

WESLEY NEWS

FEBRUARY DIARY DATES

Thursday 2nd

*PRESENTATION OF
THE LORD*



Thursday 2nd at 2.00 pm
CHURCH COUNCIL

Sunday 5th at 10.00 am
Pastor Andrew Kieselbach
*Holy Communion
EPIPHANY 5*

Sunday 12th at 10.00 am
Rev Mark Dickens
EPIPHANY 6

Sunday 19th at 10.00 am
Pastor Andrew Kieselbach
*TRANSFIGURATION OF
JESUS*



Wednesday 22nd
ASH WEDNESDAY

Sunday 26th at 10.00 am
Rev Mark Dickens
*LENT 1
HARVEST THANKSGIVING*

COMMUNITY
MORNING TEA

In hall Wednesday mornings
10.30 am – 12.00 noon

MUSIC @ WESLEY

Choir Practice

Wednesday evenings in the
choir vestry at 7.30 pm

WESLEY IS HOME TO

Young Adelaide Voices

Adelaide Harmony Choir

Metropolitan Musical
Theatre Company

Organ Music Society of
Adelaide Music Library

FROM THE MINISTER

With the month of January having passed us by and school now back in full swing, the Christmas and New Year holiday season is well and truly over. It is great to be able to slow down and enjoy a break of sorts, but I am reminded that it takes busyness to appreciate this. I am now well and truly back to being busy!



The first official day back at school for the year for teachers, before the students have returned, starts with an All-Staff Chapel Service. The theme I chose for my reflection on this occasion was **'Inspired by Others, Inspiring Others.'** The Bible reading was from Luke 4, verses 14 to 22, where Jesus reads in the synagogue from the scroll of Isaiah,

‘The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free,
to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favour.’ Luke 4:18-19.

The first part of verse 22 states, ‘All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth.’

Jesus, then and now, has been and remains an inspiration. What’s more, people inspired by Jesus have in their own way been an inspiration to others.

Hanging in the minister’s vestry at Wesley Church is a portrait of the Rev. William Taylor, who was the preacher at the opening of the Kent Town Church. It was said to be the preaching of Taylor, a visiting evangelist from California, USA, who inspired Thomas Greaves Waterhouse.

It is said that Waterhouse while quite wealthy was extremely tight with his money. That was until Taylor’s preaching not only led to his conversion but also to Waterhouse becoming one of the most liberal donors in the then Wesleyan Methodist Church in Australia. Money from Waterhouse significantly helped towards paying not only the building costs of Wesley Church, but also the purchase of the land upon which Prince Alfred College now stands.

I concluded my staff chapel service homily by asking: what, then, is required of us – of me – of you – so that by giving the best of what we have to give we may flourish within ourselves and that we might be an inspiration to others within this community to which we all belong?

Those of us who attended the first of our Wednesday ‘cuppa and conversation’ mornings were, no doubt, inspired by the number of people from the local community who attended. Approaching this as an outreach activity to the local community, providing a place where people can gather and connect, who knows what inspiration it may bring in drawing people together!? **May we be both inspired and inspiring.**

Rev Mark Dickens



Wesley Uniting Church Kent Town
27 Grenfell Street, Kent Town



HARVEST THANKSGIVING SERVICE

The annual Harvest Thanksgiving Service will be held on **Sunday 26th February** and will feature an **augmented Wesley Choir**. **Rev Mark Dickens** will lead worship. Members of the congregation are asked to contribute



tinned and packet food for a display of produce at the front of the church. All produce will be donated for distribution to people in need.

Setting up will take place on Saturday 25th February at 4.00 pm. It would be helpful if donations of produce were brought to the church that afternoon or on the previous Sunday. If this is not convenient, please still bring things on the 26th February and they will be added to the display.

COMMUNITY MORNING TEAS



The Special Morning Tea held on Wednesday 25th January was very successful with 30 people gathering to enjoy a cup of tea or coffee and a lavish morning tea, while engaging in conversation with people in our community. This is viewed as an important outreach to the local community and the feedback received from those present was very positive.



On **Wednesday 22nd February**, Morning Tea will incorporate “Pancake Day”. A donation to support Uniting Care is requested.

If you are looking for some company, please call in any **Wednesday morning between 10.30am and 12.00 noon** and enjoy a “Cuppa & Conversation”. You will be very welcome!

ORGAN RECITAL

The church organ will be 125 years old later in 2023. It therefore seems most fitting that arrangements have been made for an **organ recital** to be presented by renowned organist, **Martin Setchell** from Christchurch, New Zealand, on **Sunday, 26th March at 2.30 pm**.



Admission will be \$20 at the door

FORWARD NOTICE OF OTHER DIARY EVENTS

All Sunday services commence at 10.00 am.

- **Ash Wednesday, start of Lent:**
Wednesday 22nd February
- **Palm Sunday:**
Sunday 2nd April
- **Good Friday:**
Friday 7th April
- **Easter Day:**
Sunday 9th April



BIRTHDAY INVITATION

Rev Jim Winn is turning 80 on 17th February and has extended an invitation to all members of the congregation to join with him for an “Open House” birthday celebration at his daughter’s home, 26 Burke Street Tusmore on Sunday 26th February between 2.00pm and 5.00pm (No presents, just your presence). If you intend to be there, please let Jenny Stewart know in advance so she can advise Jim for catering purposes.



NEWS OF OUR PEOPLE

We are delighted that **Irene Pan and husband Yungho Pok** from Japan have chosen to worship at Wesley Kent Town while they are visiting their children in Adelaide. They have also attended our two Community Morning Teas held so far.



Cynthia Storey has also been able to come to our two Morning Teas and it has been good to catch up with her.

Raelene Chelley is feeling much better now that some correction has been made to her medication and hopes to be back with us soon.

Joan Atkinson’s health is remaining stable and she sends her greetings to everyone at Kent Town. Graham Bell visited her recently and she was in good spirits.

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