

WESLEY NEWS

MAY DIARY DATES

Sunday 5th at 10.00 am
Pastor Andrew Kieselbach
Holy Communion
EASTER 6

Thursday 9th at 2.00 pm
CHURCH COUNCIL

Thursday 9th
ASCENSION DAY



Sunday 12th at 10.00 am
Rev Mark Dickens
EASTER 7

Sunday 19th at 10.00 am
Pastor Andrew Kieselbach
PENTECOST



Sunday 26th at 10.00 am
Rev Mark Dickens
TRINITY SUNDAY

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:

How to know a person

I have recently finished reading the book 'How to Know a Person' by David Brooks. It is subtitled 'The Art of Seeing Others Deeply and Being Deeply Seen'. Brooks explores the skill of understanding and connecting with others beyond surface interactions. The book guides readers through how to foster deeper human connections in various aspects of life, including family, work, and broader social interactions. It highlights the importance of empathy, the barriers that prevent us from connecting with others, and how deep understanding can transform relationships.



It has been described as "a blend of philosophical reflection and actionable advice, aiming to equip readers with the tools needed for more profound, empathetic, and enriched interactions with others."

It had me thinking about how Jesus exemplifies the ideal of deep seeing; knowing someone beyond surface-level interactions, which leads to profound personal transformation.

The story of Jesus and the Samaritan woman at the well (John 4:4-26) came to mind. Jesus' knowledge of the woman's life and his non-judgmental approach allowed her to open up and feel truly seen.

In a world bustling with superficial interactions, how often do we truly see and understand one another?

Just as Jesus recognised the woman's thirst for something greater than water, Brooks encourages us to look for the deeper needs and hopes in those we meet.

Just like Jesus, who offered living water to quench the woman's deeper thirst, we are called to offer understanding and empathy to nourish the souls of those around us.

We can do this by trying to understand the feelings and perspectives of others without immediately offering advice or judgment. When interacting with others, ask thoughtful questions that encourage them to share more about their lives. Reflect on how their experiences might feel.

It also had me think about the story of the two men on the road to Emmaus who encounter the risen Jesus. Reading this in a literal sense, one way of interpreting this passage might be to say that because they were so caught up in their own thoughts for a large part of the journey they missed seeing, knowing, Jesus in their midst.

May we strive to see each other, and others, beyond the immediate, to understand more than just the surface. Like Jesus with the Samaritan woman, may we offer this gift of understanding to each other, making connections that reflect Christ's love in our community and to those we meet along the road.

Rev Mark Dickens



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PENTECOST

Pentecost is a liturgical period which immediately follows the Easter season. The season typically begins on the day of Pentecost and continues throughout the rest of the liturgical year, ending just



before the season of Advent. Pentecost is a Christian holy day that celebrates the coming of the Holy Spirit 40 days after Easter. Some

Christian denominations consider it the birthday of the Christian church and celebrate it as such.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The **Annual General Meeting of the Congregation** was held following worship on **Sunday 28th April**. During this meeting reports were received from the Minister, Secretary, Treasurer and Chairperson, and the draft budget for 2024 was approved. If you were unable to attend this meeting and would like to read these reports, spare copies are available.

Bev Jury retired as a member of Church Council and was thanked very sincerely for her loyal years of service. She will of course continue to attend worship and serve as a door steward and Bible reader.

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**. Unfortunately, there are no vacancies available for these two workshops but we hope to be able to include others when regular workshops get underway in July.



COMMUNITY SHED - OPENING



It is planned to have an official opening of our Community Shed on **Saturday 1st June 2024 from 1.00pm**. The exact format of this event is still being developed, so more details will come to light in the next few weeks. As the Community Shed is an outreach project of this church we hope to have a good representation of our people at the opening. If you are available, please call in and join in the fun. Members of the Kent Town Residents Association will also be there

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!

NEWS OF OUR PEOPLE

A few of our folk have been experiencing ill health of late. This is always a very worrying and stressful time for both the patients and also their family members. As their church family, we send them our love and support and pray that they will take comfort in knowing that others care about them.

Rev Mac Macdonald had a fall at home and was admitted to Calvary Hospital where he has been recuperating. He is improving but it is expected that he will need a few more weeks of care and rehabilitation before he can return home. Margaret is spending a good deal of time with him and their daughter, Sarah is being very helpful in helping plan in-home support.

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.

Deborah White had to miss church for a couple of weeks because she caught Covid. Fortunately she was well-vaccinated and only experienced very mild symptoms.

Diana and **Ian Chessell** will be away for a few weeks because Ian has to undergo some surgery. We sincerely hope that the surgery goes according to plan and Ian makes a speedy recovery. He will be well supported by Diana and their family.

Jenny Stewart thoroughly enjoyed her 80th Birthday celebrations which extended over several days. Jenny thanks you all sincerely for your good wishes. Jenny's goddaughter, Ruby, was there to help Jenny celebrate and was very helpful passing around the birthday cake.



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