

WESLEY NEWS

SEPTEMBER DIARY DATES

Sunday 6th at 10.00 am
Rev Alex Rodgers &
Rev Mac Macdonald
Holy Communion
PENTECOST 14

Thursday 10th at 2.00pm
CHURCH COUNCIL

Sunday 13th at 10.00 am
Rev Alex Rodgers
PENTECOST 15

Sunday 20th at 10.00 am
Rev Alex Rodgers
PENTECOST 16

Sunday 27th at 10.00 am
Rev Mac Macdonald
PENTECOST 17



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
Organ Music Society of Adelaide Music Library

MINISTERIAL MEANDERING

I am reading a comic book series at the moment which I get from Scotland every year. It is a publication of cartoon strips from Scotland's Sunday Post Newspaper. They are called "The Broons and Oor Wullie."

"The Broons" is about a family of seven living in a tenement, cheek by jowl and the escapades they engage in. "Oor Wullie" is the story of a small boy of about 12 or 14 (he has been the same age since 1932!) and the many problematic situations he gets himself into and out of.



Oor Wullie is a series of cartoons I am particularly fond of as they remind me so much of myself when I was young. In this latest series Wullie is conned into shoplifting a small item from a supermarket and the trouble it gets him into. Finally he goes to his mother and she takes him to the shopkeeper to return the item.

Now this reminds me of what happened to me when I tried my one and only attempt at shoplifting as a 12 year old. My granny caught me playing with something (a mouth organ) she knew I couldn't afford and I admitted that I had taken it from Marks and Spencers' store in Glasgow. She gave me a skelp about the ear and dragged me to the shop where I was forced to return it and endure a lecture from my uncle (a police officer). He gave me a skelp about the ear as well (a time before political correctness) and I never attempted to steal anything ever again.

It is interesting how times change. A belt about the ear is no longer acceptable, and rightly so I believe, but having the fear of God put into you is no bad thing I think. Anyway as they say on the back of the books, "he's Oor Wullie, your Wullie and a'body's Wullie". Amen to that!!



Blessings

Alex

SPRINGTIME

Spring is the season of new beginnings. Fresh buds bloom, animals awaken and the earth seems to come to life again. Farmers and gardeners plant their seeds and temperatures slowly rise.

Why do we like spring? We like new life. We can't help but open our eyes with a smile when birds' songs announce a new day and when we see new young leaves emerge on the deciduous trees and the flowers begin to bloom.

How can we make every day like spring? Celebrate our salvation. Praise God everyday with new songs that tell of His love and new life.



Wesley Uniting Church Kent Town
27 Grenfell Street, Kent Town



155th CHURCH ANNIVERSARY

A special service of worship was held on **Sunday 23rd August at 10.00am** to celebrate the **155th Anniversary** of this church. **Rev Dr Jonathan Barker** was our **guest preacher** and shared leading the worship with Rev Alex Rodgers.



The service was well attended although a number of people were unable to join us because of health problems. They sent their best wishes to us along with their regrets at being unable to attend – John & Doreen Cooper, Catherine Courtney, Nina & Jim Murton

and Rosanne Pillar to name a few.

The many positive comments from members indicate that people found it an uplifting service with beautiful music and an inspirational message from our guest preacher. The augmented choir presented four beautiful choral pieces as well as leading the hymn singing.

Our thanks must go to the ministers and organist/choir director, Graham Bell for their work in preparation of the worship. Graham was superb on the organ.

HOLY COMMUNION



The sacrament of Holy Communion will next be celebrated on Sunday 6th September

The process will again 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. Some refinement to ensure social distancing is practised will be required so please follow the directions given by the minister and usher on the day.

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

COVID-19 MARSHALS



A number of church members have undertaken the required professional education training to qualify as COVID-19 Marshals. At least one COVID-19 Marshal will be on duty each week to ensure that we adhere to all the requirements in our COVIDSafe Plan. The provision of a trained COVID-19 Marshal at all gatherings has been a government requirement since Friday 21st August.

FATHER'S DAY

Sunday 6th September is Father's Day, a day of honouring fatherhood and paternal bonds, as well as the influence of fathers in society. We say Happy Father's Day to all the fathers, grandfathers and father figures in our church family, and take the opportunity to recognise them for the important role they play, and have played, in loving and nurturing children. The idea of a special day to honour fathers and celebrate

fatherhood was introduced from the United States. A woman called Sonora Smart Dodd was inspired by the American Mother's Day celebrations and planned a day to honour fathers early in the 20th century.

Happy Father's Day!

ORGAN MUSIC SOCIETY AGM



The Organ Music Society of Adelaide (OMS) will be holding its Annual General Meeting in the church on 12th September 2020. Following the meeting, attendees will have an opportunity to visit the OMS Music Library that has been established in the landing area at the top of the stairs leading to the southern gallery of the church. OMS holds a large collection of organ music that has been generously donated for the use of members. It's Librarian, John Poynter has spent hours cataloguing each piece of music. OMS members can borrow music free of charge.



OMS Adelaide was formed in 1939 to foster an appreciation of pipe organ music.

REV DR JONATHAN BARKER

Jonathan trained at Parkin College (Adelaide) and was ordained as a Minister of the Gospel in the Congregational Church in 1964. Having been a Minister of the Word, Jonathan became a Deacon with the establishment of the renewed Diaconate by the Uniting Church in 1994. He has served in South Australia (Gilberton/Department of Christian Education; Whyalla; Parkside/Glenunga; Marion/Warradale and Pilgrim), in Western Australia (Applecross; Mowanjumb Aboriginal Community, Derby), in New South Wales (Pitt Street, Sydney; Bondi Beach Chapel by the Sea, Goulburn), and the Australian Capital Territory (South Woden). Other work includes involvement in Community Development with the International Training Institute (Bombay, India); Associate Director of Lay Education (Parkin Wesley College) and Theology Lecturer at Nungalinga College (Darwin).



JUST A THOUGHT

May the power of love overcome the love of power.

Sign outside Glynde Lutheran Church

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