

WESLEY NEWS

MARCH DIARY DATES

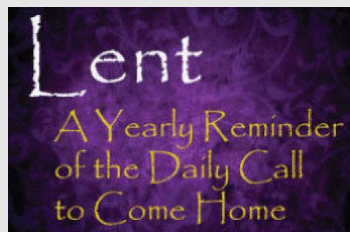
Sunday 5th at 10.00 am
Pastor Andrew Kieselbach
Holy Communion
LENT 2

Thursday 2nd at 2.00 pm
CHURCH COUNCIL

Sunday 12th at 10.00 am
Rev Phil Hoffmann
LENT 3

Sunday 19th at 10.00 am
Rev Mark Dickens
Baptism
LENT 4

Sunday 26th at 10.00 am
Pastor Andrew Kieselbach
LENT 5



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

Adelaide Harmony Choir

Metropolitan Musical
Theatre Company

Organ Music Society of
Adelaide Music Library



FROM THE MINISTER ~ Supporting and Serving Others

Following our Service of Harvest Thanksgiving on the last Sunday of last month, I had the privilege and pleasure of taking the many items donated for the occasion to Uniting in Care Salisbury. It was inspiring to see and hear about what they do. Heartfelt thanks were expressed for our donation. I was asked to report back that it was the largest quantity of items they have received from a single congregation!

Uniting in Care Salisbury was established 27 years ago. It is one of just over a dozen congregation-based UnitingCare Emergency Relief Centres located across the State. Most of these services receive no funding to buy food. They rely on the goodwill and generosity of the community for the donation of food or money so they can keep the shelves stocked. It is heartening to know we have contributed to this.

At Salisbury approximately 80 – 100 people are supported each week with assistance. Their office is open Monday to Thursday 11am - 2pm for emergency relief for those living in the Salisbury Council area. They also run a weekly Wednesday morning tea and offer a free lunch.

Though we are only a small congregation, your generosity in what was provided was not insignificant.

I am reminded of the starfish story. While there are some minor variations in the way it is told, the moral remains the same: everyone can make a difference — even if that difference affects only one person. Here is my own rendering of the story: *One day a person was walking along the beach when they noticed a child picking up and gently throwing things into the ocean. Approaching the child they asked, "What are you doing?" The child replied, "Throwing starfish back into the ocean. The surf is up and the tide is going out. If I don't throw them back, they'll die." The person laughed and said, "Do you realize there are miles of miles of beach and hundreds of starfish? You can't make any difference." After listening politely, the child bent down to pick up another starfish and threw it into the surf and then said, "I made a difference to that one."*

I am also reminded of the passage from Matthew 25, sometimes referred to as The Sheep and the Goats. (I won't repeat it here. You can look up Matthew 25, verses 31 to 45 to be reminded of this parable of the end times.) I am not inclined to focus on the judgement aspect of the passage (I might say more about that another time). With the boys at PAC I draw the message: Don't do good deeds to be seen, noticed, or rewarded. Do good deeds because it's the good thing to do.

May we each continue to contemplate the things we can do to make a difference. It doesn't have to be something 'big'. Don't underestimate the significance of something seemingly little or small. And, remember, doing can be expressed in words too. A kind word or compliment, or even recognising someone's pain (emotional or physical) can make a difference too! I close with the words I occasionally close with at PAC prep school chapels: May God bless you, and may you be a blessing to others.

Rev Mark Dickens



Wesley Uniting Church Kent Town
27 Grenfell Street, Kent Town



HARVEST THANKSGIVING SERVICE



The annual Harvest Thanksgiving Service was held on **Sunday 26th February** and featured an **augmented Wesley Choir**. **Rev Mark Dickens** was the worship leader and delivered an interesting sermon linking the celebration of harvest with the beginning of Lent. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the wonderful music presented by the augmented choir.

Members of the congregation again excelled in their generosity so that a marvellous display of produce adorned the front of the church. All produce has been donated to Uniting in Care Salisbury for distribution to people in need. The photo below shows Rev Mark with some of the workers at Uniting in Care receiving our donations.



COMMUNITY MORNING TEA



On **Wednesday 22nd February**, our regular Morning Tea incorporated **“Pancake Day”**. This raised \$120.00 towards the work of

Uniting Care SA.

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

NEWS OF OUR PEOPLE



Irene Pan and husband Yungho Pok had to return unexpectedly to Japan following the sudden death of YH's mother. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to them and their family at this sad time. They expect to return to Adelaide in about 6 months' time.

We are pleased to welcome **Christabel Collop** who has started attending Sunday services and we are enjoying getting to know her. **Doug Baker** appreciates receiving our newsletters and weekly worship information. He finds it a bit too difficult to get here on Sunday mornings. Graham Bell visited Doug recently at his home near Balhannah. He and his wife were delighted to hear Graham play Doug's 3 manual digital pipe organ.

It is with deep regret that we report the death of **Naomi Bryant** on Sunday 26th February 2023. Naomi, and her husband Frank, were both former members of the Kent Town congregation. Naomi was a member of the choir and Frank was an elder and church treasurer for a period of time. Naomi's funeral service will be conducted at Berry Funeral Parlour on Magill Road on Wednesday 8th March 2023 at 10.00am.



CELEBRITY ORGAN CONCERT

Sunday 26 March 2023 at 2.30 pm



December 2023 will mark the 125th anniversary of the opening of the well-known J.E. Dodd organ of Wesley Church Kent Town, since enlarged to its current status as one of Adelaide's finest concert organs. To commence this celebratory year, we are pleased to feature internationally-renowned British/New Zealand organist **Martin Setchell**, who last presented a recital at Kent Town in 2015. Martin's exciting, varied and approachable programme will largely include 19th and 20th century works well-suited to this instrument.

Admission: \$20 at the door

HOLY WEEK & EASTER SERVICES

All services commence at 10.00 am.

Palm Sunday: Sunday 2nd April

Good Friday: Friday 7th April

Easter Day: Sunday 9th April



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Congregation will be held following worship on **Sunday 16th April**. During this meeting reports will be received from the Minister, Secretary, Treasurer and Chairman and the budget for 2023 will be presented. Nomination forms for Church Council are available from the secretary, Jenny Stewart.

HALLS FOR HIRE

Young Adelaide Voices choirs have moved to larger premises. This means that we now have halls available for hire. Please notify Ivan Miller if you know of any groups requiring hall space.

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