

WESLEY NEWS

JUNE DIARY DATES

Sunday 4th at 10.00 am
Pastor Andrew Kieselbach
Holy Communion
TRINITY SUNDAY



Thursday 8th at 2.00 pm
CHURCH COUNCIL

Sunday 11th at 10.00 am
Rev Doug Hosking
PENTECOST 2

Sunday 18th at 10.00 am
Rev Mark Dickens
PENTECOST 3

Thursday 22nd June
**Uniting Church in
Australia**
46th ANNIVERSARY

Sunday 25th at 10.00 am
Rev Mark Dickens
PENTECOST 4

COMMUNITY MORNING TEA

In middle 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

In my sermon on Pentecost Sunday I included a mention of the Act2 project. Forgive me if there is some repetition here, but I thought it was appropriate to share some more about this project.

By way of introduction, the following comes from the Act2UCA website on the internet (www.act2uca.com/about):

“Act2 is a major transformational change project focussed on discerning and deciding on the future of the Uniting Church in Australia. It’s taking place across our whole Church, and we need your voice.

“In March 2020, the Assembly Standing Committee - the Assembly’s national governance committee - recognised that the Uniting Church in Australia is living through a time of massive change, opportunity and challenge. Hearing the call of the Basis of Union to always consider our life afresh, and as a Church that continually seeks the leading of the Spirit, the Act2 Project was born.

“Led by the national body of the Uniting Church, the Assembly, Act2 is an invitation to every Uniting Church member, council and community to discern together where God is calling us into the future. We are looking at our life and asking, ‘what do we need to do, and what do we need to change, to fully live out our shared identity, unity and commitment to God’s mission?’

“Through this Project, we’re exploring how faithfully following Christ in our time and place shapes the life of the Uniting Church and our presence in the world. We’re celebrating our strengths and our identity shaped over many decades, and facing our challenges.

“In two national surveys, consultation across the Church and many, many conversations over more than two years, we’ve heard what people across the country feel and think about their Church. We’ve listened to the Spirit and to each other.

“We’ve heard how we’re proud of the unique identity and faithful witness we’ve grown over time within the one holy catholic and apostolic church in Australia.

“We’re proud of our inclusiveness, commitment to justice and equality and Covenant with First Peoples. We’re a church of many nations following Christ, and all are welcome in our communities, where people of all cultures and ages share in faith, prayer, discipleship and service.

“We also know we’re facing big challenges.

“We know we’re not the Church we were at Union. We’ve heard we need to make our structures sustainable. We’ve heard we need to break down silos and increase collaboration. We’ve heard the desire to centre faith and discipleship in our life. We’ve heard that we need to be more flexible, agile and responsive. We’ve heard we need to change so that we may be a truly inclusive, multicultural and covenanting Church.

“To work towards a faithful future, we must be honest about the past and present as we seek to follow Jesus in a radically changed context.

“Act2 is here to support and enable the Uniting Church to embody its identity and be a vibrant and sustainable witness in 21st century Australia, and as the Church we are now.

“The Spirit is calling the pilgrim people on the way!



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Wesley Uniting Church Kent Town
27 Grenfell Street, Kent Town



“We invite you to enter this time of self-examination and look ahead with us in faithfulness and openness, asking: what changes are needed so that we may flourish as a Church, continue to be a faithful witness, make disciples, and nurture local communities of faith, hope and love?”



While we here at Wesley Kent Town have not actively engaged with the project to date, Act2 calls upon the whole Uniting Church – congregations, presbyteries, Synods, schools, and the church’s aged care and mission agencies – to participate in collective discernment of the future. The second half of this year will see continuing discussions of directions and considerations for the Uniting Church, at every level of the church. It is anticipated this will give rise to recommendations and a report to be received by the Assembly Standing Committee in March 2024 and then the 17th Assembly of the Uniting Church in July to enable vital decisions for the future of our Church.

I trust and pray that we will open ourselves to the invitation to engage in the conversation so that we may faithfully contribute to discerning the future with the whole Uniting Church.

1 Peter 4:10. Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.

Rev Mark Dickens

SPECIAL DIARY DATE



A Tartan Sunday Service will be held on **Sunday 2nd July 2023**. On this occasion, there will be representatives of all the Scottish clans, bagpipers and highland dancers. Morning Tea will follow the service. Please mark this date in your diary now and invite family and friends along to enjoy the occasion.

CHURCH COUNCIL

The Church Council is now comprised of Graham Bell, Jenny Church, Bev Jury, Kay Rooke, Peter Skellon and Jenny Stewart as elected members, and Rev Mark Dickens and Pastor Andrew Kieselbach as members ex-officio.

At the May Church Council meeting, the following appointments were made:

Chairperson: Jenny Church
Secretary: Jenny Stewart
Treasurer: Ivan Miller

We thank all members for their willingness to serve.

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!

COMMUNITY SHED

The church council is working on developing the garage area on the church grounds into a “Community Shed”. Many of you have probably heard of Men’s Sheds and the important role they play in enabling men to engage with one



another to the benefit of their mental health and well-being. We have decided to call ours a Community Shed so that it is non-gender specific.

The plan is to clear the garage and develop it into a space where people in the community can call in and work on group and individual handiwork projects. Many people in the area have downsized and moved into homes and apartments which don’t have access to shed space. This project has attracted enthusiastic support from members of the Kent Town Residents Association who are willing to work with us to achieve our goal.

Three members of the church council also recently attended a “Community Networking Event” at Bunnings Kent Town. This was very worthwhile both from the point of view of linking with other groups in the area but also from learning of the support Bunnings is prepared to provide to support this venture.

NEWS OF OUR PEOPLE

We are delighted that some of our members who have been on the sick list have recovered well enough to join us for worship on Sundays again. We welcome back Rev Mac Macdonald and Beryl Kennett. Barbara Fitzsimmons returned to choir practice last week so it should not be long before she can regain her place in the choir. We have missed having an alto section.

ANOTHER DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Church Anniversary

– **Sunday 20th August 2023 at 10.00am**

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