

WESLEY NEWS

JUNE DIARY DATES

Sunday 1st at 10.00 am

Rev Doug Hosking

Holy Communion

EASTER 7

Sunday 8th at 10.00 am

Rev Dr Gary Stuckey

PENTECOST



Thursday 12th at 2.00pm

CHURCH COUNCIL

Sunday 15th at 10.00 am

Pastor Andrew Kieselbach

TRINITY SUNDAY

Sunday 22nd at 10.00 am

Rev Jim Winn

PENTECOST 2

Sunday 29th at 10.00 am

Rev Dr Les Underwood

PENTECOST 3

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

WHAT IS PENTECOST?

The name, Pentecost comes from the Greek word “penta”, which means “fiftieth.” Pentecost has its roots in Judaism. In the Old Testament, the people of Israel celebrated the “Festival of Weeks” exactly fifty days after Passover, their most important religious festival of the year.

We read about the day of Pentecost in Acts 2, where we find Jesus’ disciples and another 120 of his followers, including his mother, Mary, along with some of his brothers, all huddled in an upstairs room in Jerusalem. They are hiding out for fear of local religious authorities, but they’re also waiting for something that Jesus, their beloved teacher and leader, has promised them, the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

Suddenly, a sound like a violent wind fills the room where the disciples are hunkered down and tongues of fire seem strangely to hover over their heads. Even stranger, those gathered in the room miraculously begin to speak in the languages of the wide variety of pilgrims gathered in Jerusalem to celebrate the Festival of Weeks. Some of these pilgrims, seeing this strange sight, ask, “Are these scruffy fishermen drunk?” Then the Apostle Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, rejects the explanation of drunkenness for this miraculous event and preaches one of the most powerful and important sermons in the entire New Testament.

Peter points to the prophet Joel’s words in the Old Testament (Joel 2:28-32) promising an outpouring of the Holy Spirit on all of God’s people, which fulfills a promise that Jesus had made. This Jesus, whom you crucified, Peter informs the crowd, is the Messiah, the Christ, God’s promised Savior who conquered sin and death. When the crowd hears Peter’s piercing words, many are “cut to the heart,” and ask, “What should we do?” Peter calls on them to repent and believe in Jesus as their Lord and Savior, and three thousand are baptized on Pentecost.

For all who confess Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior, the following are three hugely significant and timeless truths of Pentecost.

- **Pentecost and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit reminds and assures us that Jesus keeps his promises.**

Now, when people from every race and ethnicity, as well as every walk of life, claim Jesus as their Lord and Savior, they receive new life through the Holy Spirit. Moreover, the Holy Spirit unites us to Jesus and assures us deep in our hearts that we belong to God and that nothing will ever separate us from his love.

- **Pentecost also marks the birthday of the church.**

In the Old Testament, God’s people consisted only of Israel. At Pentecost, through the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, people from every tongue, race, and nation are brought together in Jesus Christ. God has reconciled us individually to himself through his son Jesus, and through him we have been made one body in the church.

- **Finally, Pentecost reminds us of the church’s primary purpose: to share the love of Jesus to the ends of the earth.**

Throughout the remaining chapters of the book of Acts, we see the Apostles and all of Jesus’ followers continue his mission to proclaim God’s love. When the church shares the love of Jesus in word and deed, it carries out God’s purpose and plan to redeem and restore our fallen world.

Dr Kurt Selles (abridged)



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

160th ANNIVERSARY SERVICE

A special service to commemorate 160 years of worship and service to this community will be held in the church on **Sunday 17th August 2025 at 10.00 am**. The worship leader will be Rev Dr Jonathan Barker with Rev Peter Morel (Moderator Uniting Church in South Australia) as guest preacher.

TARTAN SUNDAY



A **Tartan Sunday Service** will be held on **Sunday 6th July 2025 at 10.00 am**. 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.



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 enjoyed catching up with **Ps Andrew Kieselbach** and his younger son, **Levi**, recently when Andrew led our worship. Andrew is enjoying his role as chaplain at Hills Christian Community School at Verdun and has been on a number of school camps with different age groups of students. He had just returned from one with a group of year 5 students to a campsite near Strathalbyn. Three of the activities were archery, sheep-herding and horse riding. Andrew had very stiff legs from the riding.

Rev Dr Beatrice Panne is another past minister of this church whom many of you will remember. Unfortunately, Beatrice is not in good health having undergone a kidney transplant and a bout of Covid from which she has not made a quick recovery. Beatrice says she remembers the people of Wesley with warmth and high regard and sent her best wishes to you all.

David Chamberlain has made a short trip to the United Kingdom, which has become an annual event for him. David has been doing some fantastic work in the front garden and has planted about 15 new roses as well as some new lavender bushes. **Janet Ingleton** is travelling up north to Coober Pedy, Roxby Downs and Andamooka. **Helen Thomas** is also away for two weeks in Victoria. We hope they enjoy their holidays.



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 work planned is the repair of the large stained-glass window in the southern transept. We have recently been advised that approval for this work has been received from Planning SA so we look forward to the commencement of this project. 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.



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