

WESLEY NEWS

AUGUST DIARY DATES

Saturday 3rd at 5.00pm
EVENSONG
Pilgrim UC Choir
Organist: Peter Kelsall

Sunday 4th at 10.00 am
Rev Mark Dickens
Infant Baptism
PENTECOST 11

Wednesday 8th at 2.00pm
CHURCH COUNCIL

Sunday 11th at 10.00 am
Pastor Andrew Kieselbach
Holy Communion
PENTECOST 12

Sunday 18th at 10.00 am
Pastor Andrew Kieselbach
CHURCH ANNIVERSARY
PENTECOST 13

Sunday 25th at 10.00 am
Rev Dr Jonathan Barker
Pilgrim UC Choir
Organist: Peter Kelsall
PENTECOST 14

COMMUNITY MORNING TEA

In hall Wednesday mornings
10.30 am – 12.00 noon

COMMUNITY SHED

Open Wednesday, Friday
& Saturday mornings
9.00 am – 1.00 pm

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:

To our Kent Town Wesley Community,
The 17th Assembly meeting wrapped up in Parramatta on Tuesday afternoon after six days of joyful Christian community, worship, prayer and discerning the will of God for the Uniting Church in Australia.

Over six days from 11-16 July, more than 200 members from around the country came together on Burrumattagal land to do the business of the triennial Assembly.

One of the meeting's most significant moments took place on the first day, when the Assembly installed its 17th President, Rev Charissa Suli, in a jubilant celebration at a packed St Stephen's Uniting Church on Gadigal land in Sydney.

The historic appointment of Rev Suli as the youngest and first person of colour to lead the church nationally was joyfully celebrated by close to one thousand people who filled the Church while hundreds more watched online.

Rev Dr Paul Dongwon Goh was announced the next President-elect of the Uniting Church in Australia. Paul will serve as President from 2027-2030 and will be the first Korean to do so.

A series of decisions were made on the Act2 Project. The Assembly adopted three new visions for the life of the Uniting Church, established two new national Commissions, and requested further investigation into the Uniting Church's national structure.

The 17th Assembly affirmed an opening statement which preceded the proposals:

We open ourselves to the gift of the Spirit, given in order that we may not lose the way. With thanksgiving for the past 47 years of our life, and after taking a long, loving look at the reality of our present, and with hope in God's faithfulness for our future, we commit to continue our journey together. We believe now is the time to reshape our life so we may better live into God's call in our time and place. By centring life-giving communities of discipleship and mission, cultivating a flourishing theological culture and deeply sharing in our common life and wealth we will treasure Christ's gift of abundant grace, share this gift with our world and pass it to future generations.

These words and decisions made will shape the Uniting Church and our own community for many years to come. I would encourage you to read these decisions, and prayerfully consider the ways we, as Kent Town Wesley, can open ourselves to the Holy Spirit's leading and commit to continuing our journey together.

Please feel free to read the full summary here:

<https://uniting.church/assembly-full-summary/>

Every Blessing,

Pastor Andrew Kieselbach



Rev Charissa Suli



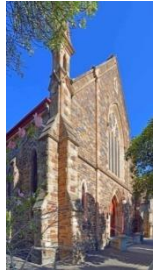
Wesley Uniting Church Kent Town
27 Grenfell Street, Kent Town



TARTAN SUNDAY SERVICE

A Tartan Sunday Service was held on Sunday 7th July 2024. It was a wonderful service which we shared with representatives of Scottish clans, to celebrate Scottish independence from English repression. We enjoyed hearing the bagpipes and the music presented by an augmented choir accompanied by our magnificent pipe organ. We were also treated to some delightful highland dancing.

CHURCH ANNIVERSARY SERVICE



Our Church Anniversary Service will be held on Sunday 18th August 2024. This will be the church's 159th anniversary. The service will be led by Pastor Andrew Kieselbach and an augmented choir will present some special music accompanied by Graham Bell on our beautiful pipe organ.

PILGRIM UNITING CHURCH CHOIR

Pilgrim Uniting Church is replacing lighting which involves erecting scaffolding in the church rendering it unsafe for normal use. Their congregation will worship in the halls during this phase but these are not suitable for choir singing.

EVENSONG: The Pilgrim Choir and organist Peter Kelsall will present an Evensong in our church on Saturday 3rd August at 5.00pm.

WORSHIP SERVICE: The Pilgrim Choir and organist Peter Kelsall will also provide the music for our worship service on Sunday 25th August at 10.00am when Rev Dr Jonathan Barker will be the worship leader. Our regular choir and organist will sit with you in the pews that week.

BAPTISM

On Sunday 4th August, Rev Mark Dickens will baptise Julian Stoyanoff, son of Justin and Learna. Justin is a former scholar of Prince Alfred College (PAC). Rev Mark baptised Justin and Learna's daughter Ariana 3 years ago in the PAC Chapel. This will be Rev Mark's last service with us for a couple of months before he commences his Long Service Leave on Monday 5th August.

MINISTER ON LEAVE

Rev Mark Dickens will be taking 2 months Long Service Leave during August and September. We hope Mark will find some time for relaxation and return feeling considerably refreshed. If you require the services of a minister during this period, please contact Pastor Andrew Kieselbach or Kay Rooke. Their contact details are at end of this newsletter

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 between 10.30am and 12.00noon and enjoy a Cuppa & Conversation". You will be very welcome!



COMMUNITY SHED



Our Community Shed is now operating and is open every Wednesday, Friday and Saturday morning from 9.00am until 1.00pm. If you would like to participate, please feel free to call in and try your hand at one of the projects Dave has to offer, or come up with an idea yourself. There are plenty of tools for you to use and friendly people to help you.

Do you have something that needs fixing? Feel free to bring it to the shed and maybe someone will be able to repair it for you.

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

NEWS OF OUR PEOPLE

We are pleased to report that Ian Chessell has made a good recovery after undergoing an aortic valve replacement.



He has been deemed fit enough to commence a more vigorous course of rehabilitation exercise. Ian is also able to drive again and can transport his wife Diana to choir practice.

Ailin Pan and Yung Ho Pok returned in early July and will be with us for 2 months before returning to Japan. Ailin is joining us in the choir each week and both Ailin and Yung Ho are taking an active role in our weekly activities.

Helen Thomas formed part of our augmented choir for the Tartan Sunday service. She enjoyed the singing so much that she has become a regular member of the choir. She is a very valuable addition to the choir and an all-round lovely person to know.

Raelene Chelley has had some quite successful surgery on her right hand which has improved the mobility in her fingers and thumb. A permanent nerve block has decreased the level of pain she was experiencing. She looks forward to coming back to church once the splints have been removed.

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