

WESLEY NEWS

JUNE DIARY DATES

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Sunday 5th at 10.00 am
 Rev Mark Dickens
**SPECIAL SERVICE TO
 CELEBRATE
 NEW MINISTRY
 Holy Communion
 PENTECOST**



Thursday 9th at 2.00pm
CHURCH COUNCIL

Sunday 12th at 10.00 am
 Rev Mark Dickens
TRINITY SUNDAY

Sunday 19th at 10.00 am
 Pastor Andrew Kieselbach
PENTECOST 2

Wednesday 22nd
UCA ANNIVERSARY

Sunday 26th at 10.00 am
 Rev Mark Dickens
PENTECOST 3

MUSIC @ WESLEY

Choir Practice

Wednesday evenings in the church at 7.30pm.

WESLEY IS HOME TO
Young Adelaide Voices
Adelaide Harmony Choir
**Metropolitan Musical
 Theatre Company**
**Organ Music Society of
 Adelaide Music Library**

FROM THE MINISTER

Greetings! On behalf of the new Wesley Uniting Church Kent Town ministry team, comprising Pastor Andrew Kieselbach and me, I am pleased to be writing to you on the dawn of a new chapter in the life and history of the Wesley congregation, and also, Prince Alfred College.



It is fitting that the service to mark the beginning of this ministry venture happens to coincide with Pentecost Sunday. In Jewish heritage Pentecost was a harvest festival, the festival of Shavuot. Our own Christian heritage associates it with the descent of the Holy Spirit upon all who had gathered in Jerusalem. Those who had gathered for the festival were said to have been from 'every nation under heaven' (Ch.2 v. 5, NRSV). The story of Pentecost described in Acts 2 is received today with 'a heightened expectation of being renewed and reborn by the power of God's Spirit,' to use the words of Biblical Studies Professor Robert Wall. It is held to be the event that marked the fulfilment of Jesus' promise that God would send the Holy Spirit, and, also, the event that marked the beginning of the Christian Church.

The service on June 5, Pentecost Sunday, at Wesley Kent Town sees the gathering of people from different places – Wesley Kent Town congregation, CityView Uniting Church congregation (where Andrew and his family have been actively involved), Prince Alfred College, and the Synod and Wimala Presbytery. The service will include the commissioning of Andrew Kieselbach (Ministry of Pastor) as Chaplain, Prince Alfred College (0.7 FTE) (2nd placement), where Andrew joins me in chaplaincy. It will also mark and celebrate the commencement of Andrew and me as the Ministry Team for Wesley Kent Town. Together, Andrew and I will share the task of providing ministry (0.5 FTE) to the congregation, in conjunction with our chaplaincy at the College.

There is an underlying foundational connection that exists between Wesley congregation and Prince Alfred College. Prominent members of the then Wesleyan Jubilee Church at Kent Town, along with others from the Adelaide Circuit of the Methodist Conference, were influential in securing the funds and purchasing the land to enable the establishment of a college with Wesleyan connections. For over 100 years Wesley Church was the place of worship for the boarders of Prince Alfred College.

Furthermore, there has been shared ministry between the congregation and the College in the past. In 1960 an arrangement was established which saw the Reverend Rob Davis in placement at Wesley Church and Chaplain to the College. This continued with the Reverend Brian Kelley, at which point it became a threefold placement taking in the College, Wesley congregation, and the administrator of Kingsborough Homes for the Aged. This arrangement continued with the Reverend John Lawrie up until 1977.

I have valued my relationship with Wesley Kent Town in the time I have been College Chaplain and know that my connection with you has been valued. I now look forward to the nature of our connection being drawn closer in and through this ministry arrangement.

I am also aware of the excitement and anticipation within the congregation for what lies ahead. None of us knows what the future will hold. Nevertheless, with the same sense of excitement among those gathered on that Pentecost day described in Acts 2, we are ready to embrace a new beginning in ministry. We know and trust the Spirit of God is with us. Together, congregation and College alike, we look forward to this new chapter with hope and expectation. May the Spirit surprise us in unexpected ways!

Mark Dickens



Wesley Uniting Church Kent Town
27 Grenfell Street, Kent Town



NEW MINISTRY & SPECIAL SERVICE

It is with great excitement that we can formally announce that our alliance with Prince Alfred College (PAC), which will provide ministry to Wesley Uniting Church Kent Town, is now in place. A **special celebratory service** to mark the commencement of ministry will be held on **Sunday 5th June 2022**. Please join with us to celebrate this new beginning.

MINISTRY TEAM

Rev Mark Dickens and Pastor Andrew Kieselbach will form the ministry team and together will share leading Sunday worship and pastoral care of members. Both men are Chaplains at PAC, with Andrew a new appointee.



As well as being chaplain at PAC, Mark is also a chaplain with the Australian Army. Last year he was recruited to coordinate Disaster Recovery on Kangaroo Island following the bushfires.

He is a qualified Youth Mental Health First Aid Instructor and has just completed another course to qualify as an Instructor of ASIST (Applied Suicide Prevention Intervention Skills Training).

An ordained Uniting Church minister, Mark's qualifications include a Diploma of Pastoral Studies from Adelaide College of Divinity, Bachelor of Theology from Flinders University, Master Of Social Science (Counselling) from the University of South Australia and a Bachelor of Arts (Aboriginal Studies) from the University of South Australia.



Andrew is a lay person and will be appointed as Pastor under the banner of Ministry of Pastor. He holds a Bachelor of Ministry from Tabor College and has extensive previous ministry experience at Tea Tree Gully Uniting Church. He has also been a Christian Pastoral Support

Worker at Banksia Park International High School and School Support Officer working with children with special needs. Andrew has a background in audio technology, is a musician – pianist and singer/songwriter. Andrew and his wife Kelli are currently members of CityView UC congregation.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The **Annual General Meeting of the Congregation** was held on Sunday 22nd June. Rev Mark Dickens spoke to those present about the new ministry arrangement with Prince Alfred College. In addition, financial statements and budget were presented by the Treasurer, and reports were received from the Chairman and the Secretary of the Church Council.

ANOTHER SPECIAL DIARY DATE



A **Tartan Sunday Service** will be held on **Sunday 3rd July 2021**. On this occasion, there will be representatives of all the Scottish clans, bagpipers and highland dancers. Morning Tea will follow the service. Please mark this date in your diary now and invite family and friends along to enjoy the occasion.

NEWS OF OUR PEOPLE

Vale Doug Stewart

It is with great sadness that we report the death of our dear friend **Doug Stewart** who passed away peacefully on Saturday 30th April 2022. Doug bravely fought on through a long period of illness with great strength and courage, supported and cared for by Jenny in their home which he loved.



Doug was an active member of this congregation and made a significant contribution to the church in a variety of ways. He was a member of the choir and a regular bible reader during Sunday worship. He was appointed as supervisor to the caretaker which included preparation and submission of time sheets, and also coordinated a significant amount of maintenance of church grounds and property until ill health prevented him from doing so. We thank God for Doug's life and his contribution to the life and worship of Wesley Kent Town Church and can take comfort knowing that he is now resting peacefully with the Lord.

A moving service to celebrate Doug's life was held in the chapel at Berry's Funeral Home on Wednesday, 11th May 2022, with Rev Dr Jonathan Barker officiating and Graham Bell playing the organ. We hold Doug's family, especially his wife Jenny, their children, Mark and Cathy, and their six grandchildren in our thoughts and prayers.



Raelene Chelley underwent shoulder surgery early in May which has relieved her arthritic pain considerably. She is now undergoing rehabilitation in Fullarton Lutheran Homes. This is the facility where **Johanna Espitia** works so she has been able to visit Raelene. Johanna has suffered a bout of Covid followed by gastro but has now made a full recovery.

Joan Atkinson has not been very well of late. Recently it was discovered that her blood count was extremely low. After receiving blood transfusions she is now looking and feeling much better. Joan is a resident of Elder Care-The Lodge where daughter, Fiona visits her regularly.

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