

WESLEY NEWS

APRIL DIARY DATES

Sunday 7th at 10.00 am
Pastor Brian Dunstan
Holy Communion
EASTER 2

Thursday 11th at 2.00 pm
CHURCH COUNCIL

Sunday 14th at 10.00 am
Pastor Andrew Kieselbach
EASTER 3

Sunday 21st at 10.00 am
Rev Mark Dickens
Good Shepherd Sunday
EASTER 4

Sunday 28th at 10.00 am
Rev Mark Dickens
EASTER 5



COMMUNITY MORNING TEA

In hall Wednesday mornings
10.30 am – 12.00 noon

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

FROM THE MINISTER:

Lent and Easter are always a significant time of year for my family and myself. On top of considering Easter, there are birthdays, celebrations and sport peppered throughout March and April that take up our days, afternoons, or evenings. It is hard to just stop, to find peace, to rest.

The world around us continues to move, time keeps ticking away, and we struggle to keep up. We want to keep up, we don't want to be left behind, we don't want to miss out, but what if in our fast-paced life we were missing important things? What if in the hustle and bustle we missed important life milestones, reflection points, signposts, or places of rest? What if life is meant to be more being than doing?

The Lenten reflection into Easter, revealed to me this year, the life practice of Jesus, the way Jesus reacted to situations and events which led Him to the cross. I've been taken by what Jesus didn't do, as opposed to what He did do. Both are necessary to reflect on as we move into April and beyond.

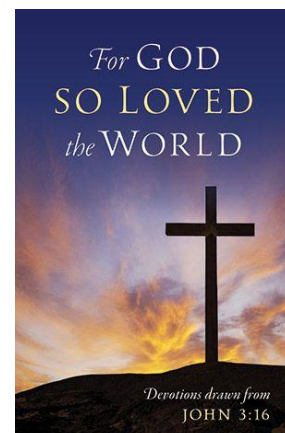
What Jesus didn't do:

- He didn't help everybody
- He didn't speak to everyone
- He didn't neglect His need for rest
- He didn't neglect His need for prayer
- He didn't forget who He was
- He didn't forget the mission and purpose
- He didn't shy away from the truth
- He didn't mix words
- He didn't act sheepishly
- He didn't hold a grudge
- He didn't talk His way out of a situation
- He didn't run away
- He didn't give up
- He didn't try to save His life
- He didn't stop loving us

The Easter story changes everything for everyone. Easter is the story of God's great love for us. God's desire to be with us and to save us. The story tells us nothing can separate us from the love of God. It tells us God is for us not against us, and that wherever we go and whatever we do, God is with us. It is a story that should change us from the inside out.

I'm sure there are more things for you to add to my list, but hopefully this list might get us thinking about our own lives, and what steps, with God's help, we can take to live life to the full, as Jesus showed us in His earthly ministry. May we be reminded of the Spirit leading and guiding us, just as Jesus was.

Pastor Andrew Kieselbach



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HOLY WEEK SERVICES



March was a busy month with special services being held to commemorate holy week, starting with Palm Sunday celebrating Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem, followed by Good Friday and Easter Day.

The death and resurrection of Jesus are central to the Christian faith and so very significant to us as a church.

All services featured special music presented by an augmented Wesley choir on Palm Sunday and our regular choir for the Easter Services. Graham Bell was the organist and choir master on all occasions. We extend our thanks to them and to our ministers for their organisation of such meaningful worship.



This photo of the choir was taken during morning tea on Easter Day.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The **Annual General Meeting of the Congregation** will be held following worship on **Sunday 28th April**. During this meeting reports will be received from the Minister, Secretary, Treasurer and Chairman and the budget for 2024 will be presented.

Bev Jury has indicated her intention to stand down as a member of Church Council and we thank her sincerely for her loyal years of service. The terms of office of all other members, Graham Bell, Jenny Church, Ivan Miller, Kay Rooke, Peter Skellon and Jenny Stewart are current and they will continue as members. Nomination forms for new people willing to serve on Church Council are available from the secretary, Jenny Stewart. Anyone who is a member, or member-in-association is eligible for nomination.

SAUSAGE SIZZLE

This was held on **Saturday 23rd March**, when our front hall was used as a polling station for the Dunstan By-Election. It was a very successful day and we raised approximately \$650.00 which will assist with expenses relating to our Community Shed Project. Special thanks belong to all those who assisted.



MOSAIC WORKSHOPS FOR BEGINNERS



Two initial workshops will be run in the Community Shed on **Wednesday morning 15th May and on Saturday morning 18th May at 10.00am**, under the guidance of a

lady called Jennifer. Jennifer will be away during June but intends to resume regular workshops when she returns in July. If you are interested in participating, please let Jenny Stewart know.

COMMUNITY MORNING TEAS



Our Community Morning Teas are running every Wednesday morning. A very sociable atmosphere prevails and we have a group of people who attend regularly. 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"**. You will be very welcome!

ANZAC DAY

Anzac Day is on Thursday 25th April. We will not hold a special Anzac Day service but it will be acknowledged during the worship service on Sunday 21st April.



NEWS OF OUR PEOPLE

We extend a special welcome to **Elise Jenkin** and **Janet Ingleton** who have joined our congregation. They have been attending Sunday Worship for some time now and really enjoy our style of worship and the strong musical component of services.

We have enjoyed the company of **Ailin Pan** and **Yung Ho Pok** during February and March. They returned to Japan on 2nd April but will be back with us in July. They were given a special farewell during morning tea on Easter Day. Rev Mark offered this beautiful, traditional Irish Blessing ..

May the road rise up to meet you, may the wind be always at your back. May the sun shine warm upon your face, the rains fall soft upon your fields, and until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of his hand.

We were delighted that **Beryl Kennett** was able to attend worship on Easter Day. She has experienced an extended period of ill health but is now much better. **Raelene Chelley** was also there for the Easter Day Service. Painful arthritis prevents her attending as often as she would like.

Madeleine Davey has also been unwell and unable to attend services for some weeks. We miss her greatly and hope that she will soon recover so that she can be back with us again. We send her our love and prayers.

Kay Rooke takes a 5 Km daily walk. Unfortunately she had a fall recently while out on her walk and hit her head heavily on the pavement. It appears that she has not sustained any serious injury but has a very black eye as a result of her glasses being knocked into the side of her eye socket.

Jenny Stewart will be turning 80 on the 20th April. Jenny invites you to join her at Morning Tea on Sunday 21st April and share a birthday cake with her.



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