

WESLEY NEWS

SEPTEMBER DIARY DATES

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Sunday 2nd at 10.00 am
 Pastor Andrew Kieselbach
Holy Communion
PENTECOST 17

Sunday 9th at 10.00 am
 Dr Rodney Fopp
PENTECOST 18

Thursday 13th at 2.00pm
CHURCH COUNCIL

Sunday 16th at 10.00 am
 Rev Mark Dickens
PENTECOST 19

Sunday 23rd at 10.00 am
 Rev Mark Dickens
PENTECOST 20

Sunday 30th at 10.00 am
 Pastor Andrew Kieselbach
PENTECOST 21

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

I write this as one of the last tasks I need to attend to before I head off for a week with over 550 adolescents who are involved in the Australian Army Cadets (AAC) program here in South Australia. It is that time of year, the first week of the October school holidays, when they gather at the army training area east of Murray Bridge for the Annual Field Exercise (AFX). The AAC is a youth development program for High school aged young people – 12 to 18 years old.

Predominantly, the youngest of these are the recruit cadets. They are new to the program, some of whom will have only joined in the last couple of months. This will be their first AFX. For other cadets who have attended a previous AFX, it is a great time away, as it is for most of the recruit cadets. However, for some of these young ones, it is their first time away from home, and/or their first time in a 'camping' environment. I use that word 'camping' loosely because it's not like a typical camping holiday like one might expect. They are out of their comfort zone.

Another factor to throw into the mix is that people are allocated into groups for the week. So it may well be likely that a person finds themselves in a group with 9 or 10 people they don't know. Older cadets will often say one of the highlights of being involved in the program is getting to meet people from around the state and making friends with people they would otherwise not know or meet. I am sure, though, you could imagine for a 12 or 13 year old this could be quite daunting, being in a group with others, none of whom they know at the start. Obviously, as the week progresses, this changes.

It will likely be a busy week for me and the two other chaplains I will be with. Having described the above, there will be a number of these recruit and junior cadets who will come with varying degrees of anxiety and homesickness. Then, add to this, other cadets who have got other issues going on in their life which are weighing them down and are a not far from the front of their minds.

We all feel anxious and uncertain about one thing or another at times. Being anxious keeps us alert and thinking and can be a good thing when kept in check. Sometimes, though, anxiety can become debilitating; for some, to the point it becomes a mental health illness. It can affect a person's functioning and their ability to get on with day to day life, lasting over a long period of time. This is not normal, and requires appropriate professional help and support to manage and resolve.

As I reflect on what my week ahead will hold, I am reminded of different Bible passages. I wonder what it was like for the twelve that Jesus called to follow him, leaving behind family, and family responsibilities and obligations, to become wandering itinerants. I imagine they had anxious moments as they found themselves outside of their comfort zones. Even with Jesus, who became a rock for them, they had their moments of insecurities and doubts in some of the situations they found themselves in. I'm thinking of the accounts of them in the boat with Jesus when the wind and waves are such that they are being tossed about to the point of fearing for their life!

I am reminded that faith doesn't promise or provide us with a plain-sailing life; one free from worry or anxiety. It does, however, provide us with a source of support that can be calming and comforting in difficult times. The words of Jesus to his troubled and anxious disciples in John 14 resound in my mind: "Peace I leave with you. My peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. So do not let your hearts be troubled. Do not be afraid."

Rev Mark Dickens.



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DAYLIGHT SAVING BEGINS

Daylight saving begins on **Sunday 2nd October 2022**. 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 but you can still join us for morning tea. I am sure it will take us all a few weeks to readjust our biological clocks.

SPRING CONCERTS

A Spring Concert Mini-Series consisting of 2 concerts has been arranged.

The first of these will be held on **Wednesday afternoon, 19th October at 2.00 pm**. Those attending will be entertained by a delightful programme of music presented by **organist, Graham Bell** and **soprano, Gianna Guttilla**. The second concert will be held on **Wednesday 16th November at 2.00 pm**. It will feature **Gina Dutschke on the organ** and **Janet Anderson on violin**.



Admission: \$10 at the door.

UPCOMING EVENTS

November is shaping up to be a very busy month with one concert, two special services planned and two baptisms as well.

Sunday 6th November:

Holy Communion and the baptism of the son of Scott & Zanelle Harris

Sunday 13th November:

Remembrance Day Service

Sunday 20th November:

Baptism of Charlotte Brookes

Sunday 27th November:

St Andrew's Day Service & beginning of Advent

Scott Harris is a Prince Alfred College Old Scholar so it is appropriate that Rev Mark Dickens will perform the baptism.

Charlotte is the daughter of Cherry and Daniel Brookes. Cherry and Daniel's other daughter, Courtney, was baptised here, as was Daniel's son Justin. The minister leading worship that Sunday will be Rev Doug Hosking and Cherry and Daniel have invited Rev Alex Rodgers to perform the baptism. As a former Scotch College student, Daniel knew Alex well as the School Chaplain.

NEW FLOOR COVERINGS

New carpet is scheduled to be laid in the 3 vestries (minister's, choir and stewards' vestries) on Wednesday, 12th October. The carpet the church council has selected is an extra heavy commercial rated carpet which we believe will look very nice and also be suitable for purpose in all 3 rooms plus the connecting walkways. We extend a **sincere thank you to the members of this**

congregation who have generously donated towards the cost of the carpet replacement.

The bottoms of the doors in the Stewards' Vestry have been trimmed in readiness but the challenge ahead is to clear the vestries prior to laying the new carpet. Some of us will be quite busy, particularly Graham Bell.

NEWS OF OUR PEOPLE

We are delighted to welcome **Dawn Lamont** into our congregation. Dawn came to our Church Anniversary Service and really enjoyed the music and our style of worship. As a former chorister herself she is pleased that we have a choir and a fine organist. It so happens that Dawn and Jenny Church know each other well and they have enjoyed renewing a friendship. We look forward to getting to know Dawn better.

Kay Rooke will celebrate a special birthday this month as she turns seventy. For many of us that sounds quite young! Happy Birthday Kay!

Joan Atkinson had to have a pacemaker fitted recently. This appears to have been successful and Joan is doing quite well. Joan is a resident at Elder Care – The Lodge where she is well cared for. Fiona visits her regularly.

Raelene Chelly has been able to attend worship regularly again. She had a fall last month but fortunately didn't do any serious damage to the shoulder she had surgery on earlier this year.

PLANNING GROUP

Now we are at a stage that we have a stable ministry arrangement in place, and the worst of the Covid pandemic seems to be behind us, the church council has been exploring possible ways to re-invigorate ourselves as a church family as well as ways in which we can better reach out to the wider community. We recognise that as Christians we are called to share the love of Jesus that we have been blessed to experience ourselves.

Accordingly, a sub-group of the church council has been formed to explore and pursue meaningful avenues that we trust will open up to us. We are grateful for the leadership of our ministerial team for their guidance and support.

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