



Uniting Church in Australia
SEACLIFF WEEKLY NEWS
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PENTECOST 26



A Call to Persevere in Faith

¹⁹ Therefore, brothers and sisters, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰ by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body, ²¹ and since we have a great priest over the house of God, ²² let us draw near to God with a sincere heart and with the full assurance that faith brings, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water.

²³ Let us hold unwaveringly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. ²⁴ And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, ²⁵ not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

This Week.

Uniting Conversations Tonight 7 pm 17th Nov.
MovieMates 6.00 pm Tues. 19th November
Men's Dinner 6.30 pm Wed. 20th November
Working Bee Friday 22nd November

What's News

Advent Groups 2024

The Advent Groups will be held on Tuesdays (3,10 and 17 December) at 10a.m.

and Thursdays (5,12 and 19 December) at 2p.m. The theme this year is:

'The Weary World Rejoices' an advent study by Kate Bowler.

This is based upon her book ***'Everything Happens for a Reason: And Other Lies I've Loved'***

We will consider the Advent themes: ***The Promise of TRUTH, COMPASSION, RESTORATION and JUSTICE.***

These will be very informal groups with plenty of opportunity to listen to each other; share our own thoughts if we wish and reflect on a bible passage. **DO JOIN US!!**

If you wish to attend, please sign one of the sheets at the back of the church, indicating your preference for dates. Please note the Thursday group will be a repeat of the Tuesday group for that week. Just in case one of the days is under subscribed please indicate if you could make the alternative date. *Graham.*

NAME BADGES

As Christine and I try to learn your names it would be really helpful if you could wear your Name Badge if you have one. Thank you! *Graham*

Annual General Meeting

A huge thank you to all the people who gave their time to the AGM last Saturday, and to those who put their hands up to fill the positions of service and leadership involved.

The Advent Season

Advent is that season of the year when we prepare ourselves for the celebrations around the birth into the physical and human world of Jesus, gift of God. As part of this time, Council has resolved to sponsor two events:

On the ***first Sunday of Advent, Dec 1st***, we invite worshippers to bring donations of food items for delivery to *Brighton Community Care* and *Grocer with a Heart*, in Brighton. Please see the included flyer to see which items are requested for Christmas hampers in particular – the deadline for these is Dec 1st. Other items will go to the Grocer with a heart people. There is also provision for financial gifts if you prefer. The theme for that first week is Hope – this is our opportunity to raise, even create, some hope for people in need living even in our own community.

Materials for the ***Christmas Bowl*** appeal have been received. There will be a note about the Christmas Bowl programme in the newsletter each week, as well perhaps as mention during worship. Please support this programme, and activity of Act for Peace, a programme of the National Council of Churches. This year is the 75th Christmas Bowl appeal.

In a separate notice you will see information about the ***Advent Reflection*** programme being offered by Rev Graham Sturdy.

Uniting Church calendars

We will be obtaining 10 copies of the calendar put out by our Synod office. These will be available at no charge. If you wish to reserve one for your use, please let me know within a day or two – two are already accounted for!! – and if we need more, we will get them. The order will be going in within a few days.

Help with rosters

One of the remarks I made at the AGM came at the conclusion of the election part of the meeting: we are enormously grateful to all the people who carry out the various tasks listed on our several rosters. But we are needing more people to join them.

So if there is a roster which you currently do not help with but you think you could, please speak to me or a member of Church Council.

This includes all the rosters: the “practical”: welcoming people to worship, serving morning tea, and others in a similar vein; and the others associated with “worship”: reading, leading worship, providing music leadership and similar.

Please be assured that we will provide whatever training and induction is needed to enable you to help in this way. *Max.*

Working Bee in November

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. *Geoff*

Cogs N coffee

Grange was the go last Wed. with 14 of us making the journey along the coast. An extended coffee break as time was on our side. Next week, 8.40am train from Seacliff for a delightful ride to McClaren Flat. *Brian*

Movie Mates

November's movie has been suggested by Jim Winn and is an action adventure film around the kidnapping of Santa Claus. Let's meet on **19th Nov.** just before **6.00pm** as the movie commences at 6.10pm. Come along and have a laugh!!

Heather Gepp

Sri Lanka

Bev and I saw a YouTube clip called “the 10 best things to see in Sri Lanka” and decided to form a travel group. We would leave in February 2026, yes 2026, but the \$500 deposit is fully refundable until November 2025. It will be good if we had a group of friends forming the group. For a full itinerary and costings please email us at gbg4lister@gmail.com *Geoff and Bev*

Men's Dinner

The next Men's Dinner will be held on **Wednesday, 20th November** at the **Broadway Hotel, 61 Broadway, Glenelg** South. Meet at 6.30 pm for 7.00. For further information, or if you need a ride, please contact Ray on 0434 825 038.

Debbies Art on Show

Splashout's last art exhibition opening is Friday 22 November 2024 at 6pm onwards. Exhibition is on for a month at the Marion Cultural Centre. I will have one painting on show.

Debbie Cerone

Property Report

I thought it would be worth bringing you up to date with property matters following the Church Council meeting this week. Apart from routine work such as weeding and weed spraying, collecting rubbish around the shrubs etc there has been much happening. I do appreciate the ones who pick up rubbish as they see it and especially appreciate the work Jan and Maxine have done on the Wheatland Street Garden that had become quite wild and Ruth and James's work on the new garden in front of Church.

Wheatland House

The new tenant will be running Child Play Therapy sessions and since her daughter has recently qualified we look forward to increased use there. To make the space work for them there has been a rearrangement of furniture.

Car Park

At the working bee next Friday the lines will be repainted and wheel stops installed.

Gutters, Solar Panels and Air Conditioners.

These will be cleaned and/or serviced in the week or so.

Pianos

After much consultation and discussion it has been decided to get rid of the piano from Wheatland House and the middle hall. If you would like either one or know of someone who does please let me know.

Electrical Tagging

This is a regular requirement and Colin, now with assistance from James, does this for us.

Street Trees in front of Church

We have requested The Holdfast Bay Council to replace the two trees that are missing in front of church. Hopefully this will occur early next year.

Safety issues

A small group has been formed to look at a series of Safety issues and more information will be available shortly. If are aware of any issues please speak to Max, Andrew, Annette or myself.

Routine but important Jobs

For your information I have listed on the reverse of this sheet all the jobs that are currently being undertaken by so many members of the church. (Although my name is listed frequently in a number of cases I am only coordinating the task) We need to be very grateful for these people.

Ray has a computer programme that sends out reminders when the task is due to be done. I am looking, however, for a couple of extra volunteers and would appreciate hearing from you.

Checking the mirrors in the main hall. I would like a backup for Bob when he is not available.

Checking and clearing Drains and sumps I would like a backup for David when he is not available.

Kitchen and Church Cleaning I would like a backup for Denice when she is not available. Thank you to all
Geoff

Item	Comments	By
Electrical Tagging	Fixed Cable - Desk tops, printers etc - every 5 years	Colin
Electrical Tagging	mobile -, portable appliances - urns lap tops etc - every 12 months	Colin
Acacia St Garden	Regular weeding and pruning needed	Geoff
Wheatland Street Garden	Regular weeding and pruning	Jan and Maxine
Smoke alarms	Need Checking 6 monthly -	Ray
Illuminated Signs	Need Check that globes are good -quarterly	Ray
Check security of full length mirrors	Quarterly	Bob
Limit number of chairs in a stack	Sign in Hall and Small room saying how many - 8 is the recommended number - quarterly check.	Office
Fire safety equipment	6 monthly routine- every 5 years a pressure test	Geoff
Close access between property each year.	Annual	Office
Residual Current devices	Manual testing . - quarterly	Ray
Tree Inspection	Check for broken branches - quarterly	Geoff
Drains and sumps	Need regular cleaning	David
Wheatland Gutters	Need Cleaning at least twice a year	Geoff

Solar Panels	Recommended twice per year.	Geoff
External pavement	Inspection 6 monthly	Geoff
Car Park	Line Marking - 12 monthly	Geoff
Fencing	Inspection - 12 monthly (Actually every two or three weeks but reminder every 12 months)	Geoff
Air Conditioning -	Filter cleaning - 6 monthly	Geoff
Asbestos Register	Every 5 years - It was updated April 2021	Geoff
Church Cleaning	Quarterly a good dust and polish -	Denice
Kitchen	Quarterly a good clean of crockery and cupboards - in line with working bee.	Denice

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Worship Leader for Today: Rev. Graham Sturdy
Lectionary for Today: 17 November 2024: 1 Sm 1: 4 - 20;
1 Sm 2: 1 - 10; Heb 10: 11 - 14, 19 - 25; Mk 13: 1 - 8.
Reminder for Stewards: **24 November 2024**
Heather Gepp Dave Rickard

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
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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