

WESLEY NEWS

AUGUST DIARY DATES

Sunday 3rd at 10.00 am

Rev Doug Hosking

Holy Communion

PENTECOST 8

August meeting cancelled

CHURCH COUNCIL

Sunday 10th at 10.00 am

Rev Dr Gary Stuckey

PENTECOST 9

Sunday 17th at 10.00 am

Rev Dr Jonathan Barker

Rev Peter Morel

CHURCH ANNIVERSARY

PENTECOST 10

Sunday 24th at 10.00 am

Pastor Andrew Kieselbach

PENTECOST 11

Sunday 31st at 10.00 am

Rev Mark Dickens

PENTECOST 12



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

CHURCH ANNIVERSARY

The celebration of an anniversary reminds us that Christian people living in the midst of the world's history are like Janus of Roman mythology, who looked simultaneously forward and backward. Our look back at one hundred and sixty years of this congregation's life gives us courage and hope for the years ahead.

The Christian view of history shapes our reflections on this anniversary. Firstly, as a church we are formed and identified by our history, by where we have been in our past, and secondly, the meaning of that history is determined by the future, by where our history is leading us. On this anniversary we remember the history of this congregation in this community: the generations of our own families who have been born, baptized, married and buried here; the traditions that we have created, and that have in turn made us the people we are. Today we are proud to say that we are part of that whole history.

We owe who we are to our past, our heritage, our upbringing and education, our traditions. You and I, and this congregation, are products of where we have been.

The gospel writer, Matthew also knew that the past isn't enough. He wanted to correct the vision of those people who always looked to the past for meaning. The real point of all those generations of Israelites, he claimed, was that they were leading up to something that was to follow them. We can learn a lot from the past, but its most important function is to lead us into the future. Jesus made that plain. He told His disciples to remember what He had done, but He also turned their attention to the future task that His ministry was preparing them for. "Go and be my witnesses," He told them. "Go and work in the vineyard. Go and make disciples." Jesus never let His disciples dwell on what had already been done. Their purpose was not to be found in where they had been, but in where they were going.

Our faith is born and nurtured in an historical experience, in what God has done for us in the past, but it always leads us into the future. As a church today, our anniversary celebration naturally turns our gaze back on our history. But we must let that history be part of our movement into the future. Jesus has commissioned us and sent us into the world with a mission: how will we fulfill it?

We have a responsibility to our young people, to prepare them for what they will face in life. We have a responsibility to our old people, to help meet their needs in a changing world. We have a responsibility to the community around us, to proclaim the good news of salvation and to be examples of Christ's love. Let the stories of faith, commitment, and service that are told today as we recite the history of this congregation, strengthen us, prepare us, and propel us into the next century of our ministry in this place.

And the question "Where are we going?" has a still greater significance, because as Christians we know that our history has an eternal direction, an ultimate goal. In the incarnation, death and resurrection of Christ.

In his book, "Theology of Hope", Jurgen Moltmann wrote, "From first to last 'Christianity is ... hope, forward looking and forward moving.' The promise that the future is ultimately in God's hands is 'the glow that suffuses everything here in the dawn of an expected new day.' It is our faith in the end of time that directs our journey through time. The Church is the first-fruits of the Kingdom of God, the first dawning of God's presence in the world in our day. Its purpose is both to remember God's faithfulness, kindness, mercy, and providence through our history up to now, and to move us and our world toward the goal God has given us.

So, during our anniversary celebration we look to our history — the history of God's people, of the Christian Church, of this congregation — remembering who we are and where we have been. And at the same time, we look to the future, remembering what we have been put here to do and where we are going.

Pastor Angela Bainter (abridged)

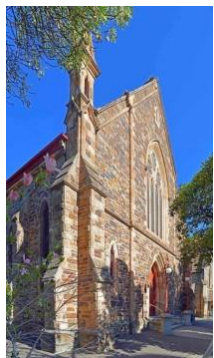


Wesley Uniting Church Kent Town
27 Grenfell St. Kent Town



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**. There will be an augmented Wesley Choir and special music. A celebratory Morning Tea will be held in the Front Hall following worship. Please invite family and friends along to make this a truly memorable occasion.

TARTAN SUNDAY



The **Tartan Sunday Service** held on **Sunday 6th July 2025 at 10.00 am** was highly successful. We welcomed representatives of Scottish clans, bagpipers and highland dancers and celebrated 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. Rev Dr Anna Grant-Henderson was the worship leader.

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. As the Shed Supervisor, Dave Shores, is on holiday interstate, the shed will not be open in the first week in August.



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".

ORGAN MUSIC SOCIETY OF ADELAIDE RECOGNITION CONCERT

On **Sunday 17th August at 2.30pm**, a special **Concert of Recognition** will be held in the church, to acknowledge the long and faithful service to the church and organ community by **Dr Mark Symons**. Dr Symons had a long and illustrious career in civil engineering, both as lecturer and innovator in building technology. Alongside this, he followed a busy schedule of organ-playing, primarily as organist and choirmaster at Wesley Uniting (previously Kent Town Methodist) Church and through a long association with Prince Alfred College. In fact, his early organ playing commenced at PAC under the tuition of Rolland May, for many years Music Master at the school and organist at Scots' Church, North Terrace. Later he undertook tuition at the Elder Conservatorium with James Govenlock. Mark directed the music at Kent Town from 1957 until 2001 and was a member of the OMSA committee from 2012 to 2014. Afternoon tea will be available following the concert.



NEWS OF OUR PEOPLE

Elise Jenkin recently moved to the new Eldercare at Goodwood. We were delighted to see her back at church a



couple of weeks ago, accompanied by her daughter, Kendall. The photo shows Elise playing indoor golf.

Ivan Miller is still in ill health and not up to attending church at present. We miss him and send him our very best wishes for a return to good health.

Graham Bell caught a nasty respiratory virus (HMPV) which prevented him from singing for a few weeks. He soldiered on and still played the organ for us and conducted the choir. That's dedication!

Raelene Chelley continues to experience considerable pain in her hands due to arthritis. She is looking forward to attending the Anniversary Service.

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