



Cherry Church

An Active Witness to Jesus Christ in Cherry Gardens

Newsletter

July 2019

Church News

New Presbyteries

As a result of the Synod held late in 2018, South Australia is creating new presbyteries. A non-geographic presbytery from 1 July 2019 named Generate (ostensibly for congregations holding a Biblical view of marriage) and an interim Presbytery which will operate until November 2019 when at least two geographic Presbyteries will also be established. The South Australian Synod wrote to us earlier in the year, requiring us to vote on this organisational issue. Voting was held over two Sundays with Allan Light and Darryl Dyson counting the votes last Sunday. There was strong support for Cherry Gardens to go into the Generate Presbytery (84.2% of those who voted).

Leadership and Management Team meeting

The LMT will meet on Monday evening, 15 July at the Church. Please let a member of the LMT know of any concerns or ideas before the meeting.

Annual General Meeting

This will be held after the church service on Sunday 4 August, followed by morning tea.

Cherry Gardens Community Carols

We have been advised by the City of Onkaparinga, that subject to the approval of the 2019-20 budget, we will have a grant of \$536 plus GST (\$589.60) to support our carols later this year.

Reverend Matthew and Mrs Maria Wilson (nee Smith)

This intrepid couple served the Clarendon Circuit from 1858 to 1869. This circuit included Clarendon, Upper Sturt, Cherry Gardens and Coromandel Valley. Both were born in the industrial city of Bradford, Yorkshire in 1808, they married at the Church of St Peter in Bradford on 9 September 1835. Matthew was a bookkeeper prior to entering the ministry. Matthew was ordained a Methodist Minister at Wesley Chapel, In Southwark, London on 9 October 1835. Dianne and Darryl visited this beautiful Chapel and Wesley's home, which is on the same allotment, during 2018.



Figure 1: Reverend Matthew and Maria Wilson

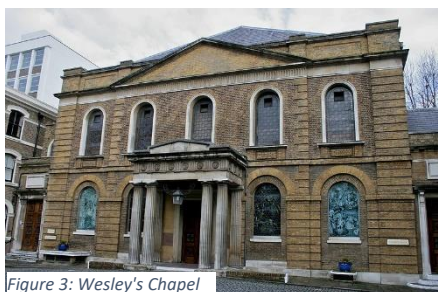
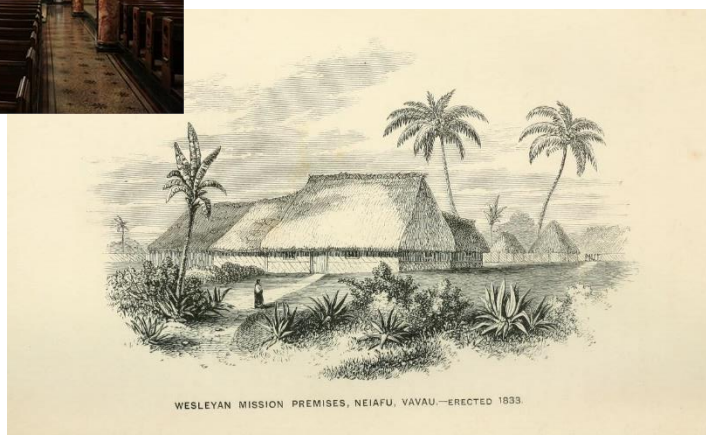


Figure 3: Wesley's Chapel



Matthew & Maria Wilson arrived in the Navigator Islands (now known as Samoa) on 15 August 1836 (after leaving England on 13 October 1835) to begin Matthew's Missionary Work among the local

population. They didn't muck around! Whilst there Matthew and Maria's first son, John Smith Wilson and first daughter, Elizabeth Thornton Wilson were born. As there was some conflict between the Wesleyans and the London Missionary Society, it was decided that as the Wesleyans arrived in Samoa after the London Missionary Society, they would move out and hence Matthew removed to Tonga in 1839 where he remained

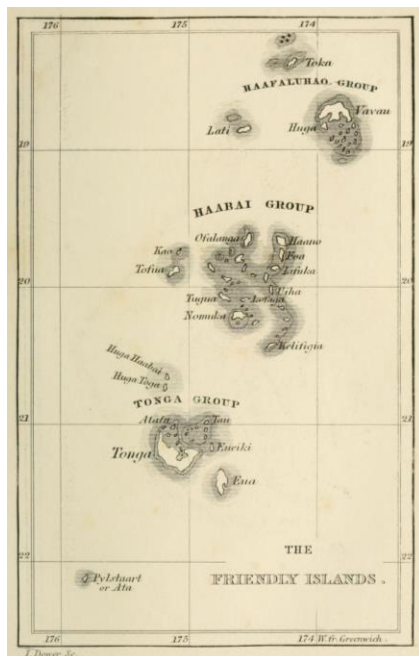


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until 1854. The rest of their children were born in Tonga. Daughter Maria and son William Richard were buried at the village of Felctoa, Lifuka Island, Friendly Islands, the name by which Tonga was previously known.

Matthew Wilson introduced grading of students according to their progress at Hihifo on Tongatapu in the early eighteen forties and found the method very popular amongst his students. The Infant's or Children's School developed by Mrs Maria Wilson at Vava'u proved so successful that it soon spread to the other islands. Young boys and girls now attended and it became very popular. The minutes of The Methodist Conferences, Volume VII of 1838 has Matthew Wilson in Vavau in The Friendly Isles District.

Following the reconciliation between The Tongan ruler, Aleamotu'a and the non-Christian chiefs the mission at Hihifo was re-established, staffed by Reverend Matthew Wilson. The mission-house had been pulled down, leaving Wilson and his family to accept shelter in a native house. The largest in the fortress at Nuku'alofa, it was low and dark, having no opening but the door. The Wilson family arrived in South Australia on 25 April 1854. Matthew was stationed at Mount Barker, Burra, Gawler, Yankalilla and Clarendon. In 1854 Matthew was appointed to Mt Barker, 1855 to Koorunga, then in 1858 and 1861 to Clarendon. Reverend Wilson was the first minister to occupy the

parsonage erected in 1858 on land donated by Mr. Burgess on The Mount of Olives. "The place was very difficult to access, but occupied a position from which a fine view of the surrounding district could be obtained" (1911 report from The Advertiser).

Matthew and Maria had 8 children in total but only 5 survived to adulthood; one died at birth, William died at 18mths and Maria died at 7 and 3 mths. The other children were John Smith WILSON (1837-1930), Elizabeth Thornton Wilson m Michael KINGSBOROUGH (1838-1879) - both born in Samoa, James Wilson (1840-1919), Sarah Wilson m James LILLYWHITE (1843-1918) and Margaret Wilson m Thomas GOODE (1848-1927). James' son Edgar Hartley WILSON is buried at Blackwood cemetery. They lived in Blackwood for a time prior to his death in 1940. Matthew died of sunstroke at his son's home in Norwood on 29 Jan 1876 during the Methodist Conference. He is buried at West Terrace. Mrs Maria Wilson's name is on the foundation stone of the Old Coromandel Valley Church.

LET US PRAY FOR

- Alan and Prim Dube,
- Margaret Bennett and her family after Bill's passing
- Continue to uphold Lyn Whellan, Annetta De Boo and Merri Stoddart.
- Ralph Stephens who has more health concerns

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS MONTH

Date	Speaker	Worship Leader	Music	Bible Reader	Flowers/cleaning	Morning Tea
7 July	Rob Linn	Dianne Dyson	John Penberthy	Alan Dube	Jane – flowers	Dianne Dyson
14 July	Lynona Hawkins	Steph Dube	Alex McFarlane	Darryl Dyson	Dianne/Darryl	Alan Dube
21 July	David Houston (Holy Communion)	Rob Linn	Alex McFarlane	Jane Linn	Helen – flowers	Steph Dube
28 July	John Howland	Gill Marshman	Kerry Schneider	Marg Jacobs	Dianne/Darryl	Helen McFarlane

SOME MORE DATES TO PUT IN THE DIARY

Sunday 21 July: Holy Communion

Sunday 4 August: Cherry Church Annual General Meeting after Church, followed by morning tea



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