

## 160 years since The Wesleyan Chapel, Magill was founded

In 2015 we celebrated 160 years since The Wesleyan Chapel, Magill was founded.



Celebrating, giving thanks for the past, and what we are now, is an important part of church and community life.

I wondered about that very first celebration in 1855 when the new chapel was ready to open for worship.

Perhaps the day went something like this:



“The driver gathers in the reigns of old Dobbin the horse, who faithfully trots along the potholed track. We watch as the horse and carriage slow down as they arrive in front of the church, the new Wesleyan Chapel Magill. The driver helps the ladies down from the carriage in their Sunday best clothes.

Excitedly, they move inside, the men doffing their hats in greeting as they seat themselves on long forms.

Beautiful flowers have been placed in two special vases at the front especially for the occasion. A pulpit stands ready for the preachers, Rev Joseph Dare and Rev Thomas Williams, who eloquently speak of all things Methodist and enter into the joy of the occasion with praise and thanksgiving.

And so, we might imagine, on a warm sunny autumn day in April 1855 – the beginnings of this our church.”