

WESLEY NEWS

OCTOBER DIARY DATES

Sunday 3rd at 10.00 am

Rev Jim Winn

Holy Communion

PENTECOST 19

Sunday 10th at 10.00 am

Dr Rodney Fopp

PENTECOST 20

Thursday 14th at 2.00 pm

CHURCH COUNCIL

Sunday 17th at 10.00 am

Rev Doug Hosking

PENTECOST 21

Sunday 24th at 10.00 am

Rev Dr Jonathan Barker

PENTECOST 22

Sunday 31st at 10.00 am

Rev Mac Macdonald

PENTECOST 23



MUSIC @ WESLEY

Choir Practice

Wednesday evenings in the church at 7.30pm

ARTS @ WESLEY

Patchworkers & Quilters

Monday mornings in the
Susannah Wesley Hall
9.30 am – 12.00 noon
Contact Margaret on
8445 7006

WESLEY IS HOME TO

Young Adelaide Voices

Adelaide Harmony Choir

Metropolitan Musical
Theatre Company

Monte Verdi Singers

Organ Music Society of
Adelaide Music Library

FROM THE MINISTER

REMEMBERING ST FRANCIS

October 4th is the feast day of St Francis Day.

Among Christendom's saints, Francis of Assisi is my favourite. He became so after I was privileged to be hosted by the Franciscans in the Philippines who supported and ministered to many scattered barrios

(villages) in the in the mountains on the Island of Negros. At that time many peasant Philippino communities were being forced off their ancestral lands to make way for cattle holdings being granted to rich absentee landlords. The Franciscans inspired the people to not only withstand these attempts to disenfranchise them but also to empower them socially, economically and spiritually. Villagers became part of the "base Christian community" movement which drew on liberation theology to interpret the Scriptures and live out a Christian lifestyle.

The servant ministry of the Franciscans seemed to me to be so consistent with that of St Francis himself. Francis spurned privilege and riches. He loved the natural world and the connectedness of all creation. He had a rare affinity with all animals. He was a peacemaker. He embraced outcasts especially lepers. He "invented" the Nativity Scene. I later learned that St Francis was also a Deacon as he rejected the trappings of the Priestly caste. That was another good reason to admire him and include him as part of my personal meditative council.

I found the following prayer in a book of readings called "Growing Hope" collected by Neil Paynter of the Iona Community in Scotland. As with the peace prayer of St Francis, this prayer for the 4th October captures the Franciscan spirit.

A FOURFOLD FRANCISCAN BLESSING

May God bless you with discomfort at easy answers, half-truths and superficial relationships, so you may live deep within your heart.

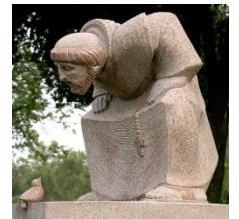
May God bless you with anger at injustice, oppression, and exploitation of people, so that you may work for justice, freedom and peace.

May God bless you with tears to shed for those who suffer from pain, rejection and starvation and war, so that you may reach out your hand to comfort them and to turn their pain into joy.

May God bless you with enough foolishness to believe that you can make a difference in this world, so that you can do what others claim cannot be done.

And the blessing of God, who Creates, Redeems and Sanctifies, be upon you and all you love and pray for this day, and for evermore. Amen

Jonathan Barker



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DAYLIGHT SAVING BEGINS

Daylight saving begins on **Sunday 3rd October 2021**. Please remember to **move your clocks forward by 1 hour**. The official time to do this is at 2.00 am but just before bed-time or first thing in the morning works just as well. Fortunately, mobile phones and computers adjust automatically. If you forget, and come to church, the service will have finished.

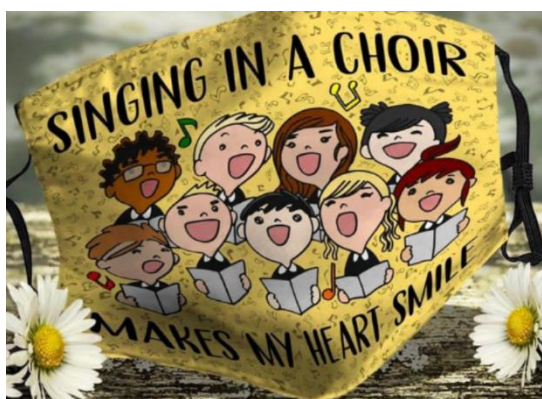


MINISTRY AT KENT TOWN

Whilst **Rev Alex Rodgers** has been making a good recovery after his stroke, he remains on sick leave at this stage awaiting further medical assessment. We are most grateful to **Rev Dr Jonathan Barker** for providing **Supply Ministry** for the past 6 months but unfortunately his term will conclude at the end of September. At morning tea on 19th September we gave him a special farewell and thanked him for looking after our needs so well in his time with us. Jonathan will still be on the preaching roster organised up to the end of the year.



WESLEY CHOIR



We have enjoyed having our choir contributing to Sunday worship services again. Many people have commented on how effectively their voices come through even though they have to contend with wearing masks.

DIARY DATES



Remembrance Day Service:
Sunday 14th November at 10.00 am



St Andrew's Day Service:
Sunday 28th November at 10.00 am
First Sunday in Advent

Service of Lessons & Carols:

Sunday 19th December at 10.00 am

Christmas Day:

Saturday 25th December at 9.00 am

ORGAN CONCERT

25th Anniversary Organ Concert

A free concert of organ music will be presented on the Australian built Pogson organ at Westbourne Park Uniting Church on Sunday the 10th of October at 2.30 pm, featuring David Gigger (Christ Church Uniting, Wayville) and Gina Dutschke (Bethlehem Lutheran, Adelaide).

As a point of interest, David Gigger has been practising on our organ for some time towards an L.Mus.A. exam.

NEWS OF OUR PEOPLE

Ivan Miller is recovering well after undergoing knee replacement surgery. We are delighted that he has returned to sing in the choir where his lovely bass voice adds an extra dimension.

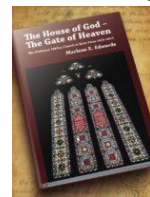
Doug Stewart has gained sufficient strength to return home under the loving care of Jenny. He is very happy to be back in a familiar environment where he can enjoy being with his family. **Jenny** is most grateful to their daughter, **Cathy** and granddaughter, **Chelsea** for their support and assistance. Chelsea is a registered nurse so has valuable skills.

It was good to catch up with **Raelene Chelley** again. She had to miss a few weeks because of painful arthritis.

With her vision impairment and other health issues, **Joan Atkinson** is finding daily activities challenging. Daughter **Fiona** and son **James** keep a watchful eye over her.

BOOKS FOR SALE

Just a reminder that there are still two books for sale that would be of interest to Wesley members and visitors. Both are on display at the Northern Transept door. They are "**The House of God – The Gate of Heaven**" written by Dr Marlene Edwards and "**Margaret Davey – An Amazing Woman**" written by Janet Whitham. Both books are priced at \$20 each. Payment for each book (please identify your choice) can be left in the box at the door.



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