

# WESLEY NEWS

## FEBRUARY DIARY DATES

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> at 2.00pm  
*CHURCH COUNCIL*

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February  
*PRESENTATION OF  
THE LORD*



Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> at 10.00 am  
Pastor Andrew Kieselbach  
*Holy Communion  
EPIPHANY 5*

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> at 10.00 am  
Rev Mark Dickens  
*TRANSFIGURATION OF  
JESUS*



Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February  
*ASH WEDNESDAY*

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> at 10.00 am  
Rev Mark Dickens  
*LENT 1*

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> at 10.00 am  
Pastor Andrew Kieselbach  
*LENT 2  
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  
Adelaide Harmony Choir  
Metropolitan Musical  
Theatre Company  
Organ Music Society of  
Adelaide Music Library  
Australian  
Music Theatre Choir

### FROM THE MINISTER:

This summer season has been particularly unpredictable. The temperature has been going up and down like a rollercoaster. It has been strange to put out the washing only to find it more soaked than when we put it out. I bet the weather people have been pulling their hair out, it's been very eventful. We've had heat and flood, wind and storm, all in the same week!

Life has been eventful too. For me it has been an ending of a season and looking towards a new season beginning. I have just finished my time with CityView Uniting Church, where I have shared being on the core team with my wife Kelli for the last five years. It has been a labour of love, and while there have been many difficult moments, there have also had moments of great joy. I feel privileged to have been able to serve the community there, making deep friendships and I hope, lifelong friends. I am sad to leave.

When we joined CityView we had two boys, seven and three. The building in which we were going to worship hadn't been built yet. I was working as a Chaplain and in Inclusive Education Support at Banksia International High School, and Kelli was just beginning to make plans to do some extra study and return to work as a Naturopath and Nutritionist. Five years later, my boys are thirteen and eight, and I am a dad-taxi for at least four nights a week between basketball and tennis. I am now at Prince Alfred College as Chaplain and serving the people at Wesley Kent Town. Kelli has now been operating a clinic out of Broadview and Marion for over two years, with a fortnightly wellness spot on Life FM. Things have changed.

But, if you asked me five years ago whether I had even a clue where we would be now, it would be a definite no. In life, if there is one thing that is constant, it's change. It's unpredictable and can strike at any moment. Deaths, births, marriage, sickness and divorce. It's been a rollercoaster ride of emotions without even looking at the effects of COVID, the rise of inflation, and war and unrest across the globe. You do wish it would all stop sometimes, but time keeps moving and change keeps happening.

I recently celebrated with a friend who has turned eighty this year. I asked her what wisdom she had gained in the last year. She told me, "Grin and bear it. While there is always difficulty in life, there is also life and joy to follow."

It reminded me of God's promise in Isaiah,

*Watch for the new thing I am going to do.*

*It is happening already—you can see it now!*

*I will make a road through the wilderness  
and give you streams of water there.*

*Isaiah 43:19*

You may be going through a difficult season, but God is always working on something new. God's creation never stops. We may well be in the wilderness, but God is making a road to refreshment, renewal and joy. God is in the process. He is with us and present wherever we find ourselves. Nothing stays the same but God. God never changes and is working on something new. I look forward to seeing what is coming next for our world, church, my family and myself. May we be watchful to see what is happening already, where God may be making a way.

Every Blessing,

*Pastor Andrew Kieselbach*



Wesley Uniting Church Kent Town  
27 Grenfell Street, Kent Town



## HARVEST THANKSGIVING SERVICE

The annual Harvest Thanksgiving Service will be held on **Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> February** and will feature an **augmented Wesley Choir**. **Pastor Andrew Kieselbach** 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 goods will be donated for distribution to people in need.

Setting up will take place on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup> February and they will be added to the display.

## PLANNING DAY 2024

**Monday morning 5<sup>th</sup> February, 10.00am-12.00noon in the Middle Hall.**

We invite you to join with other members of our church community to help us plan for our future.



How do we ensure that this church remains as a place of worship, witness and community service for many years to come? Our Ministry Team, Rev Mark Dickens and Pastor Andrew Kieselbach, will be there to guide us but we really want to hear from you and would value your input.



Please plan to arrive a little before 10.00am so we can start on time. The urn will be hot so you can have a cup of tea or coffee on arrival. **Morning Tea** will also be provided.

## COMMUNITY MORNING TEAS



Our Community Morning Teas will resume in the Middle Hall on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February. This is viewed as an important outreach by this church to the local community. 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!

On **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February**, Morning Tea will incorporate **"Pancake Day"**.



We hope you can join us and enjoy some delicious pancakes while connecting with the local community.

A donation to support the work of UnitingCare SA Emergency Services is requested.

## COMMUNITY SHED

Quite a bit of work has been done to prepare the Community Shed and it is now almost ready to start opening it to the public. We need to develop operational procedures prior to commencement in order provide a safe work space for users.

## LENT & EASTER SERVICES

- **ASH WEDNESDAY, START OF LENT:**  
Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February
- **PALM SUNDAY:**  
Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March
- **GOOD FRIDAY:**  
Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March
- **EASTER DAY:**  
Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March



## NEWS OF OUR PEOPLE

We missed **Elizabeth Brookes** for a few weeks when both she and husband, Frank, contracted Covid. Fortunately they have both recovered. **Raelene Chelley** had to undergo a medical procedure recently but is doing well and back to Sunday worship with us. We also appreciated catching up with **Catharina & Robert Corbett** during January and seeing them looking so well. **Diana & Ian Chessell** are heading off to Melbourne where they plan to catch up with both sides of their family and some of Diana's Uni friends. They will return via the family beach house at Point Lonsdale and then Port Fairy. **Jenny Stewart** has been looking after Johanna's daughter, **Ruby** once a fortnight while Johanna does a work shift at Fullarton Lutheran Homes. Ruby has been enjoying gaining confidence in the water of Jenny's swimming pool.



We are looking forward to the return of **Ailin Pan** and **Yung Ho Pok** from Japan who will be back worshipping with us from the beginning of February.

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