

# WESLEY NEWS

## JANUARY DIARY DATES

.....

.....

### Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> at 10.00am

Rev Doug Hosking  
*Holy Communion*  
CHRISTMAS 1

### Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> at 10.00am

Rev James Winn  
*Baptism of  
Frederick Geoffrey  
Hackett-Jones Okutoi*  
BAPTISM OF JESUS

### Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> at 10.00am

Rev Dr Graham Vawser  
2<sup>nd</sup> after EPIPHANY

### Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> at 10.00am

Rev James Winn  
3<sup>rd</sup> after EPIPHANY

### Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> at 4.00pm

Church Council

### Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> at 10.00am

Rev David Purling  
4<sup>th</sup> after EPIPHANY

## MUSIC @ WESLEY

.....

### Choir Practice

The choir is in recess during January. Practices resume on Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> January.

## ARTS @ WESLEY

.....

### Patchworkers & Quilters

Monday morning  
Contact Pat 8331 9816

## WESLEY IS HOME TO

.....

### Young Adelaide Voices

### Adelaide Harmony Choir

### Metropolitan Musical Theatre Company

Hello!

Let me share a couple of inspirational Christmas pieces with you to reflect on in the New Year.

Mystic, poet, philosopher, civil rights leader and theologian, Howard Thurman, reminds us of the true meaning of Christmas in his poem, "The Work of Christmas." It has been put to music by various people and you can find video recordings of it being sung on the internet.



When the song of the angels is stilled,  
When the star in the sky is gone,  
When the kings and princes are home,  
When the shepherds are back with their flock,  
The work of Christmas begins:

To find the lost,  
To heal the broken,  
To feed the hungry,  
To release the prisoner,  
To rebuild the nations,  
To bring peace among brothers,  
To make music in the heart.

And then there's a *Christmas Affirmation* by Nathan Nettleton who is the Senior Pastor of the South Yarra Community Baptist Church, Victoria.

We believe in God,  
the creator and giver of life,  
who brought all creation to birth  
who mothers us and fathers us,  
protecting, nurturing,  
and cherishing us.

We believe in Jesus Christ:  
God born among us as a fragile baby,  
embodying both love and the need for love,  
and calling us to rest in God  
as trustingly as a tiny child.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
breathed into us at our birth,  
always drawing us on to be born again,  
encouraging, exhorting, comforting,  
nourishing our growth  
and inspiring our living.

We believe in the reconciliation  
of the world to God, through Christ.  
Hunted at birth  
and humiliated at death,  
Christ entered our fearful darkness  
so that we might enter his glorious light  
and share the life of his resurrection.

And we believe that each new child  
is a glimpse of the face of God,  
a sign of the life to come,  
and a call to live in peace  
and celebrate living together.  
Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to God's people on earth.  
Amen

*Written by Nathan Nettleton, 1999, incorporating  
some lines from "Midwife of our lives" by Kathy  
Galloway, 1996.*

I find both these helpful writings inspiring and challenging. I hope you do too.

Vivien and I trust that you have had a happy and holy Christmas and pray that the New Year will bring joy and courage as we face the challenges of being faithful Christians in 2017.

Grace and peace,  
Jim Winn

Wesley Uniting Church  
Kent Town



## CHRISTMAS SERVICES

The Service of Lessons and Carols held on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December and the Christmas Day Service were both well attended and those present enjoyed the special music presented by the choir on these occasions. We extend our thanks to organist and choir master, Graham Bell for selecting the music and training the choir.



## CHRISTMAS BOWL APPEAL



The Christmas Bowl is the Christmas Appeal of "Act for Peace", the international aid agency of the National Council of Churches in Australia. The Christmas Day offering will be donated to this appeal and envelopes are still available in the porch for anyone wishing to make a personal donation.

## GROCERIES FOR UNITING COMMUNITIES

Thank you to all members who placed grocery items under the tree during Advent. These will be donated to Uniting Communities to be distributed to families in need.

## CHOIR

The choir will be in recess during January and will resume on the first Sunday in February. Several members will be participating in the 62<sup>nd</sup> Annual Summer School of the Royal School of Church Music Australia (RSCM) being held in Adelaide from 4<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> January 2017. This will be directed by Malcolm Archer.

## ORGAN RECITAL Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> January, 2017, 3.00pm

On Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> January at 3.00 pm, Malcolm Archer will give an organ recital at Wesley Church Kent Town. He has a distinguished and worldwide reputation as a choral and orchestral conductor, organ recitalist, teacher, composer and editor. Malcolm Archer has worked at Norwich, Bristol and Wells Cathedrals, and as Organist and Director of Music at St Paul's Cathedral in London. He is currently Director of Chapel Music at Winchester College in England. Admission charge is \$20.



## RSCM SERVICE Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> January, 2017, 7.30pm

A service of Readings and Music for Pentecost will be held in the church at 7.30 pm on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> January. This will feature the RSCM choir and is the culmination of the 62<sup>nd</sup> Annual Summer School.

## HARVEST THANKSGIVING SERVICE

Our annual Harvest Thanksgiving Service is planned for Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2017. This will be a combined service with PAC and will feature a school choir as well as an augmented adult choir.

## NEWS OF OUR PEOPLE

**Ben & Lisa Price**, with daughters **Samantha & Annaliese**, are flying to Singapore, and then taking a cruise up to SE Asia and Hong Kong. We hope they enjoy their holiday. We will miss Ben's services on the sound system during his absence and extend our thanks to him for attending to this each week. **Deborah White** is

currently in Nepal visiting her foster daughter and attending to some architectural work. We are enjoying having **Graham & KK Stacey** here in Adelaide with us for a short while. They enjoyed their New Zealand cruise and later in the month KK will be flying to Singapore and Graham to Europe. We were also pleased to see **Pam & David George** again recently after returning from their caravanning up north. **Penelope Hackett-Jones'** daughter Mary and husband, Gabriel have a new baby boy. **Frederick Geoffrey Hackett-Jones Okutoi** was born in November, a little brother for Arthur. Frederick will be baptised on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2017. **Annis Bennett** is finding it difficult to get out and about and has moved into respite at Summerhill, at Summertown. She is delighted with the friendly, attentive care she is receiving and asked to be remembered to you all. **Trevor & Lee Leane** were hit by the recent storms and lost power for an extended period of time. Trevor is very pleased that he purchased a generator when the last blackout occurred so they have been able to operate the refrigerator and TV. **Doug Stewart** almost didn't make it to church on Christmas Day. He rose early to shower but got locked in the bathroom. All attempts to force it open failed so he had to exit by a small hopper window. Jenny returned home from showering at her daughters to find him with torso and one leg out, singing lustily, "fear not said he, for mighty dread had seized his troubled mind".

## CARETAKING DUTIES

Thank you to those members who are pitching in to keep things running smoothly. We appreciate the efforts of willing people who have been opening and closing the church and putting bins in and out. A few members spent several hours at the church this week mowing lawns and attending to the gardens. Alarm monitoring and security services have been put in place.

## JUST A THOUGHT

Watch your thoughts; they become words.  
Watch your words; they become actions.  
Watch your actions; they become habits.  
Watch your habits; they become character.  
Watch your character; it becomes your destiny.

Lao-Tze

## CONTACTS

**Minister:** Rev Jim Winn  
[jawinn@picknowl.com.au](mailto:jawinn@picknowl.com.au) 0418 841 476  
8322

2146

**Minister in Association:** Rev Mac  
Macdonald  
[ravenrock@adelaide.on.net](mailto:ravenrock@adelaide.on.net) 8332 7669

**Organist & Choir Director:** Graham  
Bell  
[graham.bell@sa.gov.au](mailto:graham.bell@sa.gov.au) 0422 073 436

**Church Council Chair:** Dr Mark  
Symons  
[mark.symons@tpg.com.au](mailto:mark.symons@tpg.com.au) 8331 9816