



**Uniting Church in Australia**  
**SEACLIFF WEEKLY NEWS**  
**Sunday 26 January 2025**  
**Epiphany 3**



### **Jesus Rejected at Nazareth**

<sup>14</sup> Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news about him spread through the whole countryside. <sup>15</sup> He was teaching in their synagogues, and everyone praised him. <sup>16</sup> He went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day he went into the synagogue, as was his custom. He stood up to read, <sup>17</sup> and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. Unrolling it, he found the place where it is written:

<sup>18</sup> “The Spirit of the Lord is on me,  
because he has anointed me  
to proclaim good news to the poor.  
He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners  
and recovery of sight for the blind,  
to set the oppressed free,  
<sup>19</sup> to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favour.”

<sup>20</sup> Then he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him. <sup>21</sup> He began by saying to them, “Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.”

## **This Week.**

**Picnic Lunch** 11.30am Monday 27th January  
**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 in 2 weeks' time – **Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> Feb**. Nominations are still welcome – but they need to be with Secretary Rosemary by 10.45 **this morning**, so that the candidates can be announced with the required two week's notice.

### **Annual General Meeting – Reports**

A reminder that the 2<sup>nd</sup> part (Reports) of our AGM will be conducted in 2 weeks' time, on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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

For our first ride for the year we had 15 starters. Our break was at the kiosk at West Beach Caravan Pk. It was there we discovered Christine and Graham Sturdy were celebrating 9 years of being in Aust. It was great we were able to share a coffee with them.

Meet at Wattle Reserve for next week's ride at 8.30am. *Brian*

## Picnic Lunch

For those interested, a picnic lunch is planned under **The Pine Tree** on **Monday the 27th** starting around **11.30am**. It will be a BYO including chairs, with hot water available from the house.

Hope you can join us

*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. 2<sup>nd</sup>

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: Geoff Lister**

**Lectionary for Today: 26 January 2025: Neh 8: 1 - 3, 5 - 6, 8 - 10; Ps 19 ; 1 Cor 12: 12 - 31a; Lk 4: 14 - 21.**

Reminder for Stewards: **2 February 2025**

**Refer 2025 Roster**

### **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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Graham Sturdy.**

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