

WESLEY NEWS

DECEMBER DIARY DATES

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Sunday 1st at 10.00 am

Rev Alex Rodgers

Holy Communion /Baptism

ADVENT 1

Monday 2nd at 7.00 pm

**PAC SERVICE OF
LESSONS & CAROLS**

Sunday 8th at 10.00 am

Rev Alex Rodgers

ADVENT 2

Thursday 12th at 2.00pm

CHURCH COUNCIL

Sunday 15th at 10.00 am

Rev Alex Rodgers

ADVENT 3

Sunday 22nd at 10.00 am

Rev Alex Rodgers

**SERVICE OF
LESSONS & CAROLS
ADVENT 4**

Wednesday 25th, 10.00am

Rev Alex Rodgers

CHRISTMAS DAY

Sunday 29th at 10.00 am

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CHRISTMAS 1

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

ADVENT!

We begin the season of the year leading up to Christmas in the Church Calendar. It is generally the four Sundays leading up to Christmas, each Sunday representing a particular aspect of the Christian life.

For me it is always a time when I try to allow myself to concentrate on the four Sundays, to focus myself on my prayer life. I make an extra effort to pray for those I know, to bring their needs to the fore. I hope that my prayers might be effective in allowing their prayers to come to pass.

Each of the Sundays has a specific theme tied to it – Hope, Love, Joy and Peace.



Blessings, Alex

With just a few short weeks until Christmas we enter into a season of waiting, anticipating, getting ready.

“A voice of one calling in the wilderness,
'Prepare the way for the Lord,
make straight paths for him.
Every valley shall be filled in,
every mountain and hill made low.
The crooked roads shall become straight,
the rough ways smooth.

And all people will see God's salvation.”



Luke 3:4-6

Lord,

In Christ, we have seen your salvation. We celebrate his birth in a few weeks and treasure your truth in our hearts. May our Christmas preparations be inward-looking, preparing our hearts for the arrival of Jesus?

May external preparations be a small part of our Christmas and may we invite others to see God's salvation for themselves.

Reflection from UC e-News November, 2019



**Wesley Uniting Church Kent Town
27 Grenfell Street, Kent Town**



THINKING OF THOSE IN NEED

Christmas Bowl Appeal



The Christmas Bowl is the Christmas Appeal of Act for Peace, the international aid agency of the National Council of Churches in Australia. Envelopes are available in the porch if you would like to make a donation. The Christmas Day offering will be donated to this appeal.

REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE

Everyone who attended the **Remembrance Day Service** found it very moving. The special music presented by organist, Graham Bell and the augmented Wesley choir complimented the service beautifully.



WINTER/SPRING 2019 CONCERT SERIES



The final concert for 2019 was most enjoyable despite the terrible heat on the day. Violinist, **Janet Anderson**, accompanied by pianist, **Damien Mansfield**, and organist, **Graham Bell**, delighted the audience with a varied programme of excellent music.

ST ANDREW'S DAY SERVICE

The **St Andrew's Day Service** was well attended and everyone was most appreciative of the music presented by the augmented choir and the piper, **Barrey Niven**. We thank **Graham Bell** for the work he put into selecting choral pieces and training the choir for this special service. We also thank **Rev John Watson** for sharing leadership of the worship with our minister, **Rev Alex Rodgers**. **Margaret Harkness** played a major role in organising this service and we extend our appreciation to her for her contribution in this regard.



NEWS OF OUR PEOPLE

We are pleased to welcome several new people into our congregation. **Peter Skellon** has been attending worship for several months now. He is a familiar face because he has helped out on the door at our Winter/Spring concerts for several years. **Jhonn Torres** and **Liliana Gonzalez**, with their daughter, **Salome**, have also been attending regularly and we are enjoying getting to know them. They were delighted to find that Deborah White speaks Spanish so that has facilitated communication.

Joan Atkinson is heading off to Wexford, Ireland where she will spend Christmas with daughter Catherine and her husband. We wish her a lovely holiday and look forward to her return in January.

Both **Mark Symons** and **Doug Stewart** have been on the sick list. Mark has needed antibiotics and is recovering slowly. Doug is looking quite a bit better after spending five days in the Royal Adelaide Hospital. We hope they will both be feeling much stronger soon.

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS

The first Sunday in Advent marks the beginning of the Christian Year. It is a time of expectant waiting and preparation for the celebration of the Nativity of Jesus.

❖ PAC Service of Lessons & Carols

Monday 2nd December at 7.00pm

The congregation is invited to share in this service which will feature combined PAC and Wesley Choirs and PAC music ensembles. Refreshments will be available in the hall following the service.

❖ Wesley Service of Lessons & Carols

Sunday 22nd December at 10.00am

This special service, relating the Christmas story of the birth of Christ through Bible readings and music, features an augmented choir led by organist, Graham Bell. It has a long tradition in the history of Wesley Kent Town.

❖ Christmas Day Service

Wednesday 25th December at 9.00am ★

This family service celebrates the birth of Christ and the coming of Love into the world.



Please invite family and friends along to these services.



Love came down at Christmas

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