

WESLEY NEWS

**FEBRUARY
DIARY DATES**

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Sunday 2nd at 10.00 am
 Rev Gary Stuckey
EPIPHANY 4
**PRESENTATION OF
THE LORD**



Sunday 9th at 10.00 am
 Rev Dianne Holden
**FAREWELL TO
MINISTERS**
Holy Communion
EPIPHANY 5

Thursday 13th at 2.00pm
CHURCH COUNCIL

Sunday 16th at 10.00 am
 Rev Doug Hosking
EPIPHANY 6

Sunday 23rd at 10.00 am
 Rev David Ingleton
HARVEST
THANKSGIVING
EPIPHANY 7

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**COMMUNITY
MORNING TEA**

Wednesday mornings
10.30 am – 12.00 noon
in middle hall

COMMUNITY SHED

Open Wednesday,
& Saturday mornings
9.00 am – 1.00 pm

QUIET CENTRE

Wednesdays 12.45-145pm
in church

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**

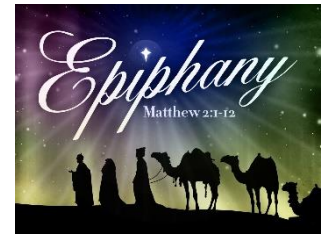
**Organ Music Society of
Adelaide Music Library**

**Australian Music Theatre
Choir**

FROM PASTOR ANDREW KIESELBACH

To the Wesley Kent Town Community,

Thank you for your prayers over the last months as I looked for direction as to where God would have me next. I wanted to let you know I have accepted a role at Hills Christian Community School in Verdun. It is a lively, faith-filled school that provides a supportive and welcoming environment for students from preschool all the way to Year 12. The school is dedicated to helping students grow not only in their academics but also in their character and faith. Hills Christian focuses on nurturing the whole person—mind, body, and spirit—by integrating Christian values into every part of the learning experience.



The school offers a broad range of programs designed to challenge students and help them reach their full potential. With a strong commitment to academic excellence, Hills Christian prepares students for future success by equipping them with the skills they need in today's world. But it's not just about the grades—Hills Christian cares deeply about building character, too. Students are encouraged to grow in values like kindness, respect, and integrity, learning how to live out their faith in their everyday lives. It's a school where students are encouraged to embrace who they are, grow in confidence, and make meaningful connections with others.

A unique part of the Hills Christian experience is the focus on faith development. Students are invited to explore and grow in their Christian beliefs throughout their time at the school. This is where the role of the Chaplain comes in, supporting students and staff as they walk in faith together. The Chaplain is a key part of the school, offering spiritual guidance and being there to help students navigate life's challenges, big and small. Whether through leading chapel services, providing one-on-one support, or offering help, the Chaplain is there to make sure everyone feels supported emotionally, spiritually, and mentally.

One of the Chaplain's responsibilities is leading chapel services, which are a regular part of the school week. These services are a chance for the entire school community to come together in worship, prayer, and reflection, helping students to deepen their relationship with God and find inspiration for their daily lives. The Chaplain also runs Christian education programs that teach students more about the Bible and how they can apply Christian values to their choices and actions. It's all about helping students grow stronger in their faith and understanding of God.

But the Chaplain's role goes beyond teaching—it's also about being a source of support for students, staff and the community. Whether it's offering advice, listening to concerns, or simply being there during tough times, the Chaplain provides pastoral care to students who may need a little extra help or encouragement. The Chaplain works closely with teachers and staff to ensure students' emotional and spiritual needs are met, creating a caring and safe environment where everyone can thrive.

Ultimately, the Chaplain's role at Hills Christian is about helping students grow spiritually, emotionally, and socially. It's about guiding them through life's ups and downs, supporting them as they live out their faith, and encouraging them to make a positive impact on the world around them. My hope is that I can help students at Hills Christian be empowered to become confident, compassionate, and faith-filled young people.

It's a massive task, but I am up for the challenge. Thank you for everything, and I am sure we will still see each other from time to time,

Every Blessing,

Pastor Andrew



Wesley Uniting Church Kent Town
27 Grenfell Street, Kent Town



Celebrating 160 years of Worship and Service in 2025

FAREWELL SERVICE FOR MARK & ANDREW

On **Sunday, 9th February 2025**, a **Farewell/End of Placement Service** will be held to mark the end of Rev Mark Dickens' and Pastor Andrew Kieselbach's time in ministry with us. This will be our opportunity to officially thank them both for their ministry here at Wesley over the past two and a half years, say goodbye and wish them God speed as they embark on new endeavours. We have all enjoyed their time here with us and have greatly valued their inspirational and caring leadership. We will miss them.

If you would like to make a donation towards farewell gifts, you may give it to a member of church council, place it in an envelope in the offering bag, or donate electronically.

HARVEST THANKSGIVING SERVICE

The annual **Harvest Thanksgiving Service** will be held on **Sunday 23rd February** and will feature an **augmented Wesley Choir**. **Rev David Ingleton** will lead worship.



Members of the congregation are asked to contribute tinned and packet food for a display of produce at the front of the church. All goods will be donated for distribution to people in need.

Setting up will take place on Saturday 22nd February at 4.00 pm. It would be helpful if donations of produce were brought to the church that afternoon or on the previous Sunday. If this is not convenient, please still bring things on the 23rd February and they will be added to the display.

QUIET CENTRE

We invite you to discover our **Quiet Centre**, open from 12.45-1.45pm 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 SHED

The Shed is 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.



COMMUNITY MORNING TEA



Our Community Morning Teas will resume in the Middle Hall on **Wednesday 5th February**. This is viewed as an important outreach by this church to the local community. If you are looking for some company, please call in any **Wednesday morning between 10.30am and 12.00 noon** and enjoy a **“Cuppa & Conversation”**.

FUTURE MINISTRY

Since 1st January 2025, Wesley Uniting Church Kent Town officially has not had a minister in placement. Late last year, the Church Council prepared a Congregational Placement Profile which was approved by the Wimala Presbytery (of which this church is a member) and the Synod of SA, and the vacancy is listed. Available ministers are open to apply for the position.

Unfortunately, there is a shortage of ministers and a number of other Uniting Churches are also without a minister in placement. It may take a while until a new minister is appointed to our church.

What does this mean for us? Sunday Worship Services and all our community activities will continue as usual. The Church Council will ensure that a preaching roster is maintained. This requires a bit of work on our part, but that is our undertaking. There is a possibility that an Interim Minister may be appointed until a permanent minister is found.

What can we do? Remember that we, the members of the Congregation, are the church. Let us remain firm in our faith, worship together, pray for one another and trust in God. In this 160th Anniversary Year, let us continue to serve God and serve our community, and ensure that this church has a meaningful presence both now and into the future.

LENT & EASTER SERVICES

- **ASH WEDNESDAY, START OF LENT:**
Wednesday 5th March
- **PALM SUNDAY:**
Sunday 13th April
- **GOOD FRIDAY:**
Friday 18th April
- **EASTER DAY:**
Sunday 20th April



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