

WESLEY NEWS

APRIL DIARY DATES

Sunday 2nd at 10.00 am
Rev Mark Dickens
PALM SUNDAY

Friday 7th at 10.00 am
Pastor Andrew Kieselbach
GOOD FRIDAY

Sunday 9th at 10.00 am
Rev Mark Dickens
Holy Communion
EASTER DAY



Thursday 13th at 2.00 pm
CHURCH COUNCIL

Sunday 16th at 10.00 am
Pastor Andrew Kieselbach
EASTER 2

Sunday 23rd at 10.00 am
Rev Dr Jonathan Barker
EASTER 3

Sunday 30th at 10.00 am
Rev Mark Dickens
Baptism
EASTER 4

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

Last Saturday my elder son asked if we could ride into the City. We live in the Northeast which means we can follow the Linear Park track from Tea Tree Plaza to the Botanic Gardens. The last time I had done the ride would have been over twenty years ago. In the last few years, I haven't gone riding any great distance, so I knew I had my work cut out for me. We arranged for my wife and younger son to pick us up at the other end.

The ride into the city was magnificent. It was a beautiful day, and though we got lost a couple of times, we remained in good spirits all the way and made it into the city in good time. As we reached the Botanic Gardens, my wife was there waiting with the car.

Then came the time to go home. I started to put the bikes in the car. However, it became clear to me as time went on, that I may have misjudged how much our car could fit in the boot. No amount of pushing and shoving was going to allow both bikes to fit, with seats still available for all four of us in the car. I came upon the uncomfortable and painful truth, that I would have to ride my bike back home.

The track to the city is for the most part, downhill. You do have to pedal, but not expend the energy it takes on the return. I was becoming sore and tired on coming into the city and the prospect of having to ride home again did not appeal, and of course, the way back is uphill much of the way. It was either take two trips into the city, home and back again with the car, or get back on the saddle. So, I made the choice, I went home again on the bike.

This time I was alone, relying on memories over twenty years old to forge my way back home. I took a few wrong paths forcing me to carry the bike up sets of stairs. The pleasant ride in the morning was now a slow painful incline in the heat of the day. I rode through Klemzig Interchange and then through Paradise. I stopped and walked up "the widow maker", a hill just outside the Interchange, which is always exhilarating on the way down, but excruciating on return. A few kilometres on, my legs were like jelly! When I came to a stop, I knew I had done all I could to get close to home. I made the call and was picked up by my family at Hope Valley Reservoir.

Sometimes life can be plain sailing (or riding), and then, things can go sideways quickly. We must make hard decisions and push through. Sometimes it's a struggle just to keep peddling and moving forward. But even in those toughest moments we are not alone.

In this Lenten season we are reminded of the road Jesus chose to travel for our sake. It was a journey that was difficult and painful. He gave up His life for us. He made that choice because He loves us. He never saw it as an inconvenience, but as a necessary sacrifice. He was willing to give His all for us, giving us the chance to be called Sons and Daughters of God. To be His friend, to be His Brother or Sister. At Easter we celebrate a love that knows no bounds, and a gift of relationship with our creator made by the great sacrifice of our King Jesus. Whatever you are facing in this season, may you discover God's amazing love for you anew this Easter, and know His presence and His touch.

Every Blessing, Pastor Andrew Kieselbach



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HOLY WEEK SERVICES



Palm Sunday Service:
Sunday 2nd April at 10.00am

The Palm Sunday Service will be a beautiful start to Holy Week. A service of readings and choral music presented by an **augmented choir** will lead our thoughts from the palm-strewn arrival of Jesus in Jerusalem through penitential music towards the power and solemnity of Good Friday. The service is organised by our organist and choir director, Graham Bell. The worship leader will be **Rev Mark Dickens**.



Good Friday Service:
Friday 7th April at 10.00am
Pastor Andrew Kieselbach

This meditative service will focus on the journey to the Cross as we reflect on the great sacrifice Christ made for us.



Easter Day Service:
Sunday 9th April at 10.00am
Rev Mark Dickens

We celebrate with joy the risen Christ. The sacrament of Holy Communion will also be celebrated during this service.

All services will feature special music presented by the Wesley choir under the direction of organist/choir director, Graham Bell.

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. Anyone who is a member, or member-in-association is eligible for nomination.

COMMUNITY MORNING TEA



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!

CELEBRITY ORGAN CONCERT



The **Organ Recital** presented by internationally-renowned British/New Zealand organist **Martin Setchell** on **Sunday 26 March 2023** was a great success and enjoyed immensely by all those in attendance. . Martin treated us to a delightfully varied programme of wonderful music.

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.

NEWS OF OUR PEOPLE

Happy Birthday Catharina! Catharina Corbett celebrated her 90th Birthday on 3rd April. We extend our best wishes and congratulations to her on reaching this milestone.



Thank you Mark! Dr Mark Symons has made the decision to step down as a member of the Church Council after many years of service in this capacity. In addition he has been the chairperson of the council for longer than any of us can remember, providing wise leadership and guidance. His will be big shoes to fill.! Mark will still offer his services in an advisory capacity particularly in regards to the administration of the bequest from the estate of the late Jean Lang held with the National Trust SA.

Mark, and his wife Pat, celebrated their 63rd Wedding Anniversary on the 26th March. They were married in this church. We extend our congratulations to them both.

VALE JOAN ATKINSON



It was with great sadness that we learned of the death of our dear friend **Joan Atkinson** who passed away peacefully on Saturday 4th March 2023. Joan bravely fought on through a long period of ill health and adversity with great strength and courage. During her married life, Joan worked in partnership with her husband, Rev Len Atkinson, to minister to members of the congregations to which Len was appointed. She was also a talented musician and willingly shared her gifts to the benefit of others.

Joan was an active member of this congregation and made a significant contribution to the church in a variety of ways. She was a member of the choir and a regular bible reader. Joan also served as a member of the Church Council. We thank God for Joan's life and her participation in the life and worship of Wesley Kent Town Church, and can take comfort knowing that she is now resting peacefully with the Lord.

A moving service to celebrate Joan's life was held in the church on Wednesday, 16th March 2023, with Rev Mark Dickens officiating. We hold Joan's family, especially her children James, Katherine, Gavin and Fiona in our thoughts and prayers as they grieve her loss.



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