

WESLEY NEWS

JULY DIARY DATES

Sunday 7th at 10.00 am
Pastor Andrew Kieselbach
**TARTAN SUNDAY
PENTECOST 7**

Sunday 14th at 10.00 am
Rev Dr Les Underwood
**Holy Communion
PENTECOST 8**

Sunday 21st at 10.00 am
Pastor Andrew Kieselbach
PENTECOST 9

Sunday 28th at 10.00 am
Rev Mark Dickens
PENTECOST 10



COMMUNITY MORNING TEA

In hall Wednesday mornings
10.30 am – 12.00 noon

COMMUNITY SHED

Open Wednesday &
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:

Winter is here! Often, in terms of response to the winter chill, there seems to be two different groups of people, those who hate winter, the rain and the cold, and those who enjoy nights by the fire and hot chocolate. Perhaps the key to heralding in winter or cursing the season, comes down to what we focus on, our mindset.

The cold and wet is definitely something that's difficult to escape from in winter and unwelcome particularly when we are not prepared for it. We can get caught out without our brolly, or without a warm jacket, or my own personal nightmare, the car breaking down at night in a downpour and no phone to call for help. That feeling of remoteness, alone in the elements, just the thought gives me shivers.

Last week, Rev Mark and I were with the Year Eight boys during Adelaide Week at Prince Alfred College. We had Mark Waters, Uniting Care Director, and representatives from the Hutt Street Centre, explaining the crisis we have with people experiencing homelessness across Adelaide.

The Hutt St Centre has seen soaring numbers of clients seeking homelessness services, with young professionals, women and white-collar workers among increasing numbers of South Australians finding themselves on the street.

There's never been a more urgent need to provide nourishing meals, laundry facilities, medical care, and hot showers to help people doing it tough in our community. Since last winter, demand for critical services at Hutt St Centre has more than doubled.

The 2021 ABS Census determined that in Australia there are 122,494 people who are experiencing homelessness. On any given night 1 in 200 people are experiencing homelessness.

- 60% of people facing homelessness were under 35 years old
- 17,646 children under 12 years old were experiencing homelessness
- 1 in 7 people facing homelessness will sleep rough

The most common reasons people find themselves facing homelessness are:

- 54% have experienced family or relationship breakdown
- 53% of people become homeless after losing their accommodation, like the end of a lease agreement
- 39% are facing financial difficulties
- 39% have experienced family and domestic violence
- 34% are suffering from mental health issues

(Australian Institute of Health and Welfare, 2020-2021 Annual Report)

During the session at PAC, it was mentioned that anyone could find themselves homeless within 2 weeks to 3 months due to one or more of the reasons above. It's a sobering thought, and one that I hope also inspires us to support the Hutt Street Centre, UnitingCare and other agencies in helping those facing homelessness this winter.

As we react to the cold snap, may we be reminded of those who are experiencing homelessness and look to support those doing it tough this winter.

For more information and how you can help, visit:

www.huttstcentre.org.au

<https://unitingsa.com.au/community-services/homelessness-services/>

Every Blessing,

Pastor Andrew Kieselbach



Wesley Uniting Church Kent Town
27 Grenfell Street, Kent Town



TARTAN SUNDAY SERVICE



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 an augmented choir. An extra special Morning Tea will follow the service. **Don't forget to wear something Tartan if you have it.**

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

CHURCH ANNIVERSARY SERVICE

The date for our **Church Anniversary** has been set for **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.

COMMUNITY SHED



Our Community Shed is now operating and is open every Wednesday 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.

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!



AN ALTERNATIVE WAY OF GIVING

We are fast becoming a cashless society these days, so finding cash for the offering each week can sometimes be difficult. Quite a number of our members now make their offering electronically. If you would like to take up this option, you can make a regular direct transfer of funds into the church account. We have small laminated cards which you can place in the offering bag when the steward takes up the offering each week. The wording on these cards reads:

I choose to make my regular gift for the work of God in this community electronically

Church Account: BSB: 105-010
Acc. No: 072670140

MINISTER ON LEAVE

Rev Mark Dickens will be taking 2 months Long Service Leave during August and September. Mark leads a very busy life and unfortunately both of his parents have also been quite ill for periods of time. We hope he 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

NEWS OF OUR PEOPLE

Rev Mac Macdonald is now a resident at "Elder Care, The Lodge" at Wayville. He has been enjoying attending worship with Margaret each Sunday. We are also very pleased that both **Madeleine Davey** and **Dawn Lamont** have recovered from extended bouts of illness and are back singing in the choir. We also send our support to **Diana & Ian Chessell** as Ian continues his rehabilitation after major surgery.

Ailin Pan and **Yung Ho Pok** will be returning to Adelaide from Japan at the beginning of July. We look forward to having them worshipping with us again and joining in our community activities.

AN ENDURING MEMORIAL

Fiona Atkinson has found a way to honour her dearly loved mother, **Joan Atkinson**, by creating a **Perpetual Award for Musicality**. It will be presented annually at the end-of-year show at the ballet school (Carisma Dance and Fitness) of which Fiona is a member. The ballet school was very supportive of Fiona when Joan's health was failing and following Joan's death, and warmly embraced Fiona's proposal to create the award. The trophy is still in the design phase but will feature a grand piano on the main plaque. Joan was a former very active member of this church. She was a pianist, singer and music teacher and a great lover of music.



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