

WESLEY NEWS

**MARCH
DIARY DATES**

Sunday 2nd at 10.00 am

Rev Doug Hosking
**TRANSFIGURATION
OF JESUS**
Holy Communion



Wednesday 5th February
ASH WEDNESDAY

Sunday 9th at 10.00 am
Rev David Ingleton
& Rev Mark Dickens
LENT 1

Thursday 13th at 2.00pm
CHURCH COUNCIL

Sunday 16th at 10.00 am
Rev Phil Hoffmann
LENT 2

Sunday 23rd at 10.00 am
Rev Gary Stuckey
LENT 3

Sunday 30th at 10.00 am
Rev Jim Winn
LENT 4

**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

Celebrating 160 years of Worship and Service in 2025

From the beginning of time, human beings in every culture have found a connection to nature and a higher power greater than themselves. I believe people yearn deeply within to unite with the Creator, God. Nature, in all of its forms, offers this awesome opportunity to find inspiration and meaning in our relationships in the natural world and with the Almighty.



Even the simplest of creatures can inspire our sense of connectedness with God. I find such inspiration in dragonflies which remind me of the Holy Spirit. This lovely, iridescent insect has been recognized for thousands of



years, depicted often in paintings, on pottery or re-created in jewellery. In Japan, the dragonfly symbolizes courage, strength and happiness. In China, dragonflies bring good luck, and are associated with prosperity and harmony. Native Americans believe dragonflies are symbols for happiness, speed and purity. For others, especially due to the quality of its changing colour, the dragonfly symbolizes transformation and deep awareness of self.

As we enter into this season of Lent, we too are called to transformation. Prayer, fasting and generosity are meant to help us focus on the real purpose of Lent, which is conversion. These practices shouldn't be reduced to outward deeds and superficial intentions.

Pope Francis reminds us of what true conversion is. He instructs us, "We are invited to enter into a deeper relationship with Christ. To give up our own will and seek His. To open our eyes, our ears and our hearts to what Jesus is asking us to do. We are summoned to a deeper level of prayer which requires less talking and more listening, for it is in the silence of our hearts that God will speak to us. We are called to fasting which requires a sober lifestyle; a way of life that does not waste, nor throws away. We are challenged to generosity, to give something to someone without expecting anything in return which leads to the freedom from the obsession of possessing."

The dragonfly will be a reminder for me this Lent of how I wish to be transformed. Its form reminds me of a cross which is a fitting symbol of the sacrifice Jesus made for us all. And hopefully, the work I put into my own Lenten transformation will not be shallow or just scraping the surface, but one that brings about a real and lasting conversion of heart...the heart of a disciple.

Travel well on your own Lenten journey.

Barbara Nolan



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FAREWELL SERVICE FOR MARK & ANDREW

On **Sunday, 9th February 2025**, a **Farewell/End of Placement Service** was held to mark the end of Rev Mark Dickens' and Pastor Andrew Kieselbach's time in ministry with us. Rev Dianne Holden, chair of Wimala Presbytery was the worship leader. It was a



lovely service and quite moving at times. Following worship, we gathered in the back hall for morning tea, during which we thanked them both for their ministry here at Wesley over the past two and a half years and said goodbye. We 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.

HARVEST THANKSGIVING SERVICE



The annual **Harvest Thanksgiving Service** was held on **Sunday 23rd February** with **Rev David Ingleton** as the worship leader.

Once again, our members were extremely generous with their contributions of tinned and packet food. It made for a magnificent display on the day. All goods were delivered to Uniting in Care, Salisbury, for distribution to people in need, along with a cash donation of \$120.



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.

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 MORNING TEA



Our Community Morning Teas are 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"**.

On **Wednesday 5th March**, Morning Tea will incorporate **"Pancake Day"**.

We hope you can join us and enjoy some delicious pancakes while connecting with the local community.



A donation to support the work of UnitingCare SA Emergency Services is requested.

HOLY WEEK & EASTER SERVICES

PALM SUNDAY: Sunday 13th April

GOOD FRIDAY: Friday 18th April

EASTER DAY: Sunday 20th April



NEWS OF OUR PEOPLE

We are looking forward to the return from Japan of **Ailin Pan** and **Yung Ho Pok** who will be back worshipping with us from the beginning of March.

Members of our congregation who are particularly in need of our prayers include, Rev Mac Macdonald, Frank Brookes, Raelene Chelley, Madeleine Davey and Dawn Lamont.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

OF THE CONGREGATION

This will be held in the church immediately following **Worship on Sunday, 30th March 2025**. Business will include receipt of Reports and presentation of the **2025 Budget**.

GOODBYE & THANK YOU



Those of you who have attended our Wednesday Community Morning Tea or Community Shed will be saddened to hear that Dave Shore's little dog, Molly, developed a brain tumour and had to be euthanised. Molly was a real little identity, always there to greet visitors, tail wagging eagerly. Dave's message to me was, "RIP Molly, let's remember her welcoming presence, loyal heart and faithful side-kick for 7 wonderful years". Dave is the Shed Duty Manager.

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