

# WESLEY NEWS

## NOVEMBER DIARY DATES

**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10.00 am**

Pastor Kingson Selvaraj  
*Holy Communion*  
**PENTECOST 21**

**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> at 10.00 am**

Rev Mark Dickens  
*Remembrance Sunday*  
**PENTECOST 22**

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> at 2.00pm**

**CHURCH COUNCIL**

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> at 10.00 am**

Rev Dr Gary Stuckey  
**PENTECOST 23**

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> at 10.00 am**

Pastor Kingson Selvaraj  
**CHRIST THE KING**

**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> at 10.00 am**

Rev Dr Anna  
Grant-Henderson

**St Andrew's Day Service**



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## 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 12.45-1.45 pm  
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**

WHEN GOD  
BRINGS A NEW  
SEASON, HE  
REVEALS  
OPPORTUNITIES  
AND PROVIDES  
THE GUIDANCE  
TO STEP INTO  
THEM.

## FROM THE MINISTER

After viewing the Spring season weather reports my son said to me, “this spring is expected to be cooler than normal”. My reaction to that information was ... Oh...! because I didn’t like to hear that the weather in spring was going to be a bit like winter.

It’s natural to feel frustrated when things change from what we’re used to. Some people like winter, others don’t. Each of us has personal preferences regarding different weather conditions. In general, if the weather in a particular season differs from what we expect, we tend to get frustrated. This is a normal human response/reaction not only to the weather conditions but also to real life situations.

Similarly, unexpected changes in life may force us to step out of our comfort zones. In Jesus’ time, people were challenged by the teachings and actions of Jesus because they asked people to follow a different ideology than they were traditionally taught to believe in and were expected to follow.

“Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them.” Matthew 5: 17. Jesus often emphasized the spirit behind the law over rigid external observance.

This new ideology was different from the traditional beliefs and practices of the people during Jesus’s time, transforming the way they thought and lived. The reactions of people to this new and different ideology are apparent in the following lines from Matthew 21:23. ‘Jesus entered the temple courts, and, while he was teaching, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him. “By what authority are you doing these things?” they asked. “And who gave you this authority?”’

This was the reaction from the religious leaders and the people towards the teachings and the actions of Jesus Christ.

But what we understand from Jesus’ teachings is that Jesus’ new teachings, emphasizing inner righteousness over external rituals, grace over legalism, and love over judgment, challenged the religious, social, and political systems of his time. These confrontations revealed both his divine wisdom and the resistance of those unwilling to change.

The unusual spring weather and our reactions to it remind us to look ahead to summer and consider how we will see God’s presence in the different situations it might bring to us. Amen!

**Blessings,**  
**Pastor Kingson Selvaraj**

## REMEMBRANCE DAY – 11th NOVEMBER



**They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:  
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.  
At the going down of the sun and in the morning  
We will remember them.**



**Wesley Uniting Church Kent Town  
27 Grenfell St. Kent Town**



## SPECIAL SERVICES

### **Remembrance Sunday:**



**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> November at 10.00 am**

The service will be led by Rev Mark Dickens. The Wesley Choir will present some special music for the occasion.

### **St Andrew's Day Service:**

**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> November at 10.00 am**

This special service, led by **Rev Dr Anna Grant-Henderson**, will recognise Scotland's National Day. There will be pipers along with representatives from all the Scottish clans. An augmented Wesley Choir will present some special music organised by organist and choir director, Graham Bell.



***PLEASE INVITE FAMILY AND FRIENDS ALONG TO THESE TWO SPECIAL SERVICES.***

## SPRING CONCERTS

The first of our **Spring Concerts** was held on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> October. The audience was treated to a delightful and varied selection of music by artists, **Andrew Georg** (organist), and **Sarah Downs** (soprano) accompanied by **Graham Bell** on the organ.

The second concert will be held on **Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> November at 2.00 pm**. It will feature **Graham Bell** as the organist, and **Noah Materne**, a very talented piano student.

Admission: \$10 cash at the door.

## QUIET CENTRE

We invite you to discover our **Quiet Centre**, open from 1.00-1:45pm 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 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.

We extend our sincere thanks to Dave Shores, the Shed Supervisor, who has repaired the Church Maintenance shed doors for us at minimal expense.

## 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 are delighted to welcome **Kimberley & John Baker** into our congregation. Kim and John are from Maryland USA and are living in Adelaide on a 12 month visa. The principle reason for their visit is to spend time with their daughter and son-in-law and Kim and John's first grandchild. Here are some words from Kim and John.

*"With joy in our hearts, my husband, John Baker, and I, Kimberley Ann Baker, would like to introduce our new granddaughter, Audrey Ann, who is truly a blessing from God. Our only daughter, Grace, and her husband, James, live in Adelaide. Prior to moving to Australia, my husband and I lived in Gaithersburg, Maryland. Being both recently retired, we moved to Adelaide to be present at Audrey's birth and to be a part of her life for her first year. Audrey Ann was born on September 10 in the Burnside Hospital, Toorak Gardens. She weighed 3.13 kilos.*

*John and I would also like to thank our new Church family for your warm and supportive welcome to our new church, Wesley Uniting Church Kent Town".*

Several of our members are on the sick list. **Peter Skellon** suffered a minor stroke which, fortunately, has not left him with any noticeable impairment but it has been an unsettling experience for Peter. His good friend, Tony, has given him a great deal of support in the last 2 weeks. On a brighter note, Peter has something to celebrate this month, his **90<sup>th</sup> Birthday** on the 18<sup>th</sup> November.



Congratulations and Happy Birthday, Peter!

**Ivan Miller** is facing his illness with courage and a positive attitude and is appreciating family life. A couple of weeks ago, he and his family enjoyed a few days on a houseboat on the Murray River. **Rev Mac Macdonald** had a fall from his chair recently but appears not to have suffered any ill effects. Margaret spends time with him daily, and his children, Simon and Sarah, visit him regularly and take him to their homes for outings. According to Margaret, they are going to Simon's next week to make the Christmas puddings.

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