

# WESLEY NEWS

## NOVEMBER DIARY DATES

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November  
ALL SAINTS DAY

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10.00 am  
Rev Alex Rodgers  
*Holy Communion*  
PENTECOST 21

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> at 10.00 am  
Rev Alex Rodgers  
PENTECOST 22  
*REMEMBRANCE DAY*

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> at 2.00 pm  
CHURCH COUNCIL

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> at 10.00 am  
Rev Alex Rodgers  
PENTECOST 23

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> at 2.00pm  
*WINTER/SPRING  
CONCERT*

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> at 10.00 am  
Rev Alex Rodgers  
& Rev John Watson  
CHRIST THE KING  
*ST ANDREW'S DAY*

## 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

*With proud thanksgiving, a mother for her children,  
England mourns for her dead across the sea.  
Flesh of her flesh they were, spirit of her spirit,  
Fallen in the cause of the free.*

*Solemn the drums thrill: Death august and royal  
Sings sorrow up into immortal spheres.  
There is music in the midst of desolation  
And a glory that shines upon our tears.*

*They went with songs to the battle, they were young,  
Straight of limb, true of eye, steady and aglow.  
They were staunch to the end against odds uncounted,  
They fell with their faces to the foe.*

*They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:  
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.  
At the going down of the sun and in the morning  
We will remember them.*



*They mingle not with their laughing comrades again;  
They sit no more at familiar tables of home;  
They have no lot in our labour of the day-time;  
They sleep beyond England's foam.*

*But where our desires are and our hopes profound,  
Felt as a well-spring that is hidden from sight,  
To the innermost heart of their own land they are known  
As the stars are known to the Night;*

*As the stars that shall be bright when we are dust,  
Moving in marches upon the heavenly plain,  
As the stars that are starry in the time of our darkness,  
To the end, to the end, they remain.*

This is the full text of the poem written by Laurence Binyon, the fourth stanza of which has become the poem recited each Remembrance Day as a tribute to the fallen. The poem was written in mid-September 1914, a few weeks after the outbreak of the First World War. During these weeks the British Expeditionary Force had suffered casualties following its first encounter with the Imperial German Army at the Battle of Mons on 23 August, its rearguard action during the retreat from Mons in late August and the Battle of Le Cateau on 26 August, and its participation with the French Army in holding up the Imperial German Army at the First Battle of the Marne between 5 and 9 September 1914.

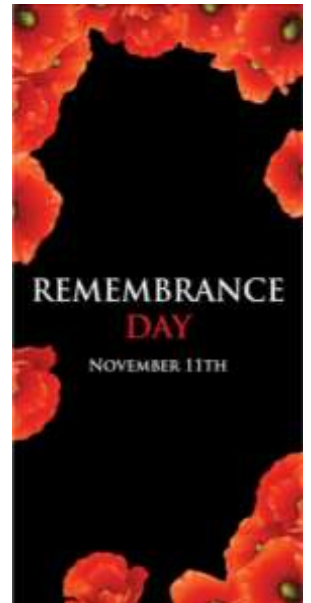
Laurence said in 1939 that the four lines of the fourth stanza came to him first. These words of the fourth stanza have become especially familiar and famous, having been adopted by the Royal British Legion as an Exhortation for ceremonies of Remembrance to commemorate fallen Servicemen and women. Laurence Binyon was too old to enlist in the military forces but he went to work for the Red Cross as a medical orderly in 1916. He lost several close friends and his brother-in-law in the war.

As we celebrate Remembrance Day this month it is well to remember the sacrifice of those who died fighting in the wars of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century. The violence of those wars was extreme in part because of the growth in technology developed for fighting. If there was to be a war in which the huge armies of the USA, China, North Korea and other militaristic governments were involved the consequences would be dire for the whole world. Let us pray for peace.

Blessings, Alex



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



## WINTER/SPRING 2019 CONCERT SERIES



Our final concert for this year will be held on **Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> November 2019 at 2.00 pm**, and features violinist, **Janet Anderson** 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. Our last concert was very well attended with approximately 170 people present.

### CHURCH FAMILY BARBECUE

A little over 30 people shared in a barbecue lunch at the home of Jenny & Doug Stewart on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> October. All who attended thoroughly enjoyed themselves as they chatted over lunch in the Spring sunshine. The variety of desserts was something to see and everyone tucked in heartily. It was great to have the opportunity to socialise together.



### REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE

On **Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November at 10.00 am** a special service will be held to commemorate the 101<sup>st</sup> anniversary of Armistice Day, which marked the end of World War 1. The service will be led by our minister, Rev Alex Rodgers and Frank Brookes will recite "the Ode".



### ST ANDREW'S DAY SERVICE

A special service to celebrate **Scotland's National Day** will be held on **Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November at 10.00 am**.



There will be a piper, and members of the clans will also be present. The service will be led jointly by Rev Alex Rodgers and Rev John Watson.

**Please invite family and friends along to these two special services.**

### NEWS OF OUR PEOPLE

**Rev Alex Rodgers** has been ill and needed some time off. We were most fortunate that Rev Jonathan Barker and Mr Keith Maynard stepped in at short notice and conducted Sunday services for us. We appreciate them helping us out in this way. Rev Alex is back with us but is not yet "A1" and is undergoing a number of tests and treatments. We extend to him our best wishes for improved health in the near future.

**Mac & Margaret Macdonald** have returned home after their holiday in Europe and the United Kingdom. They had a bit of a scare when Mac had to be hospitalised towards the end of the trip, but fortunately Mac rallied and is looking well.

**Deborah White** is also back with us after spending several months in Italy. We are pleased to see her in the choir again, adding support to the soprano section.



It is with sadness that we report the passing of **Linda Nicholls**, at the age of 107. Linda was a former member of this congregation and attended regularly until frailty forced her to move into aged care at age 104.

Prior to that, she was a resident of College Green. In her younger days, Linda attended Pirie Street Methodist Church with her family. Linda recalled with a smile, that "the church had wonderful stables, very wide, where you could leave your horse while at church". Linda enjoyed singing in various church choirs over many years, including at Wesley Uniting Church, Kent Town. Her funeral service will be held in the Chapel at Mattiske Funerals, 395 Montague Road, Para Vista, next Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November, at 10.30 am.

### THE BIRDBATH

*Virgean L F Bosworth*

The solid gold-plated birdbath  
Stands strongly and patiently  
In front of the apartment dwelling  
Filled to the brim with water,  
And glistens in the evening haze of the setting sun.  
Is the perpetual presence of the birdbath  
A reminder to stand like a guard in constant prayer,  
Always ready and waiting  
And filled with Your Water of Life?  
Lord, make me like the birdbath.  
It never traps the birds  
Nor keeps them longer than they  
want to stay.  
But it lets the birds fly free  
And never forces them to wash in its water.  
It simply remains standing, ready and waiting;  
Freely offering refreshing revival  
And renewing rest and replenishment.  
O my patient Lord, please make me like the birdbath!



### JUST A THOUGHT

"Giving and forgiving make life worth living."

*Sign outside Glynde Lutheran Church*

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