

WESLEY NEWS

AUGUST DIARY DATES

Sunday 4th at 10.00 am
Rev Alex Rodgers
Holy Communion
PENTECOST 8

Thursday 8th at 2.00 pm
CHURCH COUNCIL

Sunday 11th at 10.00 am
Rev Alex Rodgers
PENTECOST 9

Wednesday 14th at 2.00pm
*WINTER/SPRING
CONCERT*

Sunday 18th at 10.00 am
Rev Alex Rodgers
PENTECOST 10

Sunday 25th at 10.00 am
Rev Alex Rodgers
& Rev Mark Dickens
CHURCH ANNIVERSARY
PENTECOST 11

MUSIC @ WESLEY

Choir Practice

Wednesday evenings in the
Choir Vestry at 7.30 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

MINISTERIAL MEANDERING

It is hard to believe we are up to August already and have just finished a July which was quite eventful with the celebration of Tartan Sunday and Prince Alfred College's Sesquicentenary Thanksgiving Service.



July is named after Julius Caesar. The Roman Senate decided to name the month after the most important man in the Roman Empire around the same time that he was voted to be a member of the Roman pantheon of Gods. This meant that his adopted son Octavian, who later became the first emperor of Rome, Augustus, became known as "son of God". When Augustus became emperor he had the name of the Roman month of Sextilius changed to August in his honour!

The names of the months are interesting.

January is named after the two headed God Janus who looks back to the previous year and forward to the upcoming year. February is the month of purification – from the Latin Februa. March is the month of Mars, the God of war, while April is the month of 'openings' - spring delight opening of flowers and leaves. May is named after Maia the Roman Goddess of Spring. June is the celebration of the Goddess Juno, the queen of the Gods. (July and August we are aware of already). September, October, November and December are the seventh eighth, ninth and tenth months of the year (according to the old Roman Calendar.)

The Calendar was extremely important to the Roman because of the celebrations of the various festivals and celebrations held in honour of the Gods and the senior members of the Roman hierarchy.

Shakespeare makes us particularly aware of this in the play Julius Caesar when he describes the warning given to Julius Caesar by a soothsayer to "beware the Ides of March". The ides of March was the 15th of the month and was particularly important as the date for the settling of outstanding debts. This is ironic when it comes to the assassination of Caesar; stabbed to death for the settlement of his debts to the Roman Republic!

Interesting to think on the derivation of these and other names from the past

As always, blessings

Alex

Robert Lewis Stevenson, best known for his adventure story "Treasure Island", was in poor health during much of his childhood and youth. One night his nurse found him with his nose pressed against the frosty pane of his bedroom window. "Child, come away from there. You'll catch a death of cold," she fussed. But young Robert wouldn't budge. He sat, mesmerized, as he watched an old lamplighter slowly working his way through the black night, lighting each street lamp along his route. Pointing, Robert exclaimed, "See; look there; there's a man poking holes in the darkness."



"Poking holes in the darkness" - what a marvellous picture of our task as the light of the world. It is our job to poke holes in the spiritual darkness of our world. As it says in Matthew, "In the same way let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven."

You may be the only example of a Christian some people will ever see or hear. Are you an example for others?

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Wesley Uniting Church Kent Town
27 Grenfell Street, Kent Town



CHURCH ANNIVERSARY SERVICE

On **Sunday 25th August 2019**, Wesley Uniting Church Kent Town will celebrate its 154th Anniversary with a special worship service at **10.00 am**. The service will be led by Rev Alex Rodgers and Rev Mark Dickens and an augmented Wesley choir will present some special music. During the service, there will be a **dedication of a plaque honouring the memory of Jean Lang**, a much loved life-time member of this congregation and a tireless worker for the church that held such a special place in her heart.



Jean attended Kent Town Church for 95 years, starting when the family moved to St Peters. She was a member of the guild, the choir for over 50 years and the church council. Jean had a very artistic flair as seen in her floral arrangements in the church where she organised the flowers for Sunday services and weddings for several decades.

Her Christian faith, regular attendance at services, concern for members of the congregation, contribution and dedication to the church at Kent Town, were exceptional. She was most generous with her donations to the upkeep and ongoing work of her beloved church. Jean is deeply missed by all of us who were fortunate to know her.

WINTER/SPRING 2019 CONCERT SERIES



The next concert will be held on **Wednesday, 14th August 2019** at

2.00 pm, and features bass baritone, Alex Roose and organist, David Heath. Tickets are available at the door for \$15. Afternoon Tea will be available in the Mark Symons hall following the concert.

The July concert was well attended and the audience was treated to a delightful musical afternoon by a talented trio from PAC and organist, Andrew Georg.

TARTAN SUNDAY CELEBRATED IN STYLE

A special worship service was held at Wesley Uniting Church Kent Town on **Sunday 7th July 2019** to celebrate the Repeal Proclamation of 1782, the annulling of the Act of Proscription which had banned the wearing of highland dress.



His Excellency the Honourable Hieu Van Le AC, Governor of South Australia and Mrs Le were in attendance and were appropriately dressed in Scottish attire. Following the arrival of the governor, the clans

processed down the aisle bearing clan banners and were accompanied by six pipers. During the service, the congregation were entertained by highland dancers, the rendition of "Amazing Grace" and "Highland Cathedral" on the bagpipes and some delightful Scottish pieces sung by the augmented Wesley choir. Wesley's magnificent pipe organ, played by organist Graham Bell, accompanied the hymn singing and choir performances.

PAC SESQUICENTENARY THANKSGIVING SERVICE



This special service of thanksgiving, held on **Sunday 28th July at 10.00am** recognised the long term links between Prince Alfred College and the Methodist/Uniting Church. It celebrated the diversity, achievements and tradition of PAC's 150 year history. The worship leader was 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 was the guest preacher. Music was provided by the Wesley choir, PAC choir and PAC string ensemble. Prof Mel Waters was the guest organist. Approximately 600 people attended and it was a great success.

COME-TO-LUNCH cancelled this month

The August "Come-to-Lunch" has been cancelled as it would clash with the next concert. Please watch out for news of future gatherings in the next newsletter.

NEWS OF OUR PEOPLE

We are pleased to welcome home **Mark & Pat Symons** who have returned safely from their trip to Europe and the UK but say "Bon Voyage" to **Mac & Margaret Macdonald** as they depart for their holiday in Europe and Scotland. **Fiona Atkinson** has also returned from her holiday in Singapore and Spain She reports that she enjoyed catching up with her sister who travelled from Ireland to Barcelona to meet up with Fiona. She also enjoyed participating in the conference related to her work as a massage therapist and learnt some interesting new things.

We say a special welcome to **Johanna Garnica's** cousin **Luisa** who is visiting Johanna from Columbia. She will be here for 2 months and is delighted to meet her new little niece, Ruby.

JUST A THOUGHT

"Don't wait for the right moment to start, start and make each moment right."

Roy T Bennett

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