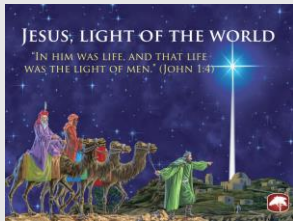


WESLEY NEWS

**JANUARY
DIARY DATES**

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Sunday 5th at 10.00 am
 Pastor Andrew Kieselbach
Holy Communion
CHRISTMAS 2

Monday 6th January
**EPIPHANY OF THE
LORD**



Sunday 12th at 10.00 am
 Rev Keith Garner
EPIPHANY 1
BAPTISM OF JESUS

Sunday 19th at 10.00 am
 Rev Mark Dickens
Baptism
EPIPHANY 2

Sunday 26th at 10.00 am
 Rev Doug Hosking
EPIPHANY 3

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**COMMUNITY
MORNING TEA**

Resumes Wednesday
 5th February

COMMUNITY SHED

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

QUIET CENTRE

Resumes Wednesday
 5th February

MUSIC @ WESLEY

Choir Practice

Resumes Wednesday
 29th January at 7.30pm

WESLEY IS HOME TO

Adelaide Harmony Choir

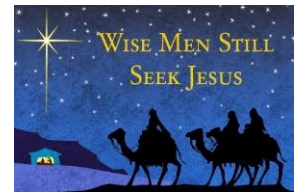
**Metropolitan Musical
Theatre Company**

**Organ Music Society of
Adelaide Music Library**

**Australian Music Theatre
Choir**

FROM THE MINISTER:

EMBRACING LIFE'S JOURNEY IN 2025



As one year ends and another begins, I find myself in a season of reflection and anticipation. The turning of the calendar offers a natural pause, an opportunity to look back with gratitude and look forward with hope. It is a moment to remember the faithfulness of God through all that has been and to trust in all that is yet to come.

For the past two and a half years, Andrew and I have had the privilege of being part of the ministry team serving this congregation. I'm sure I speak for both of us in saying it has been a pleasure and blessing to walk alongside you, providing spiritual leadership, pastoral care, and a steady presence for the members of Wesley UC Kent Town. Your faith, resilience, and love have been a constant source of inspiration, and I am deeply grateful for the season we have shared together.

As my time with you comes to a close, I acknowledge the mixture of emotions that accompanies this transition. I feel immense gratitude for the relationships we have built, and disappointment in that it means having to say goodbye as I fully conclude my placement at Prince Alfred College (PAC) and move fulltime into the Synod's Placements and Safe Church team.

Having made the decision to move into a new ministry position, serving as the Chaplaincy & Supervision Manager and Professional Standards Officer for the Uniting Church in SA, this next step is exciting, but it is also bittersweet as it means saying goodbye to the PAC and Wesley communities I have deeply loved and appreciated being a part of.

I know this ending creates an uncertainty about what lies ahead for you.

In the coming weeks and months, the congregation will begin the sacred task of seeking a new minister to guide you into the next chapter of your life together. The Church Council has already begun this task with the preparation of a Congregation Profile. I encourage you to approach this process with prayerful hearts and a sense of trust that God will be with you as you seek someone who will walk with you in faith, hope, and love.

As we step into the new year, let us hold fast to the promises of God. Let us continue to be a community marked by kindness, generosity, and care for one another. Let us open our hearts to the ways God is at work among us, even in times of transition. And let us look forward with confidence, knowing that the One who began a good work in us will continue to be with us.

May the new year be a time of renewal and growth, for all of us as individuals and you as a congregation. May the peace of God which passes all understanding be with you now and always.

Rev Mark Dickens



Wesley Uniting Church Kent Town
27 Grenfell Street, Kent Town



ADVENT & CHRISTMAS



The special services held during December were very successful. On Sunday morning 22nd December, the **Wesley Service of Lessons and Carols** was held and the delightful music

presented by the augmented choir was greatly appreciated. The **Christmas Day Service** was a beautiful start to Christmas Day with its message of love and singing of carols celebrating the birth of Christ. It was wonderful to have so many visitors join us!

We are very grateful to the extra choristers who willingly augmented our regular choir and helped produce such a great sound.

EPIPHANY

This month, the church year moves into Epiphany.

Wise Men
Seek Him Still



Epiphany comes from the Greek word *Epiphania*, meaning “revelation”. In biblical terms, the word best describes the story of how the Magi or Three Kings - Caspar, (or Kaspar or Gaspar) Melchior and Balthasar - saw a bright star on the night Christ was born and followed it to Bethlehem. There they found the Christ child and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

The Feast of the Epiphany, today is traditionally observed on 6th January.

THANK YOU TO OUR ORGANIST & CHOIR



We are very grateful to our **organist and choirmaster, Graham Bell** for all his hard work in preparing the choir, his

selection of beautiful music and his magnificent organ playing. The choir will have a break during January but will return to help lead worship on Sunday, 2nd February.

We extend our thanks to Graham and the regular members of the choir for their dedication and work in enhancing our worship experience each Sunday.

QUIET CENTRE

The **Quiet Centre**, where you can experience a time of peace and reflection in our church, with opportunities for meditation and guided spiritual insights, will have a short recess and resume on Wednesday 5th February 2025.

COMMUNITY MORNING TEA



The Community Morning Teas will go into a short recess resuming on 5th February 2024

COMMUNITY SHED

The Shed will be closed for a week after Christmas but then will be open every **Wednesday, and Saturday mornings from 9.00am until 1.00pm**. If you would like to participate, please feel free to call in and try your hand.



REV KEITH GARNER AM GUEST PREACHER AT WESLEY KENT TOWN



Wesley Uniting Church, Kent Town, warmly invites you to worship on **Sunday, 12th January 2025 at 10:00 am**, when Rev. Keith Garner AM will be preaching. Born in the UK, Keith became a Methodist Minister and served as the Superintendent Minister of Wesley Mission Sydney, in addition to holding numerous other community service roles. He is currently the Chairperson of the Sydney Central Coast Presbytery. The service will be followed by morning tea. More information is available at this [link](#).

FAREWELL SERVICE for Mark & Andrew

On **Sunday, 9th February 2025**, a Farewell/End of Placement Service will be held to say thank you and goodbye to Rev Mark Dickens and Pastor Andrew Kieselbach. **If you would like to make a donation towards farewell gifts, please speak to Ivan Miller, our treasurer.**

NEWS OF OUR PEOPLE

We have missed **Elise Jenkin** from worship recently. Elise has been quite ill after contracting RSV (Respiratory Syncytial Virus). We send her our best wishes and sincerely hope she will be fully recovered soon. **Madeleine Davey** caught Covid and was quite unwell. She had recovered sufficiently to attend the Christmas Day service.

We were delighted to receive **Margaret Macdonald** into full membership during worship on 15th December 2024. It was also lovely that **Rev Mac Macdonald** was able to share in worship with us for the Lessons & Carols Service.

Helen Thomas is having a holiday in India for 2 weeks and **Dawn Lamont** is going on a 5-day trip to Bali with her family. We hope they both enjoy their trips.

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