

# WESLEY NEWS

## NOVEMBER DIARY DATES

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10.00 am  
Pastor Andrew Kieselbach  
*Holy Communion*  
**PENTECOST 24**

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> at 10.00 am  
Rev Mark Dickens  
*Remembrance Sunday*  
**PENTECOST 25**



Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> at 2.00pm  
**CHURCH COUNCIL**

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> at 10.00 am  
Pastor Andrew Kieselbach  
**PENTECOST 26**

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> at 10.00 am  
Rev Mark Dickens  
**CHRIST THE KING**  
*St Andrew's Day Service*



## 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:*

Many of you would be aware of the changes afoot for me as this year draws to a close. Not just for myself, but for Pastor Andrew and the congregation too. For those not aware, I am concluding my Placement as Chaplain at Prince Alfred College to take up two positions in the Synod Placements and Safe Church Team. In fact, I have already started in the Synod office. Having had most of last term off with long service leave, I have returned this term, split 50/50 between the Synod office and PAC/Wesley Church.

Having been in placement at PAC for over 15 years now, it's been a while since I've had to do farewells – at least my farewells. 15 years has seen a lot of people come and go, and change, too, for that matter. It's now time for a change for myself.

As I have alluded, this means a change for the Wesley congregation. The decision has been made to conclude the ministry supply arrangement that has been in place since June 2022 between the College and congregation. This arrangement will end at the end of December.

That's where it means a change for Pastor Andrew too. His placement will not continue beyond the end of the year.

Change can be unsettling. Particularly when one feels they have little or no control of the change happening around them. In moments when we feel helpless, tossed by forces beyond our control, the world around us can seem like shifting sand, leaving us struggling to find stability.

John 14 offers a powerful reassurance in these times: Jesus tells his disciples, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me." This verse speaks to the solace found in faith—a steadying force when everything else feels uncertain.

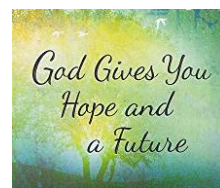
In a book I came across whilst browsing at Dillons on The Parade last year, *The Journey* by James Norbury, we are invited to see change through the eyes of two characters, Big Panda and Tiny Dragon, who, like us, encounter both wonder and discomfort as they move through life's shifting landscapes. The two characters remind us that even the most unsettling changes can lead to growth, new perspectives, and moments of quiet wisdom. The Panda, with gentle encouragement, often helps the Dragon to see that uncertainty is not necessarily something to fear but an essential part of discovery.

Jesus's words remind us that even in the most disorienting changes, we are not alone. His promise of peace is not the kind that removes change or turbulence from our lives but rather the assurance that God is with us through them. God remains constant when everything else shifts, a source of strength and presence we can rely on. When facing transitions beyond our control, embracing this peace can help us navigate with a spirit of trust, finding hope even in the unfamiliar.

As each of you, us, continue to journey on, in whatever the near and distant future may hold, may the peace of God be with you. Always.

*Rev Mark Dickens*

(By the way, the two positions I have accepted are the Chaplaincy and Supervision Manager, and Professional Standards Officer")



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## SPECIAL SERVICES

### Remembrance Day Service:

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November at 10.00 am

The service will be led by Rev Mark Dickens. Mr Frank Brookes, a former army major, will recite the ode. The Wesley Choir will present some special music for the occasion.



### St Andrew's Day Service:

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November at 10.00 am



This special service, led by Rev Mark Dickens, will recognise Scotland's National Day. There will be pipers along with representatives from all the Scottish clans. An augmented Wesley Choir will present some special music organised by organist and choir director, Graham Bell.

**PLEASE INVITE FAMILY AND FRIENDS ALONG TO THESE TWO SPECIAL SERVICES.**

## REMEMBRANCE DAY



*They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:  
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.  
At the going down of the sun and in the morning  
We will remember them.*

## SPRING CONCERTS

Our second Spring Concert will be held on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November at 2.00 pm. It will feature Gina Dutschke on the organ, Emma Horwood (soprano) and Tim Kersten (lutenist). Admission: \$10 cash at the door.

## QUIET CENTRE

We invite you to discover our Quiet Centre, open from 1.00-1:45pm every Wednesday. Experience a time of peace and reflection in our church, with opportunities for meditation and guided spiritual insights. Join us as we explore the tranquility of silence and simplicity.

**Come and Find Your Quiet Centre**

## 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 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.



## NEWS OF OUR PEOPLE

Last month, we were delighted to receive Johanna Espitia Garnica, Janet Ingleton, Elise Jenkin and Dawn Lamont into church membership, and Helen Brill as a Member-in-Association. It was a happy occasion and truly something to celebrate.

Raelene Chelley has had the splints removed from her hands. The surgery has made a big difference so she has considerably less pain



and able to enjoy her craft activities once again. A few other health conditions have made her very tired so she has been unable to attend church services so far. Mac Macdonald is a resident in Elder Care, The Lodge where his cheerful disposition makes him a favourite with the staff. He is always delighted to see Margaret when she visits him each day. Helen Brill is enjoying a two-week cruise, with one of her friends, to New Zealand. Jenny Stewart is undergoing some surgery this month and will have to miss church for a couple of weeks, but is hopeful of keeping up regular communications.

During the recent Synod Meetings, two ministers, who are well known to us, were recognised for their long-time service as ministers. We congratulate:

**Rev Doug Hosking – 60 years since ordination**

**Rev Jim Winn – 50 years since ordination**

## DIARY DATES FOR DECEMBER

### Advent Services:

The first Sunday in Advent is 1<sup>st</sup> December.

### Service of Lessons & Carols:

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December at 10.00 am

### Christmas Day:

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> December at 9.00 am

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