



Uniting Church in Australia  
**SEACLIFF WEEKLY NEWS**  
Sunday 10 November 2024  
**PENTECOST 25**



### **The Widow's Offering**

<sup>41</sup> Jesus sat down opposite the place where the offerings were put and watched the crowd putting their money into the temple treasury. Many rich people threw in large amounts.

<sup>42</sup> But a poor widow came and put in two very small copper coins, worth only a few cents.

<sup>43</sup> Calling his disciples to him, Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others. <sup>44</sup> They all gave out of their wealth; but she, out of her poverty, put in everything—all she had to live on."

## **This Week.**

**Adult Fellowship 1.30 pm Wed. 13th November**  
**Uniting Conversations 7 pm Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> Nov.**

### **What's News**

***From Graham and Christine Sturdy***

***Thank you to everyone who gave us such a warm welcome at church last Sunday. Thank you too for the lovely Morning Tea and the Musical Welcome!! We are really looking forward to sharing our journey with you over the next couple of months.***

***If we can help or support you in any way please do get in touch.***

### **Annual General Meeting**

A reminder that the first part of our AGM, for the elections to positions of service and leadership, will be conducted **today**.

The nomination sheets for 2025 have been available for some weeks now [Thank You to Rosemary for arranging that]. Thank you to people who have helped the planning for today by indicating their availability for next year. If you feel called to offer yourself for a new role, nominations can be received at the meeting.

In addition to the elections, the agenda will include:

- A first preliminary 2025 budget
- A report from JNC re the placements process
- Information about preaching arrangements, and “special” Sundays / events.

Those “specials” will include the customary Advent reflections / studies. Rev Graham will continue the pattern of the last few years – we are offering sessions on Tuesday morning and Thursday afternoon for the first 3 weeks of December and we invite expressions of interest: choose which of the two you prefer, and indicate as well whether you could be available for the other. Which sessions will proceed will be determined by the number of people taking part.

As tomorrow is the 11<sup>th</sup>, Remembrance Day, I would like to start the meeting at **10.55** so that we can observe the Minute's Silence for the day at 11.00 am.

*Max*

## **Seacliff Uniting Church Christmas Dinner**

**New Venue** -Brighton & Seacliff Yacht Club 246 Esplanade Seacliff. **Date** - Tuesday December 3 **Time**- 6:00pm for 6:30 start  
**Cost** - \$55 per person (3 courses) **Contact** – Annette Craven  
0438664100 Everyone Welcome. Book your seat now. Receipts available on payment. *Annette*

## **Working Bee in November**

Please be aware that a working Bee is planned for **Friday 22nd November**. Amongst other jobs, we will be repainting the lines in the Carpark. The Car Park will be closed on that day. Please put that date in your diary. *Geoff*

## **Election Day Stall - Saturday 16th November**

A by-election out of the blue! Seacliff UC is usually a polling booth for both State and Federal elections.

So... there will be a Trading Table of some sort - cakes, jam, produce, plants, bits of craft etc.

If you can help with baking, jam, craft items or something from the garden it would be most appreciated! Likewise an offer of a bit of your time to help look after the stall on the day would also be appreciated. See Maureen for more information and to offer help. *Maureen*

## **Adult Fellowship**

ADULT FELLOWSHIP will meet on **Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> November, at 1.30 p.m.**

The guest speaker will be **Lesley McCauley** who will present her Nursery Rhyme programme.

No doubt this will bring back many childhood memories.

If you have an item relating to nursery rhymes please bring it along. We will have a table of items to look at during afternoon tea.

Visitors are always welcome so feel free to join us.

*Rosemary*

## Cogs N coffee

A big welcome to Christine and Graham who joined 14 of us for coffee at Plant 4. Leslie Gardiner was also spied there and sends her greetings to the Seacliff congregation. After coffee, we rode down to West Beach via the Torrens and home along the beach. For next week's ride, meet at Wattle Reserve for a trip along the coast.

*Brian*

## Sri Lanka

As I indicated last Sunday Bev and I saw a YouTube clip called "the 10 best things to see in Sri Lanka". Coincidentally, we then discovered a tour that had been put together by Robin Buteyn at Helloworld. We were very impressed by the tour and decided to form a group that would travel together.

We would leave in February 2026, yes 2026, but the \$500 deposit will be fully refundable until November 2025. It will be good if we had a group of friends, and forming the group in this way would enable any single people to be able to share.

If you would like to see a full itinerary with costings please email us at [gbg4lister@gmail.com](mailto:gbg4lister@gmail.com)

*Geoff and Bev*

## UNITING CONVERSATIONS

The next Uniting Conversation will be on Sunday, November 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm, here at the church. The focus is on preparing for death. In particular we will be focussing on *Palliative Care, Voluntary Assisted Dying and Advance Care Directives*.

This is a really important conversation for all of us to have because the **less** we do in preparing for our own death the **harder** we make it for those who will be grieving us.

As well, it's very likely you will have a number of conversations with people concerned about these matters so the better informed you are the more helpful you can be.

We look forward to joining with you in this conversation. A gold coin donation will help us offset expenses.

*Jim*

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**Worship Leader for Today: Maureen Howland**

**Lectionary for Today: 10 November 2024: Ru 3: 1 - 5, 4: 13 - 17; Ps: 127; Heb 9: 24 - 28; Mk 12: 38 - 44.**

Reminder for Stewards: **17 November 2024**

Pauline Galliford    Ruth Heywood

### **Welcome to our Church.**

Things you need to know, especially if you are a visitor.

**Fire exits** are marked. Please take note. In the case of an emergency evacuation please gather on the Western Lawns under the Pine Tree. **St John First Aid Kit** - on top of the pigeon holes up from the ramp.

**Toilets** are available through the door front right of the Worship Area or out through the turn around point on the ramp.

**Morning tea** is held after the service – we hope you will join with us.

### **Items for the Newsletter**

Please email items to  
[newsletter@seacliffuc.org.au](mailto:newsletter@seacliffuc.org.au)

by 5pm on Wednesdays.  
If you do not have access to email, please contact the church office and it will be forwarded for you.

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