



Uniting Church in Australia
SEACLIFF WEEKLY NEWS
Sunday 24 November 2024
CHRIST THE KING



The call to Kingdom

³³ Pilate then went back inside the palace, summoned Jesus and asked him, “Are you the king of the Jews?”

³⁴ “Is that your own idea,” Jesus asked, “or did others talk to you about me?”

³⁵ “Am I a Jew?” Pilate replied. “Your own people and chief priests handed you over to me. What is it you have done?”

³⁶ Jesus said, “My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, my servants would fight to prevent my arrest by the Jewish leaders. But now my kingdom is from another place.”

³⁷ “You are a king, then!” said Pilate.

Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. In fact, the reason I was born and came into the world is to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me.”

This Week.

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Tonight 6pm 24th November

Adult Fellowship 1.30 pm Wed. 27th 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



Notes from the Treasurer

The **Christmas Bowl** is the Christmas Appeal of 'Act for Peace', the international humanitarian agency of the in National Council of Churches in Australia.

Envelopes are now available for people to make donations to this appeal on or around Christmas Day (and before the end of January please) in several ways:

- o by personal **Cheque** directly to them
- o by **Credit Card** using the form provided in the envelope
- o by **Cash** in the envelope via the Offering Bowl and I will collate and forward the total amount early in the New Year.

Please note that these donations are tax-deductible and a receipt will be provided directly by the Organisation (not UCA) upon request.

The nett proceeds from the **Election Day BBQ and Produce** stalls are as follows:

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| <i>BBQ</i> | <i>\$211.50</i> |
| <i>Produce Stalls</i> | <i>\$1007.21</i> |
| <u><i>Total</i></u> | <u><i>\$1218.71</i></u> |

It has been decided to split this money equally between 'Grocer with a Heart' and the 'Christmas Bowl' Appeal. Our thanks to everyone involved in this very generous effort and outcome.

David

Adult Fellowship

SEACLIFF UC ADULT FELLOWSHIP will meet on **Wednesday, 27th November at 1.30 p.m.** Mary is arranging various Christmas craft items for members to make and suggests you bring along a "Christmas craft item" you have made or been given to show.

Rosemary

Election Day heroes

A **huge thank you** to all the people who gave their time to working on the stalls on by-election day last weekend – especially the heroic BBQ staff who were out in about the hottest corner in the whole place. For an exercise thrown together with very short notice, it was a delightful success – a tribute to the skills of the people involved. Thank you.

The Advent Season

On the **first Sunday of Advent, Dec 1st**, we invite worshippers to bring donations of food items for distribution to people doing it tough.

Brighton Community Care will be packing 110 hampers for distribution to struggling families through local schools: they will have a few specific luxuries: **a Christmas pudding, long-life custard, a Christmas cake, fruit mince pies and tinned ham** – if you would like to contribute to the hampers in particular, please bring these items by next Sunday, Dec 1st: we will deliver them the next day.

As well we are all invited to bring along donations of general food items – long life or fresh produce, all welcome – and these will go to Grocer with a Heart. There is also provision for financial gifts if you prefer.

The theme for that first week of Advent 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 have ordered 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 very soon – four are already accounted for!! If we need more, we will get them.

Max

Cogs N coffee

13 out for a very nice ride through the vineyards to the general store in McClaren Flat.

Next week's ride 8.40 train to Hallett Cove station, ride to Old Reynella for coffee, and then ride to Seaford and train it home.

Brian

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We will meet at 6 p.m. tonight for a light meal then:

JOIN AN ARCTIC EXPEDITION



Hear and see more about their recent trip to **Iceland** and **Greenland** with David and Mary Greig.

By Ship from Iceland and then along the east Coast of Greenland for nearly 2 weeks with icebergs, whales, polar bears and one small isolated Greenlandic Village. **EVERYBODY WELCOME SO BRING FAMILY AND FRIENDS** *Seacliff Outlook*

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Worship Leader for Today: Brian Gepp

Lectionary for Today: 24 November 2024: 2 Sm 23: 1 - 7;

Ps 132: 1 - 12; Rv 1: 4b - 8; Jn 18: 33 - 37.

Reminder for Stewards: 1 December 2024

Bob Heywood Dennis Wood

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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