

WESLEY NEWS

**JUNE
DIARY DATES**

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Sunday 7th

TRINITY SUNDAY

Gn 1:1 – 2:4a Ps 8 2
Cor 13:11-13 Mt 28:16-20



Sunday 14th

PENTECOST 2

Gn 18:1-15, Ps 116:1-2, 12-19
Rom 5:1-8 Mt 9:35-10:8,(9-23)

Sunday 21st

PENTECOST 3

Gn 21:8-21 or Ps 86: 1-10, 16-17
Rom 6:1b-11 Mt 10:24-39

Monday 22nd

**UNITING CHURCH IN
AUSTRALIA
43rd ANNIVERSARY**



Sunday 28th

PENTECOST 4

Gn 22:1-14 Ps 13
Rom 6:12-23 Mt 10:40-42

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MUSIC @ WESLEY

Choir Practice - in recess.

ARTS @ WESLEY

Patchworkers & Quilters
- in recess.

WESLEY IS HOME TO

**Young Adelaide Voices
Adelaide Harmony Choir
Metropolitan Musical
Theatre Company
Monteverdi Singers**

MINISTERIAL MEANDERING

It looks as if we have managed as a nation to deal with the COVID 19 pandemic well. The number of infected cases has dropped considerably, as has the number of deaths. The governments, State and Federal have managed the problem remarkably well.

What next?

The worry for governments now is to get the economy back on track without allowing the virus to renew itself and therefore to balance the possibility of reinfections against the need to get people back to work and earning a living.

I wonder if we need worry quite as much. History shows that there is a rebound effect after pandemics. After the plagues of the 14th and 15th Centuries there followed the wonder of the renaissance, and more relevant to us, the Spanish flu after the Great War, which killed millions of people across the planet, was followed by the “roaring twenties”.

The Spanish Flu was a low blow after the massive negative nature of the First World War, and it came out of nowhere. Doctors and scientists did not have the expertise to deal with it and the result was an almost unhindered spread of the virus. People infected died very quickly and in the end it seemed to die out by itself.

So perhaps we can be positive about the future, although it is too early to say either way.

Let us pray for the overwhelming of this virus and a positive future afterwards.

Blessings, Alex

SEASON OF PENTECOST

This year, the Day of Pentecost is Sunday 31st May. We now enter the Season of Pentecost which is the longest season in the Christian Church year. It begins the Monday following the Day of Pentecost and lasts until the season of Advent begins.



“The Day of Pentecost is a Christian holy day that celebrates the coming of the Holy Spirit 40 days after Easter. Some Christian denominations consider it the birthday of the Christian church and celebrate it as such. Originally, Pentecost was a Jewish holiday held 50 days after Passover. One of three major feasts during the Jewish year, it celebrated Thanksgiving for harvested crops. However, Pentecost for Christians means something far different.

Before Jesus was crucified, he told his disciples that the Holy Spirit would come after him: ‘And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counsellor to be with you forever — the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you. I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you’. *John 14:16-18*

And 40 days after Jesus was resurrected (10 days after he ascended into heaven), that promise was fulfilled when Peter and the early Church were in Jerusalem for Pentecost: ‘When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them’”. *Acts 2:1-4*

by Richard Wagner, Kurt Warner



**Wesley Uniting Church Kent Town
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COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS – CHURCH WORSHIP



As of Monday 1st June, there will be a further relaxation of the rules relating to COVID-19. A maximum of 80 people will be allowed on the church premises with no more than 20 people

allowed in any one area. In addition, social distancing must be adhered to so that a minimum of 4 m² per person is provided and hand hygiene is practised. No food or drink may be consumed on the premises. We also have to have a COVID Safe Plan in place before anything else can happen. **Unfortunately, the church is classed as one space and so only 20 people are permitted in there at a time. This means that we cannot hold a service of worship yet.** This is disappointing but recent changes in this regard in New South Wales offer hope for an increase in numbers permitted inside places of worship soon.

WINTER SPRING CONCERTS

Unfortunately our 2020 Concert Series will not go ahead this year because of the COVID-19 restrictions on numbers at public gatherings. This is regrettable because they have been enjoyed by a wide range of people in the past. We look forward to a more positive experience in 2021.

NEWS OF OUR PEOPLE

Our two youngest members of the congregation are growing up rapidly. Daniel & Cherry Brookes' little daughter, **Courtney** turned 2 at the end of April and



Ruby, Johanna Espitia's daughter turns 2 in June. Back in 2018, they were both due about the same time but Courtney arrived suddenly 10 weeks early.

The photo shows Ruby in her bear suit.

Poor **Johanna** endured agonising tooth ache for a week but has now seen a dentist and preparatory work for a root canal has begun. She is greatly

relieved that the pain has gone. Johanna comes from Columbia where the impact of COVID-19 is much worse than in Australia. They have been in lock down and have to wear masks when going to the shops. Johanna's mother is being very protective of Johanna's grandmother who is 98 and in remarkably good health for her age.

Jhonn Torres and his wife **Liliana** were living in Kent Town but have moved to Woodville. They are fortunate to both have work. Liliana has put her studies on hold for the time being

Trevor Leane has been in phone contact with a number of people. He spoke to **Azalia Goldsworthy** recently. Azalia hasn't been well and has to go to St Andrew's Hospital on 11th June for a medical procedure. Her sister Margot is very sick and needs constant support from Azalia. A neighbour and close friend also died recently which has also been very upsetting for her.

Doug Baker and his wife Enid are going along quite well and in June/July they will both celebrate their 91st birthday, Enid on 8th June and Doug on 6th July.

Beryl Kennett enjoyed a couple of days away visiting relatives in the Auburn/Clare region. Beryl's husband, David, has been a resident at Helping Hand in North Adelaide for several years now but is becoming frailer.

Ben Price has been working from home and has been kept busy. Lisa, Ben and the girls are all well. The girls have settled back into school although they miss being able to play many of the school yard games they usually enjoy as the teachers are on yard duty ensuring they keep the regulation distance apart. The girls also miss dance classes as these are on hold at present.

David & Pam George had a few days away in the south east which was a break from being isolated. Pam has had one cataract removed recently and once this has healed the doctor will operate on her other eye. As soon as permitted they will be off on another of their delayed trips.

John Beard is still having troubles with his foot/ankle after being bitten by a spider some time back. His fruit trees have produced a good crop but he is disappointed to hear that his place is in a fruit fly zone. **Peter Skellon** and **Madeleine Davey** visited him recently.

Jenny Church's car was damaged in the KMART parking area which resulted in a door having to be replaced. Unfortunately the other driver gave false details so has not been able to be contacted. Fortunately, Jenny has the registration number of the other car and is confident she will track the "naughty lady" down.

Mark & Pat Symons are delighted that their second granddaughter, Georgina has secured a position at Roseworthy. Georgina has completed her University studies in Equine Veterinary Science.

Joan & Fiona Atkinson are well. Fiona works as a Therapeutic Masseuse and has still been kept quite busy during the lockdown period. Fiona visits Joan regularly and keeps a watchful eye out for her.

Graham Bell's pre-recorded organ performance at the Adelaide Town Hall took place on Thursday. Visit the Town Hall website and select WHAT'S ON. Look for 30th Anniversary Virtual Organ Concert Series. Graham's performance will be available on 30th June.

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