

WESLEY NEWS

JANUARY DIARY DATES

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Sunday 5th at 10.00 am
Rev Alex Rodgers
& Rev Mac Macdonald
Holy Communion
CHRISTMAS 2

Monday 6th January
EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Thursday 9th at 2.00pm
CHURCH COUNCIL

Sunday 12th at 10.00 am
Rev Alex Rodgers
BAPTISM OF JESUS

Sunday 19th at 10.00 am
Rev Alex Rodgers
EPIPHANY 2

Sunday 26th at 10.00 am
Rev Alex Rodgers
EPIPHANY 3

MUSIC @ WESLEY

Choir Practice

The choir is in recess during January. Practice resumes on Wednesday evening 29th January in the Choir Vestry at 7.30 pm

ARTS @ WESLEY

Patchworkers & Quilters

On holiday during January
Resumes Monday morning
3rd February 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

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Christ was born to bring New Life. May the New Year renew New Life in you!
Roger W Hancock

MINISTERIAL MEANDERING

As the New Year begins there are any number of topics for me to talk about in this little epigraph, but I feel the necessity to talk about the weather! I have no memory during the time I have lived in Australia of weather like we are experiencing. A month of over 30 degree heat every day, and two extreme weather periods of over 40 degrees.

Now, of course, this is a recipe for major fires and they have been happening throughout Australia. My nephew Cameron, is a senior member of the CFS and he has been involved in responding to most of the fires in South Australia and a couple of the more serious fires in NSW. He tells me that the fires appear to be more intense and unpredictable than any he has experienced in the past.

I find it hard to understand anyone who continues to argue against Climate Change. The proof is finally hitting us right slam bang in the face! And it is not all happening in Australia.

Earlier this year America experienced the most severe wildfire season ever, and there are many other examples I could cite. But I will only mention one other.



Greenland has a number of glaciers of which Greenlanders are rightly proud. I heard on the radio just last week that one of the most famous of these glaciers has disappeared, and the rest of the glaciers are disappearing at an incredible rate. They believe that all of their glaciers will have ceased to exist in fifty years. The Greenland government has built a special memorial on the site of the glacier that most recently melted and it offers an apology to future Greenlanders who will never see these remarkable sites for themselves.

I believe that we are "uncreating" that which God created, and we must act now to resolve these problems Mother Nature is experiencing.

May you have a good 2020!

Blessings, Alex

EPIPHANY

Epiphany goes by various names in different cultures. Little Christmas, Three Kings Day, or Twelfth Night all remain the official end of the season's "Twelve Days of Christmas" - counting from Christmas evening on December 25th to the Epiphany on January 6th.

Epiphany is from the Greek word *Epiphania*, meaning "revelation".

In biblical terms, the word best describes the story of how the Magi or Three Kings - Caspar, (or Kaspar or Gaspar) Melchior and Balthasar - saw a bright star on the night Christ was born and followed it to Bethlehem. There they found the Christ child and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

The legendary visit would later give rise to the custom of gift giving at Christmas on the Feast of the Epiphany, today traditionally observed on January 6th.



Wesley Uniting Church Kent Town
27 Grenfell Street, Kent Town



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. The Christmas Day offering was donated to this appeal.

FORWARD NOTICE OF DIARY EVENTS

- **Ash Wednesday, start of Lent:**
Wednesday 26th February
- **Palm Sunday:**
Sunday 5th April
- **Maundy Thursday:**
Thursday 9th April
- **Good Friday:**
Friday 10th April
- **Easter Day:**
Sunday 12th April

A **Harvest Thanksgiving Service** is planned again this year and it is hoped that PAC will share in that service with us. The date has yet to be confirmed.

The **Annual General Meeting of the Congregation** will be held in March at a date to be arranged.

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS

The special services held during December were very successful. The **PAC Service of Lessons and Carols** was a wonderful occasion. All present



thoroughly enjoyed the music and singing presented by the combined PAC and Wesley Choirs and PAC string ensemble.

On Sunday morning 22nd December, the **Wesley Service of Lessons and Carols** was well attended and the delightful music presented by the augmented choir was greatly appreciated. The **Christmas Day Service** was a beautiful start to Christmas Day with its message of love and singing of carols celebrating the birth of Christ

THANK YOU TO OUR ORGANIST & CHOIR

We are very grateful to our **organist and choirmaster, Graham Bell** for all his hard work in preparing the choir, his selection of beautiful music and his magnificent organ playing. He will be having a well-deserved break for 2 weeks during January while the choir is in recess. **Dr Mark Symons** will play the organ in Graham's absence.

We extend our thanks to Graham and the regular members of the choir for their dedication and work in enhancing our worship experience each Sunday.

CAN YOU HELP?

Do you have any old telephone books, magazines or old books that you don't need? If so, please bring them to the church as they will help with therapy for an autistic child.

NEWS OF OUR PEOPLE

Joan Atkinson has returned home after spending Christmas with daughter Catherine and her husband in Wexford, Ireland. **Robin Douglass** has moved into Fullarton Lutheran Homes. Unfortunately she had a fall two days before Christmas Day and cut her leg quite badly. She underwent surgery and has been recuperating

in Wakefield Hospital since. Her daughter is visiting from the Northern Territory and she has had loving support from her son and daughter-in-law as well. We wish her a speedy recovery so she can have a chance to settle in properly to her new environment. **Fernetta Bartlett** remains cheery but her health does not permit her to be out and about very much these days. **Madeleine Davey** visits regularly and Fernetta greatly appreciates her friendship. We were pleased to catch up with **Pam & David George** when they returned home just before Christmas after caravanning up north.

PAC YEAR 7 - 11 END OF YEAR SERVICE



PASTORAL VISITS

A new pastor was visiting the homes of his parishioners. At one house it seemed obvious that someone was at home, but no answer came to his repeated knocks at the door. Therefore, he took out a business card that had printed "Revelation 3:20" on the back of it for just such an occasion, and stuck it in the door.

When the offering was processed the following Sunday, he found that his card had been returned. Added to it was this cryptic message, "Genesis 3:10."

Reaching for his Bible to check out the citation, he broke up in gales of laughter. Revelation 3:20 begins "Behold, I stand at the door and knock." Genesis 3:10 reads, "I heard your voice in the garden and I was afraid for I was naked."

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