

WESLEY NEWS

AUGUST DIARY DATES

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Sunday 7th at 10.00 am
 Rev Mark Dickens
Holy Communion
PENTECOST 9

Thursday 11th at 2.00pm
CHURCH COUNCIL

Sunday 14th at 10.00 am
 Pastor Andrew Kieselbach
PENTECOST 10

Sunday 21st at 10.00 am
 Rev Mark Dickens
Church Anniversary
PENTECOST 11



Sunday 28th at 10.00 am
 Dr Rodney Fopp
PENTECOST 12

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

Stories bind us together

Within the last year, as part of a bedtime routine, my younger son Levi has been asking for ‘a story of when I was younger’. Sometimes they are short, and other times they go longer depending on the time of night. I’ve found that I can think of a story the boys haven’t heard most nights. Levi loves the stories and enjoys asking questions to stretch out his night before he must sleep.

Not all of us are story tellers but we all have a story to tell. My dad worked mostly in the Accident and Emergency area in our local hospital. He would come home from work and have a story to share about something that had happened in the day. He would also tell stories of working on the family farm when he was younger. I think I learned a lot about how to string a story together and stretch the truth to make it more interesting.

Our stories shape us, but they also inform others about who we are and where we have come from. It’s why we remember stories in the Old Testament, Jesus’ parables and the Gospel story, because they capture our attention, and we learn and apply them in our own lives.

As we gather in community, we bring our stories with us, and we can learn from each other. We understand more of our God and the world in which we live when we listen to the stories that surround us, the story of the First Peoples, the stories of migrants and asylum seekers who now call this country home and woven into all our stories is God’s story; The story of love, sacrifice, redemption and hope.

The power of our own personal story should never be underestimated. We now know from science that when we hear a story, our bodies produces a hormone called oxytocin. We instantly start to form a connection with the person we are listening to. Stories bind us together and help us make sense of our experience. We are all meant to be in community so we can share our stories whether good or bad.

1 Peter 3:15 says, “Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have.” Or in other words, ‘be ready to share your story’. We all are on a journey with God, we all need a hope to hold on to. Whatever age you are, stories hold wisdom if we turn our ear to listen. Wisdom can come from the most unlikely of sources, no matter what age. Your story has wisdom which needs to be shared.

So, embrace your own story and share more of it with the world. You make the world a better place when you do.

Blessings,

Pastor Andrew



SHARE YOUR
STORY



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TARTAN SUNDAY SERVICE

The Tartan Sunday Service, held on Sunday 3rd July 2022, was a great success and enjoyed by all those present. This year the Bible bearer was Arthur Hackett-



Jones Okutoi, the elder son of Mary Hackett-Jones and a grandson of Penelope Hackett-Jones.

This photo shows Arthur carrying the bible out of the church at end of the service with Frederick, his younger brother, showing his approval.

The service was led by Rev Doug Hosking and Rev Mac Macdonald. As is the case for all our special services, there

was an augmented choir organised by Graham Bell .

CHURCH ANNIVERSARY SERVICE



Our **Church Anniversary Service** this year will be held on the **21st August 2022 at 10.00am**, with Rev Mark Dickens leading worship. Please mark this date in your diary now and invite family and friends along to enjoy the occasion. We

hope you can join us to help celebrate **157 years of worship and witness in this community.**

SPRING CONCERTS

Graham Bell and Mark Symons are still hoping to stage a mini-concert series later this year. They are approaching this with caution because of the current high infection rate of Covid in the community.

MINISTRY

It has been a busy few months for both Rev Mark Dickens and Pastor Andrew Kieselbach since we commenced the new ministry partnership with Prince Alfred College at the beginning of June. Andrew had a fast track induction to both the College and the Church spearheaded by Mark and they spent considerable time planning division of roles and responsibilities within both organisations. Coupled with this they have both had bouts of Covid. We are glad they have recovered now but they have both experienced some ongoing fatigue and Mark also picked up an upper respiratory tract infection.

We were most grateful that Rev Doug Hosking came to our rescue when Andrew came down with Covid and led worship at very short notice a couple of week's ago. Mark was away in Melbourne at the time and so wasn't available either.

You will note that Dr Rod Fopp will be our worship leader on 28th August and we look forward to sharing in one of his worship services again. Both Rod and Doug gave us valuable ministry during the period we were without a regular minister and we are most grateful to both of them.

Rod's father, Peter is currently in Calvary hospital and we wish him a speedy recovery.

VALE TREVOR LEANE

It was with deep sadness that we learned of the passing of our very dear friend, **Trevor Leane**, on the 7th July 2022, aged 80 years. Although quite ill in Ashford Hospital Trevor rallied and had two very good weeks prior to his death during which time he was visited regularly by wife, Lee and four daughters, Jodie, Robyne, Karen and Stacey, as well as friends and other family members.



Trevor was a much loved and highly respected member of this congregation who will be remembered as a kind and caring man of faith and a tireless worker for the church. Trevor cared about people and regularly checked up on members of the congregation and residents of College Green with phone calls and visits. All of us will have been recipients of Trevor's pastoral care.

For most of his working life he was a social worker where he supported young people from troubled and disadvantaged backgrounds. Testimony was given at Trevor's funeral to the important role he played in shaping a better future for these young people.

We hold Trevor's family – his wife Lee, daughters Jodie, Robyne, Karen and Stacey, and grandchildren Josh, Tim and Issy in our thoughts and prayers.



OTHER NEWS OF OUR PEOPLE

Raelene Chelley's shoulder is much improved after undergoing surgery. She is now planning to have some private physiotherapy. Severe rheumatic pain in her hands is still making it very difficult to drive but she has managed some short trips to the nearby shops. She misses coming to Sunday Worship.

Joan Atkinson is now a resident of Elder Care-The Lodge where daughter, Fiona visits her regularly. Joan had a further blood transfusion recently to try to bring her blood count up. She should feel much more energetic once that is rectified.

Jenny Church will celebrate a special birthday later this month. Happy 80th Birthday Jenny!

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