

WESLEY NEWS

MAY DIARY DATES

Sunday 4th at 10.00 am

Rev Dr Gary Stuckey

Holy Communion

EASTER 3

Thursday 8th at 2.00pm

CHURCH COUNCIL

Sunday 11th at 10.00 am

Rev Doug Hosking

Good Shepherd Sunday

EASTER 4

Sunday 18th at 10.00 am

Rev Doug Hosking

EASTER 5

Sunday 25th at 10.00 am

Pastor Andrew Kieselbach

EASTER 6

Thursday 29th May

ASCENSION DAY



COMMUNITY MORNING TEA

Wednesday mornings

10.30 am – 12.00 noon

in middle hall

COMMUNITY SHED

Open Wednesday,

& Saturday mornings

9.00 am – 1.00 pm

QUIET CENTRE

Wednesdays 12.45-145pm

in church

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

“AFTER EASTER, THEN WHAT?”

After all the hype surrounding Easter - the special services and pulling out all the stops and singing at the top of our lungs, “Jesus Christ is Risen Today” ... what then? Where do we go from here?

Is the rest of the year just one big anti-climax? In a sense, it is. Everyday life pales by comparison to the resurrection of Jesus.

Yet, that’s where we live, isn’t it ... in the everyday of life? Except for a few high moments here and there, most days are mundane and routine and anything but extraordinary. And that’s a problem because, if we’re not careful, faith can easily amount to little more than going through the motions, where the transforming power of the resurrection is dumbed down to an historical event, rather than the catalyst of new life.

In the First Letter of John, written around 100 A.D. from Ephesus, we find a pastoral letter intended to encourage and instruct the congregations in that area of Asia Minor. William Barclay explains the context of the letter this way: “Many (of John’s readers) were now second or even third generation Christians. The thrill of the first days had, to some extent, at least, passed away. In the first days of Christianity there was a glory and a splendour, but now Christianity had become a thing of habit, ‘traditional, half-hearted, nominal.’ John was writing at a time when, for some at least, the first thrill was gone and the flame of devotion had died to a flicker.”

In particular, the early Christians were plagued with two pressing issues: lethargy and heresy. Lethargy – a lack of energy and enthusiasm – came about because the Christians lost sight of their distinctiveness as disciples of Jesus Christ. They blended in with the world around them. And heresy – false teaching – came about as a result of competing ideologies and those who were eager to put their particular spin on the gospel message. Lethargy and heresy are still very much alive in the church today.

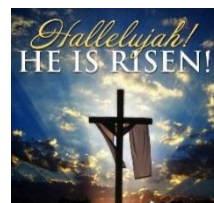
Looking further into the first letter of John, we find embedded that eternal flame of God’s Word that enables us to celebrate the resurrection, not only throughout the season of Eastertide, but through the changing seasons of our lives. John starts out by saying, “That which was from the beginning, that which we have seen and heard we declare to you, that you also may have fellowship with us, that our joy may be fulfilled.” (1 John 1:1-4)

Not long after the resurrection, Jesus told his followers, “But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you. You will be witnesses to me in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the uttermost parts of the earth.” (Acts 1:8) A witness is one who testifies to what’s been seen and heard and some have more to say than others. Some were right there; some were a step or two removed. Yet, each testimony was important in reconstructing the events and getting at the truth.

The same is true of our Christian witness: Some have more to say than others. At the extremes, some describe the saving grace of Jesus Christ as an unforgettable moment in time; others, as a lifelong process of growing in grace. The majority fall somewhere in between. Yet, all experiences are valid. What’s important is that you share what you’ve seen and heard and experienced of God’s amazing grace. It doesn’t have to be earth-shaking or profound. Most religious experiences are not all that dramatic. Just say what you know. That’s all there is to it. Yet, in sharing your journey of faith, others will know what to look for as they seek to experience God’s love for themselves.

Sharing what you know of God’s love is one of the best ways I know of leading others into a lasting relationship with Jesus Christ. It’s also a good way of keeping the spark of Easter glowing.

Dr Philip W. McLarty (abridged)



Wesley Uniting Church Kent Town
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Celebrating 160 years of Worship and Service in 2025

HOLY WEEK & EASTER SERVICES

April was a busy month with special services being held to commemorate Holy Week, starting with Palm Sunday celebrating Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem, followed by Good Friday and Easter Day. The death and resurrection of Jesus are central to the Christian faith and so very significant to us as a church.

All services featured special music presented by an augmented Wesley choir on Palm Sunday and our regular choir for the Easter Services. Graham Bell was the organist and choir master on all occasions. We extend our thanks to them and to our ministers for their organisation of such meaningful worship. We were most grateful to Rev Mark Dickens for leading our Easter Day Service at short notice after Rev Doug Hosking fell ill.

CHURCH COUNCIL

At the Annual General meeting of the Congregation in March, Mrs Jenny Church and Mrs Jenny Stewart were re-elected to serve on the Church Council for a further 5 years. Then, at the April Church Council meeting, the following people were elected to office bearing positions:

Chairperson: Mrs Jenny Church

Secretary: Mrs Jenny Stewart

Treasurer: Mr Ivan Miller.

ELECTION DAY SAUSAGE SIZZLE



The Front Hall of the church will be used as a Polling Station on **Saturday 3rd May** for the **Federal Election**. We have decided to hold a **Sausage Sizzle** on this day. We hope as many

of you as possible can come and enjoy this event and help make it a success.

This time, proceeds will go towards our **Conservation & Restoration Appeal** which has been established with the National Trust of SA.



CONSERVATION & RESTORATION APPEAL

This Appeal is ongoing and people are invited to make donations to enable significant restorative work to be carried out on this heritage listed building. All donations are tax deductible. The first restorative work planned is the repair of the large stained-glass window in the southern transept. We are waiting for approval from Planning SA before work can commence. Please collect one of our brochures to find out how to donate.



COMMUNITY SHED

The Shed is open every **Wednesday and Saturday mornings from 9.00am until 1.00pm**. If you would like to participate, please feel free to call in and try your hand.



QUIET CENTRE

We invite you to discover our **Quiet Centre**, open from 12.45-1.45pm every Wednesday. Experience a time of peace and reflection in our church, with opportunities for meditation and guided spiritual insights. Join us as we explore the tranquility of silence and simplicity.

Come and Find Your Quiet Centre

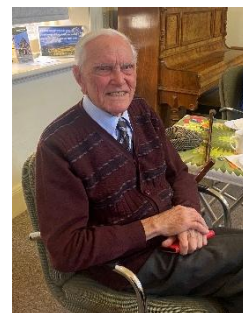
COMMUNITY MORNING TEA



Our Community Morning Teas are 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".

NEWS OF OUR PEOPLE

We have enjoyed the company of **Ailin Pan** and **Yung Ho Pok** in the past two months. They are returning to Japan this week but will be coming back again at the end of June. **Ivan Miller** is making good progress and his injured neck is healing well. We were delighted that he was able to worship with us again during the Holy Week/Easter period. He has been greatly missed from the choir and we look forward to him being restored to full health. Many of you will remember **Doug Baker** who was a regular worshipper here. Doug and his wife, Enid, have their own unit on their daughter's property at Balhannah. Recently Doug attended our Wednesday Morning Tea and even had a short practice on the organ. Doug and his wife are both 96 and still leading happy, independent lives. We were also pleased that **Raelene Chelley** was able to attend our Easter Day Service as was **Cynthia Story**. It is always good to catch up with old friends.



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