

WESLEY NEWS

JULY DIARY DATES

Sunday 6th at 10.00 am

Rev Dr Anna
Grant-Henderson

**TARTAN SUNDAY
PENTECOST 4**



Thursday 10th at 2.00pm

CHURCH COUNCIL

Sunday 13th at 10.00 am

Rev Doug Hosking

**Holy Communion
PENTECOST 5**

Sunday 20th at 10.00 am

Rev Jim Winn

PENTECOST 6

Sunday 27th at 10.00 am

Rev Dr Les Underwood

PENTECOST 7



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 12.45-1.45pm
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

FOUR INGREDIENTS FOR A HEALTHY CHURCH

ENERGISED BY FAITH: Dynamic spiritual energy is motivated by a worshipping community where sacrament, prayer, witness and service all matter. The members desire to serve God and one another and they engage meaningfully with the scriptures. Their faith nurtured in Christ, helps the people to grow spiritually and share their faith. Resilience is linked to the ever-promised presence of the Holy Spirit. When energised by the Spirit, the congregation is able to appropriately change and adapt. It will not only survive but flourish and will be able to reach out and offer compassionate care.

The congregation which is genuinely open to God's power and energy is a church that is energised by faith.

FACING OUTWARDS TO THE WORLD: We must be concerned about the struggle for justice, and compassion for the hurt, which should be deeply rooted in our witness. We must connect faith and daily life. We should not leave our daily work at the door when we come to church – nor leave our faith at church when we leave. There is a recurring call of God to mission in the world. His redemptive work in the world is missionary. Christians must be actively engaged in mission. God's harvest-field is the world, both here in Australia and elsewhere.

No Christian can serve the Lord in isolation. We are called to point outwards to the world.

DARING TO DO THINGS DIFFERENTLY: We must embrace and celebrate the past – but we must be willing to do things differently. We must admit when things don't work – and to see new possibilities, then take positive steps to change – embracing its opportunities. How does that resonate with our mission here in Kent Town at this point in time?

When we are a church daring to do things differently, we discover we are part of a kingdom work. We may feel the Spirit of God stirring us into life with the mentality to walk the Jesus way.

Healthy churches will always make room for all. Our doors and our hearts are open wide – not just to "people like us" but to all! Remember Charles Wesley's words, "For all, for all, my Saviour died!"

A CHURCH MUST BE FOCUSED – NOT FRENETIC: There is a mistaken view that growing churches do almost everything, and the sign of a healthy church is constant activity. Not so! Healthy churches do the basic things well – they are good news as a community – and they are relaxed about what they don't do! It does mean public worship, leadership, pastoral care and administration are done well. It does mean the call to proclaim the good news and to live out the gospel is taken seriously. It does mean we enjoy what we do – with a sense of joy at the heart of the community.

The presence of God is mediated as people work, pray, support and encourage one another, interpreting the story of God's love in the community, and setting the claims of Jesus Christ before people and challenging them to make a response. Healthy churches take seriously being at the heart of their community. If we are to follow the pattern of Jesus, we must live out our discipleship where we are known and where we can be held accountable to each other and to our neighbours for what we say and do. A healthy church makes a difference in the community.

Rev Keith Garner (abridged)



Wesley Uniting Church Kent Town
27 Grenfell St. Kent Town





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**.

We welcome representatives of Scottish clans, bagpipers and highland dancers and celebrate together the reclaiming of Scottish independence from the English on the **anniversary of the Repeal Proclamation of 1782, annulling the Act of Proscription of 1747**, which had made wearing tartan an offence. Freedom from oppression is a right we strongly uphold in this country, so whether or not we have any Scottish blood running in our veins, we celebrate this occasion.

Morning Tea will follow the service.

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

Vale Beryl Kennett



It is with sadness that we report the death of Dr Beryl Kennett on 7th June 2025 at the age of 87. Beryl, and her husband David (deceased) were former members of this congregation and many of us remember them both with respect and affection. Beryl, a very intelligent, capable woman, was a medical specialist in the field of microbiology. As well as having a scientific mind, she also had a love of literature and art. She was an accomplished cook, seamstress, artist, wildflower enthusiast and keen traveller. Because of ill health and reduced mobility, she has been in residential care in Helping Hand at North Adelaide for the past 2 years. Beryl will be greatly missed by her 3 children, Eleanor, Allison and Michael, and her 6 grandchildren, and we hold them in our thoughts and prayers at this sad time for her family.



Elise Jenkins had a fall about a month ago and appeared to have recovered, however she developed a slight bleed on the brain which resulted in her spending some time in Calvary Hospital in Wakefield Street. She underwent surgery last Monday and has come through well but will probably have to spend another couple of weeks under the watchful eye of her specialists. We send her our love and prayers for a full recovery.

Ivan Miller has also been on the sick list. The fractures in his neck, sustained when he had a fall, have healed but his general recovery has not been as rapid as hoped. We have missed Ivan as a regular attendee at Sunday Worship and as a member of the choir. We are most grateful to him for his continuing service to the church in managing finances, maintenance and property hire. We send him our very best wishes for a return to good health.

On a brighter note, **Graham Bell** took a short break and travelled to Canberra to visit friends for a few days. We hope he found the holiday enjoyable and refreshing.

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