

WESLEY NEWS

APRIL DIARY DATES

Sunday 6th at 10.00 am

Rev Phil Hoffmann

Holy Communion

LENT 4

Thursday 10th at 2.00pm

CHURCH COUNCIL

Sunday 13th at 10.00 am

Rev Doug Hosking

PALM SUNDAY



Friday 18th at 10.00 am

Rev Mark Dickens

GOOD FRIDAY

Sunday 20th at 10.00 am

Rev Doug Hosking

EASTER DAY

Friday 25th April

ANZAC DAY

Sunday 27th at 10.00 am

Rev Jim Winn

EASTER 2

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

Most of you have heard the Easter story off and on, all your lives. And that's a good thing. One should never tire of hearing the incredible story of God's grace and love.

In Luke's gospel we read, "But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they and some others came to the tomb, bringing the spices which they had prepared". "At early dawn" equates to sunrise, when the sun is just coming up. In the Bible, light stands for revelation. To walk in the light is to be enlightened. And so, what we have here in the opening words of the Easter story is a heads up: A miracle of unprecedented proportions is about to be revealed.

Luke goes on to say, "They found the stone rolled away from the tomb". What would the women have done if the stone had not been rolled away? The stone was far too heavy for them to move on their own. What were they thinking when they set out that morning? The good news is, before the women ever got to the tomb, God had already prepared the way. The stone had been rolled away. The entrance to the tomb was open.

The women who had come to the tomb early in the morning entered the tomb, but they "didn't find the Lord Jesus' body". The empty tomb itself is no proof of the resurrection. At this point, all the women know is that the body of Jesus is missing. Who could've moved it, and why? They don't know. They're perplexed and confused, "While they were greatly perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling clothing". The women are frightened. The angels said: "Why do you seek the living among the dead?" Let's not be too hard on the women. They were acting in faith. Their motives were pure. They were devoted to Jesus and going about the business of anointing his body. Where else would they have expected to find him, except in the tomb where he had been laid?

It's at this point the angels proclaim the Good News: "He isn't here, but is risen". Looking back, the whole course of civilization was changed by these seven simple words: "He isn't here, but is risen". And, since that day, the world has never been the same.

Luke says, "They remembered his words, returned from the tomb, and told all these things to the eleven, and to all the rest". This is where the story becomes deeply personal. It has to do with our response. A church banner says it best: "Someone once told you about Jesus; who have you told lately?"

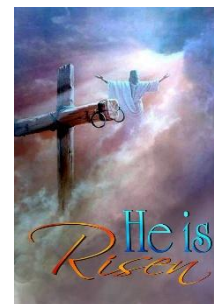
The essence of the gospel is both proclamation and response. I like the saying that goes, "The church is not a filling station where you go to fill up your tank, but a mission outpost where you receive your assignment for the coming week."

Once the women heard the Good News of Jesus' resurrection, they rushed back to the Upper Room to tell the others. Sadly, Luke says, "But their words seemed to them as an idle tale, and they did not believe them." What we know is that the others will come to faith in time. They will believe in Jesus, not only as Lord, but Saviour ... Saviour of their lives and Saviour of the world.

What we need to remember is that it's not up to us to direct the outcome of our witness, only to offer it to others as an invitation of faith.

On Easter Day, we remind ourselves that new life begins, as of now. Claim the gift of life in its fullest and share that gift graciously with others, to the glory of God in Christ.

Dr Philip W. McLarty (abridged)



Wesley Uniting Church Kent Town
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Celebrating 160 years of Worship and Service in 2025

DAYLIGHT SAVING ENDS

Daylight saving ends on Sunday 6th April 2025. Please remember to turn your clocks back 1 hour the night before and enjoy an extra hour in bed before getting ready for church. Mobile phones and computers adjust automatically

HOLY WEEK SERVICES



Palm Sunday Service:
Sunday 13th April at 10.00am
Rev Doug Hosking

The Palm Sunday Service will be a beautiful start to Holy Week. A service of readings and choral music presented by an **augmented choir** will lead our thoughts from the palm-strewn arrival of Jesus in Jerusalem through penitential music towards the power and solemnity of Good Friday. The service is arranged by organist and choir director, Graham Bell.



Good Friday Service:
Friday 18th April at 10.00am
Rev Mark Dickens

This meditative service will focus on the journey to the Cross as we reflect on the great sacrifice Christ made for us.



Easter Day Service:
Sunday 20th April at 10.00am
Rev Doug Hosking

We celebrate with joy the risen Christ.

All services will feature special music presented by the Wesley choir under the direction of organist/choir director, Graham Bell.

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**

PANCAKE DAY 2025



Our Pancake Day, held during Morning Tea on 5th March was successful in raising \$120.00 which has been forwarded to Uniting

Care SA Emergency Services. In acknowledgement, we received a letter of appreciation and a Certificate which is on display in our morning tea hall. UnitingCare SA Emergency Services, part of the UnitingCare network, provides vital community services to support vulnerable individuals and families

in South Australia, offering emergency assistance, advocacy, support, and referrals to other services. Our donations of food and money from our Harvest Thanksgiving was given to Salisbury Uniting in Care which is one of these emergency services providers.

COMMUNITY MORNING TEA



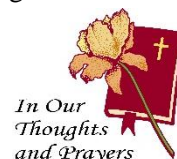
Our Community Morning Teas are an important outreach by this church to the local community. If you are looking for some company, please call in any **Wednesday morning between 10.30am and 12.00 noon and enjoy a "Cuppa & Conversation"**.

AGM OF THE CONGREGATION

This was held in the church immediately following Worship on Sunday, 30th March 2025. Business included receipt of reports from the chairperson, secretary and treasurer, and presentation of the 2025 Budget.

NEWS OF OUR PEOPLE

Some longer term members of this church will remember **Annis Bennett**. A member of this church, Annis was resident in College Green and was a regular attendee at Sunday worship until poor mobility forced her to move into aged care. She resided in Clayton Church Homes in Summerhill and more recently in Clayton Homes Magill. Annis passed away on 10th March 2025, aged 92 years. We remember Annis with fondness and thank her for her contribution to the life and witness of this church.



We are enjoying the company of **Ailin Pan** and **Yung Ho Pok** at present. They return to Japan at the end of April but will be back a little later in the year.

Dawn Lamont had to undergo a knee reconstruction but has come through that with flying colours. **Ivan Miller** injured his neck quite badly when he tripped and fell heavily. He has to wear a neck brace 24 hours a day for about 6 weeks until it is fully healed.

David Chamberlain has been worshipping with us since August last year when the Pilgrim Church Choir presented an Evensong and formed the choir for worship one Sunday. Brian is a member of Pilgrim Uniting Church but enjoys our worship as well. He has been doing some useful work in improving our front gardens in recent weeks, and we thank him sincerely for his contribution towards maintaining the grounds.

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