



Uniting Church in Australia  
**SEACLIFF WEEKLY NEWS**  
**Sunday 22 December 2024**  
**ADVENT 4**

Jesus Anointed at Bethany



**Mary Visits Elizabeth**

**Luke 1: 39 – 45**

<sup>39</sup> At that time Mary got ready and hurried to a town in the hill country of Judea, <sup>40</sup> where she entered Zechariah's home and greeted Elizabeth. <sup>41</sup> When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit.

<sup>42</sup> In a loud voice she exclaimed: "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the child you will bear! <sup>43</sup> But why am I so favoured, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? <sup>44</sup> As soon as the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. <sup>45</sup> Blessed is she who has believed that the Lord would fulfil his promises to her!"

*Lessons &  
Carols*



**This morning 9.30am**

## **This Week.**

**Under the Pine tree 6pm Tuesday 24th Dec.  
Christmas Day Service 9am Wed. 25th Dec.**

## **What's News**

### **ACD – Advance Care Directive**

A reminder that, following the recent *Uniting Conversations* gathering, information sessions for the ACD form are being scheduled for late January, and into February if necessary. Each session has a capacity limit of 16-20, and we will run more than one session.

If you wish to be part of this programme, please give your name to Max or Annette.

### **Church Council election**

Nomination forms are available from today for election to membership of Church Council. Please note:

- There are vacancies for around 4 people (including 2 whose terms have been completed and who are able to nominate for re-election).
- Church Council is part of the governance structure of the Uniting Church, which means that nomination is open to Confirmed Members and Members in Association.
- Council plays an important role in the pastoral and discipleship oversight of our congregation.

CC membership is a key service and leadership role in any congregation. Please consider prayerfully whether this might represent a Call from God to you. Council normally meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday each month, but the exact time will be decided so as to fit with the availability of CC members.

The election will be conducted as part of the AGM (Reports) to be held on Sunday February the 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Please have nominations and reports to Secretary Rosemary Thomson by January 26<sup>th</sup>, so that nominations can be announced 2 weeks ahead. *Max*

## **THANK YOU - 1**

We would like to thank everyone for their loving prayers and support during this most difficult time – from the sudden death of our son Patrick last Christmas to the recent death of our daughter Jane. We really appreciated your care and were always aware of your prayerful support.

Thank you all so very much,

*Heather and Jim Emery*

## **THANK YOU - 2**

We will be retiring to our beach house at Stansbury on 12 January. Our 35 years at Seacliff has been an amazing time and we thank you all for your friendship and assistance through good times and bad. Our new address will be Oysta la Vista, 13 Seaview Court Stansbury. We have three spare bedrooms and a spare bathroom, kitchen and tv lounge so there is plenty of room to accommodate anyone who wants to check out the walking and cycling trails, fishing and crabbing. Although we will be living in Stansbury it will not be 'goodbye' as we will often be back in Adelaide to catch up with our church friends and family.

*Alan and Flora*

## **CHRISTMAS at SEACLIFF UNITING CHURCH**

**5-9 WHEATLAND STREET, SEACLIFF 5049**

**YOU WILL BE MADE WELCOME**



### **Carols Under the Pine Tree**

**CHRISTMAS EVE**

**TUESDAY, 24th DECEMBER at 9 Wheatland Street, Seacliff**  
**6 pm SAUSAGE SIZZLE      7 pm CAROL SINGING**

Followed by Supper in the Hall  
**Christmas Day 25<sup>th</sup> December at 9am.**  
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**Worship Leader for Today: Rev. Graham Sturdy**  
**Lectionary for Today: 22 December 2024: Mic 5: 2 - 5a;**  
**Ps 80: 1 - 7; Heb 10: 5 - 10; Lk 1: 39 - 45.**  
Reminder for Stewards: **29 December 2024**  
Bob Heywood                      Geoff Craven

**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  
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forwarded for you.

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