

# WESLEY NEWS

**JUNE  
DIARY DATES**

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10.00 am  
Rev Alex Rodgers  
& Rev Mac Macdonald  
*Holy Communion*  
EASTER 7

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

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup>, 12 noon  
Royal Terrace Hotel  
COME-TO-LUNCH

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

Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> at 10.00 am  
Rev Alex Rodgers  
TRINITY SUNDAY

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> at 10.00 am  
Rev Alex Rodgers  
PENTECOST 2

Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> at 10.00 am  
Rev Mac Macdonald  
PENTECOST 3

**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**

I have been re-reading some of the theology books I used while studying at theological college in Melbourne. Some of the authors were well known at the time, and a few like Hans Kung and Klaus Westermann wrote books that sold quite well beyond the hallowed walls of university.

Hans Kung in particular wrote two or three best sellers, one of which “Why Priests”, was particularly challenging to a young man beginning studying for ordination. Although directed towards those seeking to be ordained as priests in the Roman Church, many of the points made by Kung related just as well to men and women seeking to become Uniting Church Clergy.

In essence Kung argues that it was not Jesus’s intention that the Church should have an ordained clergy, but that leadership would be a shared role within its membership. He also argues that priestly power is open to abuse and who can argue against that statement as the events of recent years has made clear.

Then there is the work of Pere Pierre Teilhard de Chardin, a Jesuit priest. His writings are quite intense and need a great deal of concentration, but if you stick with them you can discover a window into the glory of nature in which humanity has a place to nurture and protect the natural world rather than to abuse and ravish it.

The latest series of books I have been re-discovering, are written by a German American Theologian named Paul Tillich. Tillich believed that the most dangerous threats to a happy life are stress and anxiety. In his most popular book, “the Courage to be”, Tillich challenges us to look within ourselves to find the reality of God. He taught that it is when we touch that reality that we truly become fulfilled and happy. Tillich believed that the purpose of life is to be happy, and that everyone can attain that happiness by discovering the presence of God within.

I have quite a large library of books on Christology (the study of the nature of Jesus), general theology, biblical study, philosophy and Church History in the Minister’s Vestry and I would encourage you all to have a browse and if anything takes your interest please feel free to borrow. Just bring it back when you are finished!!

Blessings, as always

Alex



**What is the meaning of Pentecost and the Spirit of Pentecost?**



*“When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.” Acts 2:1-4*

Jesus promised the disciples that once He had left them He would send them the Holy Spirit as a helper and a guide. An incredible promise, that when He would no longer be physically among them, the same Spirit that was with Him on earth would come to guide the disciples on the way of truth. On Pentecost that promise was fulfilled and the disciples were filled with this Spirit of power and truth. The tremendous significance of Pentecost is that now that Spirit is available to all who ask; all who obey God. (Acts 5:32) That is the Spirit of Pentecost. In this way God can speak to us.



**Wesley Uniting Church Kent Town**

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Kent Town**



## COME-TO-LUNCH

Our next Come-to-Lunch for 2019 will be on **Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June** at the **Royal Terrace Hotel** starting at 12.00 noon. Please let **Trevor Leane** know if you will be attending so that he can book a table for us. If you haven't attended before, please think about joining us.

## SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION

There was a Special Meeting of the Congregation on **Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup> May 2019**. As a Congregation we were asked to decide if we wished to be part of the soon to be formed Generate Presbytery or not. The outcome of the ballot was not a decisive YES or NO, so we remain in the Transitional Presbytery at this stage. If you are interested to see how other congregations have voted you can check out the following website:

<https://sa.uca.org.au/presbytery-and-synod/restructure> and then select "Presbytery Decision Advice".

## TARTAN SUNDAY

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

His Excellency the Honourable Hieu Van Le AC, Governor of South Australia and Mrs Le will be in attendance. There will also be representatives of all the Scottish clans, bagpipers and highland dancers. Please invite family and friends along.



## WINTER/SPRING CONCERT SERIES

**Wednesdays 17<sup>th</sup> July, 14<sup>th</sup> August, 18<sup>th</sup> September, 16<sup>th</sup> October, 20<sup>th</sup> November at 2.00 pm**

## PAC SESQUICENTENARY



### THANKSGIVING SERVICE

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

This special service of thanksgiving will recognise the long term links between Prince Alfred College and the Methodist/Uniting Church. It will celebrate the diversity, achievements and tradition of PAC's 150 year history. The worship leader will be PAC chaplain, Rev Mark Dickens, with support from the moderator, Rev Sue Ellis and Rev Alexander Rodgers. Uniting Church in Australia president, Rev Deidre Palmer will be the guest preacher. Music will be provided by the Wesley choir, PAC choir and PAC string ensemble. The organist will be Prof Mel Waters.

## WATTLE RACING PEDAL PRIX VISIT

The Church Council has again agreed to host 'Wattle Racing', a pedal prix team which is an official outreach ministry of Eaglehawk Uniting Church, Victoria. They will stay in the halls on **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June and Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June**, and will visit again in July



## NEWS OF OUR PEOPLE

**Mark & Pat Symons** will be away for 6 weeks while they are travelling to Paris and London. We hope they have a wonderful trip and look forward to their safe return.

**Baptism of Ruby Myers:** Ruby will be baptised during Sunday worship on **9<sup>th</sup> June**. Ruby also turns 1 year old on the 5<sup>th</sup> June and we are all invited to share in both the baptismal service and a celebratory morning tea to follow. We are delighted to welcome Ruby into the life and fellowship of the Church.



A few other members are reaching some significant milestones too. **Fiona Atkinson** will celebrate her 50<sup>th</sup> birthday on 2<sup>nd</sup> June and **Doug Baker** will turn 90 on 9<sup>th</sup> July. **Linda Nicholls** was 107 at the end of May. What a remarkable achievement!



Special Congratulations are extended to **Barbara Fitzsimmons** who received an award for Volunteer of the Year from the Walkerville City Council. Well done, Barbara!

You have probably noticed that the choir is a man short. Unfortunately **Ron M'Kay Smith** had a fall and broke his femur. He had a traumatic time before he was found and taken to hospital but he is making a good recovery and being well looked after.

**Fernetta Bartlett** has moved into respite care at "Glenrose Court", 550 Portrush Road. She has been experiencing ill health for a while and has had to have a few short stays in hospital in the last couple of weeks. We hope she benefits from the additional care and can return home again soon.

We missed **Pam & David George** and assumed they were travelling. As it turned out, David went into hospital for what was expected to be minor surgery but developed complications. We are glad to see him up and around.

## JUST A THOUGHT

Be the reason someone smiles. Be the reason someone feels loved and believes in the goodness of people.

*Roy T Bennett*

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