

WESLEY NEWS

NOVEMBER DIARY DATES

Sunday 7th at 10.00 am

Rev Doug Hosking

Holy Communion

PENTECOST 24

Thursday 11th at 2.00 pm

CHURCH COUNCIL

Remembrance Day

Sunday 14th at 10.00 am

Rev Dr Jonathan Barker

Remembrance Day

Service

PENTECOST 25

Sunday 21st at 10.00 am

Dr Rodney Fopp

CHRIST THE KING

Sunday 28th at 10.00 am

Rev John Watson

St Andrew's Day Service

ADVENT 1



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

Andrew, the Guide to the Christ

“When you examine the great leaders of the Christian church, there are certain names that seem to be recognized—names like Simon Peter, Paul of Tarsus, John the Evangelist, Mary Magdalene, St. Augustine, Pope Gregory the Great, Martin Luther, John Calvin, John Wesley. From modern time we might also add Martin Luther King, Mother Theresa, and Popes John XXIII and John Paul II. These were men and women who impacted the faith of large groups of people.

However, there are other great leaders of the Christian church, who laboured far more quietly; often in relative obscurity; who did as much for the church in their quiet, unassuming ways. A prototype of those great, unassuming leaders was Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter.

Although Andrew is the least known of the four disciples in the inner circle of disciples—Peter, James, John, and Andrew, he was most certainly a member of the group that seems to have been closest to Jesus. But he's very different from the other three. What we do find when we examine the life of Andrew, is a man who was not only the first disciple to be called but one who through his own eagerness to follow Jesus, brought other individuals to Jesus. In fact, the first person Andrew brought to Jesus was none other than his brother Simon.

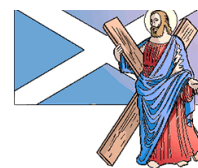
Andrew, Simon, James, and John formed a cohesive inner group within the body of the twelve disciples. However, of the four, Andrew was most certainly the least conspicuous. In fact, scripture doesn't tell us a whole lot about him. Basically, Andrew lived his life in Simon's shadow. Many of the verses that do mention Andrew add that he was Peter's brother, as if it were that fact alone that made him significant. But sometimes you can't look at just the quantity of a person's actions; you have to look at the quality of those actions. And that's most certainly the case with Andrew.

Everything scripture tells us about this man shows that Andrew had the right stuff for effective ministry. He didn't need to be the centre of attention. He was willing to work in the background. He was willing to let others get the credit and the praise. He was happy to do what he could with the gifts and calling that God had bestowed upon him—and more importantly, he was willing to allow others to do the same.

Andrew was more concerned with bringing people to Jesus than he was with who got the credit or with who was in charge. He seems to have had little craving for honour. He just moved along quietly, only speaking when he had to, and then only when it was related to bringing someone to Jesus. He was not the foundation or even a pillar of the church, but he may well have been the keystone that held everything in place. He was one of those rare people willing to take a back seat in order to support others in their work, and he didn't mind as long as the Lord's work was getting done. Andrew sets the example for many of us who wonder what we can do of value in the church.

Even at the end of life, Andrew continued in his own way to bring people to Christ. It was in Achaia, in southern Greece, near Athens, that Andrew's life ended. Tradition has it that he converted the wife of a provincial Roman Governor to Christianity. Infuriated, the governor demanded his wife recant. She refused, and the governor had Andrew crucified. But even during his agonies, as he hung on the X-shaped cross, Andrew continued to spread the Gospel, exhorting passers-by to turn to Christ for salvation. So after a lifetime of serving Christ in the shadow of his brother, his fate was similar to theirs, and he remained faithful to the end, endeavouring to bring people to Christ—right to the end of his life.”

Pastor Daniel W. Brettell (abridged)



St. Andrew's Day



Wesley Uniting Church Kent Town
27 Grenfell Street, Kent Town



MINISTRY AT KENT TOWN

A preaching roster has been organised until the end of December. Ministers on the roster are Rev Dr Jonathan Barker, Dr Rodney Fopp, Rev Doug Hosking and Rev Mac Macdonald. Should you require **pastoral support** during this period, or know of someone who does, please contact **Kay Rooke on 0427 840 019**.

SPECIAL SERVICES

Remembrance Day Service:

Sunday 14th November at 10.00 am

The service will be led by Rev Dr Jonathan Barker. 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 28th November at 10.00 am

This special service, led by **Rev John Watson and Rev Mac Macdonald**, will recognise Scotland's National Day. There will be pipers 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.



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

REMEMBRANCE DAY – 11th November



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.

DIARY DATES

Advent Services:

The first Sunday in Advent is 28th November, which also coincides with the St Andrew's Day Service.

Service of Lessons & Carols:

Sunday 19th December at 10.00 am

Christmas Day:

Saturday 25th December at 9.00 am

MORNING TEAS

Morning Tea on a Sunday morning has always been a welcoming and happy occasion. Under the current COVID restrictions we are required to be seated so we sit around small tables and enjoy our refreshments. It is a very conducive environment for conversing with one another and catching up on the week's activities. For many years, **Trevor Leane** prepared the morning tea but since moving house he can no longer do so. We are very grateful to the group of hard workers who have taken on this responsibility. We extend our thanks to **Jenny Church, Bev Jury, Kay Rooke and Peter Skellon** for their hospitality and willingness to cater to our needs. **Kay Rooke** deserves a special mention as she always brings along homemade plates of food each week.



ANOTHER THANKYOU

Another one of our people who deserves a special thank you is **Jenny Church**. In recent months, Jenny has

willingly and capably, taken on several extra duties. These include monitoring and responding to calls to the church phone, preparation of Bible Reading and Door Steward rosters, and collation and submission of the Caretaker's monthly timesheets.

NEWS OF OUR PEOPLE

Ivan Miller has recovered well after undergoing knee replacement surgery and is planning surgery on his other knee soon. Unfortunately he developed some swelling and fluid retention in his leg so the doctor directed him to keep off his feet for a few weeks. He is greatly missed when he cannot take his place in the choir.

Doug Stewart is medically stable at present and continuing to cope well in his home environment. He misses coming to church and hopes to build the strength to attend again in the near future. **Jenny** is most grateful to have him home as are the rest of the family. They both enjoyed an outing to the shops recently with Jenny pushing Doug in the wheelchair and Doug pushing the shopping trolley. Small pleasures in life!

Pat Symons has been experiencing quite a bit of hip pain which impairs her mobility so has been seeing a number of specialist. **Mark** is very good at chauffeuring her to appointments.

Joan Atkinson has been able to attend worship again, accompanied by daughter **Fiona** or son **James**.

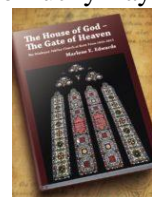
It is in times of need that we appreciate our families most. They bring us much needed comfort and support and surround us with their love, helping to share the load.

Many of you will remember **Catherine Courtney**. We extend our sincere condolences to her on the recent passing of her mother, and we hold her in our thoughts and prayers.

Margaret Harkness and **Elizabeth Brookes** had a few days in Kimba where they caught up with relatives as well as attending a fundraiser for Breast Cancer awareness organised by a cousin. Part of their journey included a trip on the ferry from Wallaroo to Lucky Bay.

BOOKS FOR SALE

Two books 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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