

WESLEY NEWS

NOVEMBER DIARY DATES

Sunday 6th at 10.00 am

Rev Mark Dickens

Holy Communion
PENTECOST 22

Thursday 10th at 2.00pm

CHURCH COUNCIL

Sunday 13th at 10.00 am

Pastor Andrew Kieselbach

PENTECOST 23
Remembrance Day
Service



Sunday 20th at 10.00 am

Rev Doug Hosking

& Rev Alex Rodgers

CHRIST THE KING
Baptism of
Charlotte Brookes

Sunday 27th at 10.00 am

Rev Mark Dickens

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St Andrew's Day Service



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

We are heading towards Christmas – under sixty days! At the moment, department stores are lined with Halloween masks on one side and Christmas trees and lights on the other. It's a weird time of year.

Every year our family puts names into a hat for our family Kris Kringle. This year is no exception, so last weekend names were given out in secret. Soon my phone will be filled with messages with attached lists of gifts everyone wants.

Sometimes the value of a gift is not in monetary worth. A photo or a letter from a loved one can be priceless. Love, friendship, a smile, all can be invaluable to us. There's something special about these kinds of gifts. There seems to be more substance to these kinds of gifts. So as Christmas approaches, what are the best gifts to give to the ones you love, to your community and to the world?

What would you say is the greatest gift you can receive? In 1 Peter 4 we read, "**Most important of all, love each other deeply**, because love makes you willing to forgive many sins". Open your homes to each other and share your food without complaining. God has shown you his grace in many different ways. So be good servants and use whatever gift he has given you in a way that will best serve each other." He shares three things that are the best things we can give to others, love, hospitality and sharing our gifts.

Showing love and kindness changes and shapes our world for the better, even in seemingly small acts, the effect of love and kindness grows and makes positive change far beyond our imagining in our world. I find it takes time to see how your positive influence takes shape and grows, but I want to assure you that every act of love and kindness is valuable. It may be years later, in an act you can't even remember that makes all the difference to someone else.

Showing hospitality and inclusiveness challenges a world that is becoming increasingly isolated and fights against loneliness, the largest health concern we face in our world today. Including people at your table, sharing life with them encourages connection and draws us all together in place. The world is good at building walls, dividing and separating each other; may we be people who build bridges through acts of hospitality?

Our gifts are the many ways we express our humanity. They are part of who we are: they can be found in friendship, kindness, patience, joy, peace, forgiveness, gentleness, love, hope, trust, and many others. We may struggle to think of what our talents are, but we all have gifts to share.

Just as we are encouraged to be lifelong learners, I would also encourage you to keep discovering your talents and gifts throughout your life. I believe in God, a God who is so big and vast that I will be always discovering more about who and what God is. I believe you are made in the image of God, which means you all have a huge amount of depth to you. You have a lifetime of discovery ahead as you find out more about you. No matter how old you are, I don't think you know everything there is to know about yourself.. There are still discoveries to be made.

Gifts and talents need to be shared because everyone is encouraged by them. Life is made all the richer for us and others when a talent or gift is shared. There is nothing like celebrating a hidden talent revealed, it reminds us that life is full of surprises, and there is so much more beauty to be discovered in the world, let alone in ourselves.

Please share your gifts. The world needs them!

Pastor Andrew Kieselbach

FRUITS OF THE SPIRIT



Wesley Uniting Church Kent Town
27 Grenfell Street, Kent Town



SPECIAL SERVICES

Remembrance Day Service:

Sunday 13th November at 10.00 am

The service will be led by Pastor Andrew Kieselbach. Mr Frank Brookes, a former army major, will recite the ode. The Wesley Choir will present some special music for the occasion.



St Andrew's Day Service:

Sunday 27th November at 10.00 am



This special service, led by **Rev Mark Dickens**, will recognise Scotland's National Day. There will be pipers along with representatives from all the Scottish clans. 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.

SPRING CONCERTS

The first of our Spring Concerts was held on Wednesday afternoon, 19th October at 2.00 pm. Those attending thoroughly enjoyed the 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.



DIARY DATES

Advent Services:

The first Sunday in Advent is 27th November, which also coincides with the St Andrew's Day Service.

Service of Lessons & Carols:

Sunday 18th December at 10.00 am

Christmas Day:

Sunday 25th December at 9.00 am

BAPTISM

Charlotte Brookes, the younger daughter of **Cherry and Daniel Brookes** will be baptised during the service on **Sunday 20th November 2022**. 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

The new carpet has been laid in the vestries at the back of the church and has smartened up the area considerably. We express our thanks to the band of people who helped

move everything out of the vestries prior to laying and back in again afterwards. The group included Graham Bell, Kay Rooke, Jenny Stewart, Steven Kay (caretaker) and Jenny's grandson, Charlie Stewart.



The photo shows Charlie and Steve relaxing after moving the piano.

PLANNING GROUP

The Planning Group is comprised of Rev Mark Dickens, Pastor Andrew Kieselbach, Jenny Church, Peter Skellon, Kay Rooke and Jenny Stewart. The group have met twice recently and some very productive discussions have taken place.

You are invited

As a forerunner of things to come next year, the group wishes to invite you all to a **Morning Tea on Wednesday 30th November 2022 from 10.30am – 12.00noon in the Back Hall**. We hope to see you there.

NEWS OF OUR PEOPLE

It was lovely to catch up with **Doug Baker** when he attended the concert last month. Doug was looking amazingly well even though he is now 93. Doug's wife is the same age and they celebrated their 70th Wedding Anniversary earlier this year.

Johanna Espitia became engaged last month. Her fiancé, Darren popped the question in a very romantic way. He took Johanna out to a special restaurant on the second anniversary of them meeting. When dessert arrive the ring was in the centre of Johanna's plate with the words, "Johanna will you marry me?" written in chocolate on the plate. She said, "Yes!"

Congratulations!

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