



Uniting Church in Australia
SEACLIFF WEEKLY NEWS
Sunday 2 February 2025
Epiphany 4

I Am The Vine

John 15: 1-10 15 “I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. 2 He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. 3 You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. 4 Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. 5 I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. 6 Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. 7 If you abide in me and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. 8 My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples. 9 As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. 10 If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love.

This Week.

Book Club 1.30pm Wed. 5th February
Yarn Sisters 10am Thursday 6th February
Meditation Group 2pm Thursday 6th February

What's News

Election for Church Council

A reminder that the election for membership of Church Council will be conducted as part of the AGM next week – **Sunday 9th**

Feb. Three nominations have been received:

Debbie Cerone	<i>for a term of 1 year</i>
Geoff Lister	3 years
Rosemary Thomson	3 years.

Church Council is part of the formal governance structure of the Uniting Church, so voting is open (and limited) to all Confirmed Members and Members in Association of Seacliff Uniting Church. Your participation in the voting process is an important part of the Congregation's support for its elected CC members. You are free to endorse any or all of the candidates: each person needs to receive the positive endorsement of at least one half of the number of people voting in order to be elected.

Annual General Meeting – Reports

A reminder that the 2nd part (Reports) of our AGM will be conducted next week, Sunday 9th February, starting as close as possible to 11.00 am. There are some important decisions to be made, and other important conversations to be held – please be there if at all possible.

If you wish to bring a proposal to the meeting, please advise Rosemary or me ahead of time, so that we can put it in the best place on the agenda; please word it in the form of a proposal, not just a topic for discussion.

So far the agenda includes:

- Mission Projects – which ones to support and how to go about the fund-raising
- Long term planning for our congregation
- Employing a part of our budget surplus from 2024. *Max*

Book Club

Book Club returns for 2025 meeting at Libby Dixons home on **Wednesday 5th February** at **1.30pm**. New books for a new year!

Josie

Meditation Resumes for 2025

The Meditation Group meets on the first Thursday of each month at 2pm in the middle hall. First meeting for 2025 will take place on **Thursday 6th February**. All welcome, no previous experience necessary.

Maureen

Yarn Sisters

Yarn Sisters' first gathering for 2025 will be at:

The Garden Cafe

44 Wheatland Street
at 10.00am - 12 noon

On THURSDAY 6th February

Please note change of day.

All welcome!

Heather

CogsNCoffee

On a lovely Wed morning fourteen of us did the spectacular ride Nth. along the coast. Eventually six riders coffeed at Grange and the rest peddled on to Semaphore.

A great morning for riding as we joined many others doing the same thing.

Next week's ride will be determined by the Wed temp. Brian will make contact.

Brian

Brighton Sculpture entry

We are excited that our daughter Kathryn Heywood has her Artwork being displayed in the tent at Brighton Jetty Sculptures at the Surf Club from today until Feb. 2nd

It is a framed piece with 8 metal circular purple various pieces which took many hours to create.

Ruth & Bob Heywood

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Worship Leader for Today: Rev. Graham Sturdy HC
Lectionary for Today: 2 February 2025: Jer 1: 4 - 10;
Ps 71: 1 - 6; 1 Cor 13: 1 - 13; Lk 4: 21 - 30.

Reminder for Stewards: **9 February 2025**
Colin Theakstone Bob 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
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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