church over Easter so as to connect with the spiritual aspect of the holy days.

I asked my boys some considerable time ago why they don't want to go to church. They both answered that they believed in God but they didn't see the need to attend church, they would worship God in their own way.

As we approach the Easter holy days I think many young people would probably view Easter in the same way. Indeed the vast majority of Australians don't celebrate Easter they celebrate the long weekend!



Perhaps Trevor, Nita, Elaine and I might have some influence on Imogen as she grows up, and she might come with us to church as she gets older.

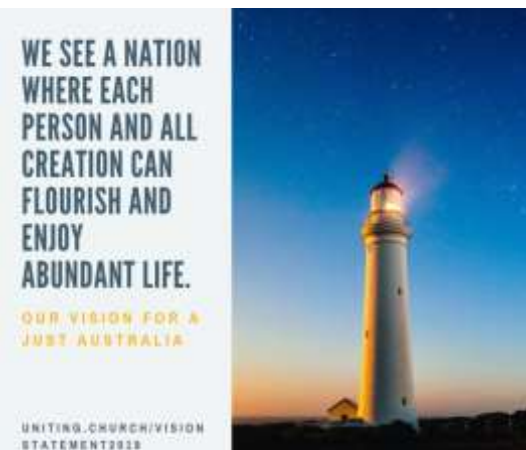
May you all have a blessed Easter!

Alex



## A Vision for a Just Australia

The Uniting Church in Australia has articulated its vision for a just, compassionate and inclusive nation in a new statement and resource.



In launching the statement, UCA President Dr Deidre Palmer said the Uniting Church's vision for Australia was a nation where all people and all creation could flourish.

"We believe that our participation in God's mission calls us toward the transformation that God desires for us all, marked by reconciliation, love, justice, peace, abundance and flourishing for all people and the whole earth," said Deidre.



Wesley Uniting Church Kent Town

27 Grenfell Street

Kent Town



## DAYLIGHT SAVING ENDS

Remember to turn your clock back  
1 hour on Saturday night 6<sup>th</sup> April.



## HOLY WEEK



### Palm Sunday: (Special Choral Service)

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April, 10.00am

### Maundy Thursday Service:

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April, 7.00pm

### Good Friday:

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April, 9.00am

### Easter Day:

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April, 10.00am



### Palm Sunday Service

This will be a service of music and readings for Holy Week organised by Graham Bell. An augmented Wesley choir will present a range of choral pieces. The readings and music together will tell the story from Jesus' Triumphant entry into Jerusalem to his crucifixion.

The **Maundy Thursday Service**, to be held in the **Back Hall**, will follow the Stations of the Cross and contain an abbreviated Passover Seder.

**Good Friday and Easter Day** services will be held in the church and will also feature special choral music.

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The annual general meeting of the congregation was held on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March. The budget for 2019 was presented and endorsed by the meeting. Rev Alex Rodgers has graciously agreed to a reduction in time of his placement from 0.7 to 0.5 FTE to help the church's financial position. The chairman Dr Mark Symons spoke about the opportunities presented to us as a church in light of the planned re-ignoration and redevelopment of Kent Town. He also spoke of planned changes in structure of the Uniting Church SA and the proposed change in the number of presbyteries.

## HISTORY FESTIVAL – CHURCH OPEN

Wesley Church will be participating in History Week. The church will be open to interested members of the public from **2.00 pm – 4.30 pm on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April**. There will be a talk about the history of the church, a chance to walk around and look at plaques and windows, and an organ recital by Graham Bell.

## COME-TO-LUNCH

Our next Come-to-Lunch for 2019 will be on **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> April** at the **Feathers Hotel** starting at 12.00 noon.. Please note the new venue and 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.

## NEWS OF OUR PEOPLE

**Trevor Leane** took a short trip to Perth to visit two very good friends, one of whom was quite ill. We trust that he enjoyed catching up with them and that he brought comfort to his friend. Visiting people in time of need is one of Trevor's many strengths. In his absence, **Mark & Pat Symons** kindly filled in for Trevor and prepared morning tea.

**Pam & David George** have taken their caravan to Wagga for a few weeks. We hope they have an enjoyable time.

**Ron McKay Smith** is going on a cruise from Melbourne to Sydney and then staying in Sydney for two weeks. Ron is a member of the Metropolitan Male Voice Choir but unfortunately he will have to miss their performance in Wesley Church on the 7<sup>th</sup> April.

We have missed **Azalea Goldsworthy** in recent weeks. Her sister is in very poor health and reliant on Azalea's constant care and support. We send Azalea our love, and pray that she will keep well and strong herself.

**Joan Atkinson** has made a good recovery from her knee surgery and was recently seen walking without the aid of a stick. Her cousin Liz is staying with her so she has company at home, and Joan is continuing with physiotherapy and hydrotherapy at Calvary College Grove.

**Fiona Atkinson** has been kept very busy lately with Irish dancing. Her troupe took part in a St Patrick's Day performance at the Adelaide Oval and they received "fantastic feedback" as they were the only adult troupe taking part. Fiona really enjoyed the day as all the Irish dance, language, music and cultural groups were there. In the week following, she had graded exams and passed grades 2, 3 and 4 all in one day. She is looking forward to a few weeks' break to recover from sore feet.



**Barbara Fitzsimmons** is pleased with the outcome of her cataract surgery and has now had the other eye operated on, so soon she will have similar vision in both eyes.

## JUST A THOUGHT

It's nice to be important but even more important to be nice.  
*Sign outside Glynde Lutheran Church*

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