

WESLEY NEWS

JUNE DIARY DATES

Sunday 2nd at 10.00 am

Rev Mark Dickens

Holy Communion

PENTECOST 2

Sunday 9th at 10.00 am

Rev Dr Les Underwood

PENTECOST 3

Thursday 13th at 2.00 pm

CHURCH COUNCIL

Sunday 16th at 10.00 am

Rev Mark Dickens

PENTECOST 4

Saturday 22nd June

UCA 47th ANNIVERSARY

Sunday 23rd at 10.00 am

Pastor Andrew Kieselbach

PENTECOST 6

Sunday 30th at 10.00 am

Rev Mark Dickens

PENTECOST 7



MORNING TEA

In hall Wednesday mornings
10.30 am – 12.00 noon

COMMUNITY SHED

Open Wednesday &
Saturday mornings
9 00 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:

For our June Newsletter, I would like to share this prayer by Cameron Balcombe as we mark National Reconciliation Week (27 May - 3rd June). May we have the courage to accept the realities of our history so that we may build a better future for our Nation.

Every Blessing,

Pastor Andrew.



Dear Creator,

We come before you on National Close the Gap Day, with hearts filled with hope and determination. We acknowledge the traditional custodians of this beautiful land, the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, and we thank you for their wisdom, resilience, and knowledge.

We pray for healing in our nation, as we confront the injustices and disparities that have plagued our Indigenous brothers and sisters for too long. We pray for the health professionals who work tirelessly to Close the Gap, that they may be filled with compassion and understanding.

Guide us, Lord, in our journey towards reconciliation and true friendship. Help us to bridge the gap in cultural understanding and access to health services. Show us how we can each contribute to creating a more equitable and inclusive society.

We lift up those who feel hopeless, especially the families and communities affected by suicide. Bring them comfort and peace and help us to support and care for them in their grief. With the same hands, we also lift up the young people who are struggling, feeling lost or hopeless. May they find strength and resilience and may we as a community offer them support and guidance towards a brighter future.

We also give thanks for the wisdom and resilience of our Elders, who have carried the stories and traditions of their people for generations. May they be filled with strength and courage as they continue to guide their communities, and may we learn from their teachings and wisdom.

May we be agents of your healing, Lord, working together to Close the Gap and build a better future for all Australians, especially our young people. Give us the wisdom to learn from the past, the courage to address the present, and the vision to create a future where all Australians stand together in equality and harmony.

In your name, we pray.

Amen.

Cameron Balcombe is a proud Olkola and Djabuguy man and Catholic. Cameron is a First Nations Facilitator for the Pacific Australian Emerging Leaders Summit, works as a Mental Health clinician in the forensic mental health system, and is commencing a Masters of Social Work at RMIT University.



Wesley Uniting Church Kent Town
27 Grenfell Street, Kent Town



UPCOMING EVENTS



A **Tartan Sunday Service** will be held on **Sunday 7th July 2024**. On this occasion, there will be representatives of all the Scottish clans, bagpipers and highland dancers. Morning Tea will follow the service.

Please mark this date in your diary now and invite family and friends along to enjoy the occasion.

The date for our **Church Anniversary** has been set for **Sunday 18th August 2024**. This will be the church's 159th anniversary.

CHURCH COUNCIL

At the May Church Council meeting elections of office-bearing positions were held. The following people were re-appointed:

Chairperson: Mrs Jenny Church

Secretary: Mrs Jenny Stewart

Treasurer: Mr Ivan Miller

Other elected members of the Church Council are Mr Graham Bell, Mrs Kay Rooke and Mr Peter Skellon. Rev Mark Dickens and Pastor Andrew Kieselbach are ex-officio members.

COMMUNITY SHED - OPENING



KENT TOWN
COMMUNITY SHED

The official opening of our Community Shed is on **Saturday 1st June 2024 from 1.00pm**. There will be a free Sausage Sizzle and a variety of beverages available. Rev Mark Dickens will cut the ribbon and officially declare the shed open for use by members of the community.

The intention is for the Community Shed to be open on Wednesday and Saturday mornings from 9.00am until 12.00noon. If you would like to participate, please feel free to complete a Registration Form.

We acknowledge the input and the support of Members of the Kent Town Residents Association who have played a significant role in getting this project up and running.

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!

PROPERTY MAINTENANCE

Last month, repairs to the roof and guttering on the shed and toilet building complex were carried out. The mortar that had been used to prevent water entering the buildings had become friable and the

building was no longer watertight. The guttering had also rusted through. The old mortar was removed, new roof flashing was installed and the rear wall was partially capped. Guttering was also replaced.

NEWS OF OUR PEOPLE

We are very pleased to welcome **Molly Lewis** as a worshipping member of the congregation on Sunday mornings. She is really enjoying our style of worship and the welcoming atmosphere at our Sunday morning teas. Quite a number of members of Molly's family joined us on Mothers' Day.

Rev Mac Macdonald is currently a resident at "Elder Care, The Lodge" at Wayville. He has built up his strength after a lengthy stay in hospital and recently enjoyed an outing to the beach with Margaret. We were all delighted that Mac was able to attend worship last Sunday.

Madeleine Davey has also recovered from her recent illness and is back with us each Sunday. She has resumed her position in the choir. **Dawn Lamont** is another choir member who has been on the sick list. She has been away for a couple of weeks because she contracted Covid and has been quite unwell.

Ian Chessell underwent some major surgery last month but is now recuperating at home. Under Diana's loving care he is doing very well and his stamina is increasing with some regular, incremental exercise. We send Diana and Ian our love and pray that they will soon be back with us.

Graham Bell spent a few days in Canberra and enjoyed the break very much. With true dedication he didn't miss any church services although the choir had a rest from choir practice while he was away.



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