

WESLEY NEWS

NOVEMBER DIARY DATES

Sunday 1st at 10.00 am

Rev Alex Rodgers &
Rev Mac Macdonald

Holy Communion
PENTECOST 22
ALL SAINTS DAY

Sunday 8th at 10.00 am

Rev Alex Rodgers
& Rev Mark Dickens

REMEMBRANCE DAY
SERVICE
PENTECOST 23

Thursday 12th at 2.00pm

CHURCH COUNCIL

Sunday 15th at 10.00 am

Rev Alex Rodgers

PENTECOST 24

Sunday 22nd at 10.00 am

Rev Mac Macdonald

CHRIST THE KING

Sunday 29th at 10.00 am

Rev Alex Rodgers
& Rev Mark Dickens

ST ANDREW'S DAY
ADVENT 1

MUSIC @ WESLEY

Choir Practice

Wednesday evenings in the
Church at 7.30 pm

ARTS @ WESLEY

Patchworkers & Quilters

Monday mornings in the
Susannah Wesley Hall
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

Adelaide Chamber
Singers

MINISTERIAL MEANDERING

The election for the President of the United States is underway! Let me say straight away that I am hoping that President Trump will not be re-elected! Vice-president Joe Biden maintains a healthy lead over Donald Trump, between 8 and 10 points depending on which polling average is used.

But the shock of 2016, when most polls and pundits wrote off a Trump upset, means many are still wary of a late twist. The good news for the Biden camp is this: by this stage in the race four years ago, Hillary Clinton's national polling average was starting to fall, thanks in part to then FBI director James Comey's decision to investigate her emails.

Biden, more popular than Clinton ever was, hasn't seen his lead drop. Instead, the pandemic, a broken economy, the sheer chaos of the Trump administration make him look a safe pair of hands.

But as in 2016, Trump still has a narrow path to victory — lose the popular vote, but patch together an electoral college majority by hanging onto a handful of precarious swing states. He must win at least two of Pennsylvania, Wisconsin and Michigan. And he cannot afford to lose Florida.

Florida is a state where well off American retirees retire to. The largest retirement village in the world “the Villages” is in Florida. Whoever claims victory in Florida usually claims victory in the election proper.

As a neutral observer I am deeply worried about the possibility of Trump's re-election and as a Christian, his lying, exaggerations and other major character flaws makes him a worrisome Presidential candidate. Well-off retirees usually support the Republican candidate for president.

I entreat you all to pray for God's influence to act so that the best candidate is elected and that the most powerful nation in the world might remain an influence for good in the world.

Blessings

Alex



CONGATULATIONS REV MAC MACDONALD

9th November marks a significant anniversary for Rev Mac Macdonald. It is the 60th Anniversary of his Ordination. We extend our congratulations to Rev Mac for reaching such a milestone and applaud him for 60 years of faithful ministry.



REMEMBRANCE DAY

*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.*



Wesley Uniting Church Kent Town
27 Grenfell Street, Kent Town



SPECIAL SERVICES

Remembrance Day Service:

Sunday 8th November at 10.00 am

The service will be led by Rev Alex Rodgers with **Rev Mark Dickens as the guest preacher**. Rev Dickens is the Chaplain at Prince Alfred College and also an Army Chaplain. Mr Frank Brookes, a former army major, will recite the ode. An augmented Wesley Choir will present some special music organised by organist and choir director, Graham Bell.



St Andrew's Day Service:

Sunday 29th November at 10.00 am

This special service, led by Rev Alex Rodgers and Rev Mark Dickens, will recognise Scotland's National Day. There will be pipers and highland dancers along with representatives from all the Scottish clans. Again, an augmented Wesley Choir will present some special music organised by organist and choir director, Graham Bell.



His Excellency the Honourable Hieu Van Le AC, Governor of South Australia and Mrs Le, will be in attendance.



His Excellency and Mrs Le will enter the church punctually at 10.00 am. There is some protocol that will need to be observed on the day so we ask that everyone is seated before 10.00 am.

The photo shows His Excellency and Mrs Le at last year's Tartan Sunday Service.

PLEASE INVITE FAMILY AND FRIENDS ALONG TO THESE TWO SPECIAL SERVICES.

SPRING CONCERTS



The first of our concerts in our Spring Concert Mini-Series was held on Wednesday afternoon, 21st October. It was very well attended and those present were

entertained by a delightful programme of music presented by organist, Gina Dutschke and soprano/harpist, Emma Horwood. Many people reported how much they enjoyed it and how they appreciated being able to attend one of our concerts again.

The next concert will be held on **Wednesday 18th November at 2.00 pm**. It will feature **Graham Bell** on the organ and members of the **Berbery Family** on strings. Admission: \$10 at the door. Unfortunately we cannot offer Afternoon Tea at present.

NEWS OF OUR PEOPLE

It is with great sadness that we advise you of the recent passing of **Fernetta Bartlett**. Fernetta was a regular attendee at services of worship in this church until poor health and decreased mobility in the past year, kept her at home except on special occasions. Those of us who knew her well will remember her with great fondness and will miss her wry sense of humour, and hearing her stories about an interesting and eventful life.



Margaret Harkness is still in hospital and recovering slowly. She is greatly missed and we are all praying that she will be able to back with us soon. Margaret is a member of the Port Adelaide Caledonian Society and was

the principal planner of the St Andrew's Day Service prior to her hospitalisation. **Ivan Miller** has also been recuperating after some surgery last month. We are delighted that at last he is ready to resume his place in the choir. We were also pleased to welcome **John Beard** back to worship after a stint in hospital. He was glad to attend worship again too. **Madeleine Davey** also required some surgery but is now on the mend. She is grateful she took the advice of her sisters and spent a couple of weeks in respite where she was able to relax and recuperate. Our minister, **Rev Alex Rodgers**, is nursing a sore shoulder after someone ran into the back of his car and wrote it off. Fortunately, he has been given a Loan Car so can still get to church.

On a brighter note, we are delighted to welcome **Kay Rooke** into our congregation. Kay is a person of many talents and we look forward to getting to know her better in the near future.



BEQUEST FROM THE ESTATE OF THE LATE PHYLLIS JEAN LANG

The Church Council has been advised by Mr Peter Battersby, Executive Officer, Resources of the UCA SA Synod, that a generous bequest has been made by Mrs Phyllis Jean Lang for the use of Wesley Uniting Church Kent Town. The funds, augmented by a donation from her son Roger, are held by the National Trust of South Australia.



Jean was a lifelong member of this church and it's continuation as a place of worship and witness was especially important to her. We are most grateful to Jean for her generosity of spirit.

JUST A THOUGHT

People who cross our paths should encounter the Love of Christ.

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