

WESLEY NEWS

SEPTEMBER DIARY DATES

Sunday 7th at 10.00 am

Rev Dr Gary Stuckey
Holy Communion
PENTECOST 13

Sunday 14th at 10.00 am

Pastor Kingson Selvaraj
PENTECOST 14

Thursday 18th at 2.00 pm

CHURCH COUNCIL

Sunday 21st at 10.00 am

Rev Doug Hosking
PENTECOST 15

Sunday 28th at 10.00 am

Pastor Kingson Selvaraj
PENTECOST 16



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

THE CHURCH IS WHAT WE DO NEXT

I recently watched the movie, Conclave. It is a fictional depiction of the secretive papal election following the death of the Pope. The movie has been described as exploring the universal themes of faith, doubt, ambition and the challenges of maintaining tradition in a changing world, as the potential candidates for being the next Pope, vie for the position.



The candidates represent the broad spectrum of the Catholic Church – the traditionalist, the progressive and everything in between. In the midst of the internal fighting, one quote particularly stood out for me as one candidate focuses on the meaning of being church rather than individual beliefs and dreams.

He said, “We have only been concerned with ourselves, with Rome, with these elections, with power.

But these things are not the church.

The church is not tradition.

The church is not the past.

The church is what we do next.

The church is what we do next. Let that sink in.

As we struggle at times with being church, I believe we tend to turn inwards; to when things were going well, to what we are comfortable with personally; to what we know.

The question we need to be wrestling with is what do we do next? What is God calling us into as we partner with God in God's mission in our neighbourhood, our town our world?

Who are we as a congregation?

What has God called us to do or be?

Who is our neighbour?

Contemplating these questions gets to the heart of understanding our identity as communities of faith, our sense of purpose and our relationship with God. These conversations can begin to help us **flourish** as the church.

Rev Dianne Holden, Chairperson Wimala Presbytery, Uniting Church SA

SPRING BRINGS NEW HOPE AND A FRESH START

We are just moving into the season of Spring. Spring is consistently described as a time of renewal because it marks the end of winter and the rebirth of nature, with new growth in plants and increased activity in the environment. This natural cycle inspires a sense of personal renewal, encouraging people to set new goals, embrace new experiences, and let go of negativity, a concept celebrated through cultural festivals and personal traditions worldwide.

The powerful energy of spring can be seen as a spiritual awakening, a time for nurturing one's faith, and fostering a sense of positivity. The reawakening of nature also encourages people to connect with others, enjoy the outdoors, and engage in community activities.

We are excited to welcome Pastor Kingson Selvaraj into our church community as our interim minister for the next four months. May we embrace the new opportunities this new relationship offers us all.



Wesley Uniting Church Kent Town

27 Grenfell St. Kent Town



160th ANNIVERSARY SERVICE



Our 160th Anniversary Service was a great success with one hundred people in attendance and an augmented choir of eighteen. We sincerely thank **Rev Dr Jonathan Barker** for leading our worship and **Rev Peter Morel** (Moderator Uniting Church SA) for being our guest preacher. With the contribution of the choir and magnificent organ music, the worship was uplifting. Celebrations continued at the Morning Tea which followed, with a plethora of delicious food and lively conversation. We extend our sincere thanks to our willing band of workers for all their efforts to prepare and execute the event on the day



NEW MINISTRY

We are delighted to welcome **Pastor Kingson Selvaraj** as our Interim Minister for four months commencing on 1st September and concluding on 31st December 2025. Kingson was born in India where he belonged to the Church of South India. While in India, Kingson completed a Master's Degree in Social Work and Business Administration and migrated to Australia in 2007. Kingson and his wife, Geetha married in Kew Anglican Church in Melbourne. Geetha has a bachelor degree in Dental Surgery, and since being in Australia has graduated as a Registered Nurse.

Kingson and Geetha moved to Berri for Kingson to take up employment as a Social Worker in Families SA (Child Protection). Geetha works as a Registered Nurse at Renmark Nursing Home. Kingson also worked as a Chaplain and School Services Officer at Primary schools in Riverland.

Kingson has completed his Bachelor of Ministry through the Uniting College and currently is a candidate for the Ministry of Word in the Uniting Church. He has considerable experience as a lay preacher and for the past year has been Youth Pastor at Payneham Road Uniting Church.

The couple have three children, Jerlina, Paulston and Chrisilla. The family share a love of music. Kingson says, singing makes him stay in tune with God, Almighty.

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

It was with great sadness that we received the news of the passing of our dear friend and member of this church, **John Beard**. In his working life, John was a postman, delivering mail on his pushbike. He still enjoyed cycling until relatively recently when his health began to decline because of complications related to his diabetes. John was passionate about gardening and often brought along fresh produce or dried fruits to share with members of the congregation. He was a regular attendee at Sunday morning worship and morning tea following worship, but always liked to get home in time to watch Landline on the ABC. John enjoyed the fellowship he found at this church and joined in with social events such as barbecues, working bees, church lunches and Bible Study groups. We will miss him! **Vale John!**



Elise Jenkin has settled in to her new home at Eldercare Goodwood. It is a beautiful new establishment and Elise is happy in her new environment. Her daughter, Kendall accompanied her to our Anniversary service.

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