

WESLEY NEWS

**SEPTEMBER
DIARY DATES**

Sunday 1st at 10.00 am
 Pastor Andrew Kieselbach
Holy Communion
PENTECOST 15

Sunday 8th at 10.00 am
 Pastor Andrew Kieselbach
PENTECOST 16

Wednesday 12th at 2.00pm
CHURCH COUNCIL

Sunday 15th at 10.00 am
 Rev Phil Hoffmann
PENTECOST 17

Sunday 22nd at 10.00 am
 Pastor Andrew Kieselbach
PENTECOST 18

Sunday 29th at 10.00 am
 Rev Jim Winn
PENTECOST 19



**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:

I've been thinking about all the opportunities we get in this life to do amazing things. What is our response when we face challenges and opportunities in our lives?



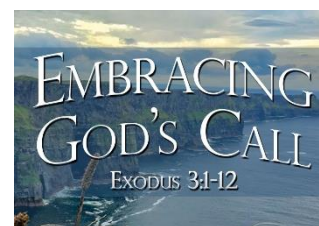
I've been drawn to the story of Moses, because I believe it offers us some wisdom on embracing the path laid before us.

Moses began his journey in circumstances that seemed far from promising, yet a basket carried him into the arms of the Pharaoh's daughter. Raised as an adopted prince in Egypt, he faced the stark reality of his people's oppression. He fought against it with his own idea of justice and became a wanted man, fleeing from Egypt and settling as a shepherd, far away from the life he knew. However, it was through an extraordinary encounter with a burning bush that Moses was presented with a profound opportunity - one that would define his legacy.

The burning bush was not merely a spectacular event but a divine invitation to step into a greater purpose. When Moses questioned his own abilities and the feasibility of the mission, God reminded him who was in charge, not him, not the Pharaoh, but God. The call to lead the Israelites out of Egypt was daunting, filled with obstacles and uncertainties. Yet, when Moses finally embraced this divine call, it showed how opportunities can be disguised as daunting challenges.

Moses' story teaches us that embracing opportunity often involves stepping out of our comfort zones and confronting fears. His journey wasn't smooth; it was marked by trials and resistance. But his perseverance, faith, and commitment turned a seemingly impossible task into a monumental achievement—the freedom of his people.

As we reflect on Moses' journey, we are reminded that opportunities often come at unexpected times and in unconventional forms. It is through facing challenges and overcoming obstacles that we can realize our potential and make a lasting impact.



In our own lives, let us look beyond the surface of our circumstances and recognize the opportunities that lie within them. Like Moses, we might find that the path to our greatest achievements is through embracing the challenges and stepping forward with courage and determination.

Let us journey together to finding and seizing the opportunities in our own lives, just as Moses did, and turning them into moments of transformation and triumph.

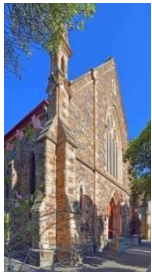
Every Blessing,
Pastor Andrew Kieselbach



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SPECIAL SERVICES



Our **Church Anniversary Service** was held on **Sunday 18th August 2024**. This was the church's 159th anniversary and we celebrated in style with some uplifting music presented by an augmented Wesley choir and our wonderful pipe organ. The service was led by Pastor Andrew Kieselbach and

we shared a sumptuous morning tea afterwards.

Sunday worship on the **25th August** was also very special as we were treated to some beautiful choral and organ music presented by the Pilgrim Uniting Church Choir and organists Peter Kelsall and Chris Bridge. Rev Dr Jonathan Barker led our worship and we were delighted to hear his address and also catch up with him over another great morning tea.

MINISTER ON LEAVE

Rev Mark Dickens will still be on Long Service Leave during September. We trust Mark is enjoying his break and look forward to his return. 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

SPRING CONCERTS

A Spring Concert Mini-Series consisting of 2 concerts is being arranged.

The first of these will be held on **Sunday afternoon, 13th October at 2.00 pm**. Those attending will be entertained by a delightful programme of music presented by **organist, Graham Bell** and **violinists, Janet Anderson and Alison Heike**.

The second concert will be held on **Sunday 10th November at 2.00 pm**. It will feature **Gina Dutschke on the organ** and **Soprano/Harpist, Emma Horwood**.

Admission: \$10 at the door.

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

The Community Shed 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.



NEWS OF OUR PEOPLE

Ai Lin Pan and **Yung Ho Pok** returned to Japan at the end of August. They will be greatly missed as they participate so actively whenever they visit. Ai Lin has made a valuable contribution to the choir each week too. We send them home with our very best wishes and look forward to their next visit.



Helen Drummond celebrated her 80th Birthday in August and spent a pleasant few days celebrating with her family in Melbourne but, on her return to Adelaide, she contracted COVID. Fortunately, she made a quick recovery and we were able to sing Happy Birthday to her on our Church Anniversary.

Helen Thomas also turns 80 in September. She is going away on holiday to Spain, Portugal, Morocco and Scotland, so we send very special birthday greetings to her and hope she thoroughly enjoys her vacation. She will be travelling with a choir who will be making "flash mob" performances during their travels.

Catharina and Robert Corbett have moved into Residential Care at Resthaven, Bellevue Heights. We trust that they will settle in quickly and enjoy a more restful lifestyle.

Frank Brookes has not been well and has had some short periods of hospitalisation. Elizabeth has been by his side throughout and is giving him her loving support. We hope Frank feels much better soon.

Madeleine Davey has also been on the sick list. We sincerely hope she will soon be well enough to be back with us.

Raelene Chelley is looking forward to returning to church once the splints have been removed from her right hand. She underwent some very successful surgery a month ago to reduce pain and improve mobility. We wish her well during this recovery phase.

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