

WESLEY NEWS

AUGUST DIARY DATES

Sunday 2nd at 10.00 am
Rev Alex Rodgers &
Rev Mac Macdonald
Holy Communion
PENTECOST 9

Sunday 9th at 10.00 am
Rev Alex Rodgers
PENTECOST 10

Thursday 13th at 2.00pm
CHURCH COUNCIL

Sunday 16^h at 10.00 am
Rev Alex Rodgers
PENTECOST 11

Sunday 23rd at 10.00 am
Rev Alex Rodgers &
Rev Jonathan Barker
CHURCH ANNIVERSARY
PENTECOST 12

Sunday 30th at 10.00 am
Rev Mac Macdonald
PENTECOST 13

MUSIC @ WESLEY

Choir Practice
Wednesday evenings in the
Church at 7.30 pm

ARTS @ WESLEY

Patchworkers & Quilters
Monday mornings in the
Susannah Wesley Hall at
9.30am
Contact Pat: 8331 9816

WESLEY IS HOME TO

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

MINISTERIAL MEANDERING

I was watching a documentary on World War 1 and they were talking about the Spanish Flu Pandemic which took control of the world in the months following the war. The pandemic of 1918 was the deadliest in history, infecting an estimated 500 million people (about one third of the planet's population), and is estimated to have killed between 20 and 50 million.



The first recorded observations of the 1918 flu were documented in the United States, France, Germany and the United Kingdom. To maintain morale, the World War 1 censors minimized these early reports. Newspapers were free to report in neutral Spain and these reports gave the false impression of Spain being especially hard hit. This gave rise to the name "Spanish Flu". It soon spread around the world.

At that time, there were no effective drugs or vaccines to treat this killer flu strain.

Citizens were ordered to wear masks; schools, theatres and businesses were shuttered and bodies piled up in makeshift morgues before the virus ended its deadly global march.



Australia was not immune to the virus and many of the "Diggers" who returned home died from the virus after having survived the war. Approximately 15,000 Australians died from Spanish Flu at a time when the country's population was only about five million.



Spanish Flu quarantine camp on Jubilee Oval in Adelaide

When the virus spread to South Australia from Victoria, our borders were closed suddenly and a number of people holidaying in Melbourne found themselves stranded. Here in Adelaide, a quarantine camp was set up on Jubilee Oval adjacent to the River Torrens and returning soldiers were quarantined on Torrens Island.

It reminds us that we must do everything we can to follow the government guidelines to remain COVID-Safe here in South Australia so that we don't have to deal with the problems that Victoria is facing at the moment. It is surely much better to put up with a few restrictions than to face a second wave of the infection.

So let's stay COVID-Safe!

Blessings

Alex



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CHURCH SERVICES



As you are aware, we have been holding Worship Services again each Sunday since 21st June and have adapted well to the restrictions and necessary processes to meet health requirements. The choir is managing well despite a reduction in numbers and practising social distancing. It makes part singing more difficult when spread apart but they are still producing a good sound according to feedback received from the congregation.

155th CHURCH ANNIVERSARY

A special service of worship will be held on **Sunday 23rd August at 10.00am** to celebrate the **155th Anniversary** of this church. **Rev Jonathan Barker will be the guest preacher** and will share leading the worship with Rev Alex Rodgers. It is expected that we will have an augmented choir but most likely it will be smaller than in previous years because of the need to maintain social distancing. Organist and choir director, Graham Bell has already been selecting music and rehearsing the choir. **Please invite along family and friends and past members. There is plenty of room.**



HOLY COMMUNION

The Church Council has decided that we will celebrate the sacrament of Holy Communion on **Sunday 2nd August**.

It will vary from our usual procedure in the following manner. The ministers will sanitise their hands prior to commencement. The process will be intinction using wafers and a chalice of grape juice.

For distribution the ministers will stand in front of the communion table and recipients will be invited to come forward from one side of the church at a time. Recipients are asked to maintain a distance of 1.5m during this process.

As each recipient approaches the minister they will be passed a wafer and the recipient will then dip the wafer into the chalice. After receiving communion, recipients should return to their seat via the other aisle.

The elements will be brought to any members who are not mobile.

USE OF INDIVIDUAL COMMUNION CUPS



Interestingly, the practice of using individual communion cups can be traced back to the early 1900's when people became more aware of the risk of spreading disease via shared surfaces and particularly after the Spanish Flu Pandemic in 1919.

REPAIR OF WESTERN WINDOWS OF THE CHURCH

Restoration work on the large triple window at the back of the church is nearing completion. New frames have been made and installed. This work has been funded by a very generous member of the congregation.



NEWS OF OUR PEOPLE

Rev Alex Rodgers has been appointed as the Wimala Presbytery representative on the Public Theology and Mission Subcommittee of the Mission and Leadership Development Board until the 2021 annual meeting of the Presbytery. **Pam & David George** have packed up their caravan and headed north to escape our cold winter. This is their custom each year but they had to delay departure because of COVID-19. They have their passes in place and are aiming to cross the Queensland border by the 22nd July. Sensibly, they didn't attempt to cross the borders as soon as they opened and so avoided the long queues. Pam had cataract surgery a few months back and has had to make do with Chemist reading glasses but is hoping her new prescription ones arrive before departure. **Fernetta Bartlett** is keeping reasonably well and always sounds bright and cheery to speak with. She did confess to being rather bad tempered the other day as the people who come to assist with gardening and housework don't do the work to the standard she would like. The grumpy mood didn't last long and she was soon her normal happy self. **Trevor Leane** hasn't been well and missed church last Sunday. He was greatly missed because he is such a pillar of our church community and we all rely on him being there. He is feeling better and following the advice of his doctors. **Penelope Hackett-Jones** is finding life a little boring as she is practising social distancing and generally staying close to home except when she goes swimming in a small pool in Flinders street. She reports that **Mary** and family are all well and **Arthur** has just started school at St Andrew's. Mary's husband **Gabriel** has been posted back to Istanbul and returns this weekend. This concerns Penelope because the office there is in lockdown. **Johanna Espitia** has been very busy recently because she had a lot of assignments to complete for the disability and aged care course she is studying. She found it difficult to concentrate because every time she went to the computer **Ruby** wanted to sit on her lap and play games.

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