



**Uniting Church in Australia**  
***SEACLIFF WEEKLY NEWS***  
**Sunday 16 February 2025**  
**Epiphany 6**

**John 6:1-13      Feeding the Five Thousand**

6 After this Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. 2 A large crowd kept following him because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. 3 Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. 4 Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near.

5 When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" 6 He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. 7 Philip answered him, "Two hundred denarii would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little."

8 One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, 9 "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" 10 Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place, so they sat down, about five thousand in all.

11 Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. 12 When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." 13 So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets.

## **This Week.**

### **Today – Harvest Festival**

**Moviemates** Time TBA Tuesday 18th February

**Men's Dinner** 6.30pm Wed. 19th February

**M&Ms** 10am Friday 21st February

### **What's News**

#### **From the Congregation AGM**

A huge *Thank You* to all the people who were able to attend the AGM. Some important decisions were taken, with goodwill and generosity of spirit from all involved.

I will start working on implementing the things we agreed to do:

#### ***Working Groups***

We have about 5 months before these will be needed, so I will take the time needed to work out the best way to invite nominations etc etc. More details in due course.

#### ***Donations to various causes***

I will have a note in the newsletter starting next week inviting proposals / suggestions for recipients. [I have received one already!!] My hope is that a set of recommendations to CC can be drawn up by the end of March, and forwarded to you for comment and endorsement in early April; the payments can then be made before Easter.

#### ***AGM & other dates***

I will take a report to the March meeting of CC for their advice about how we meet the various interests involved in setting the dates for our Congregation meetings. I'll let you know in plenty of time for the next one!!



### Today – Harvest Festival

Many, many thanks to you for your contributions this morning, both for the symbolic elements and for the practical assistance for Brighton Community Care. *Max*

### Men's Dinner for February

Men's Dinner returns for 2025 on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> February with the venue the **Rocks at Marino** on Corner of Jervois Terrace and Marine Parade with the usual start at 6.30pm for 7. For information or transport, please contact Dene Goldsack on 8296 1046. *Dene*

### Townsend Park Music Invitation

Seacliff UC members and friends are invited to a performance of Shadows instrumentals at **2pm this Sunday (16<sup>th</sup> Feb.)** at Townsend Park. The band will play for an hour and Arthur and Mary are involved. Bring your own drinks and nibbles. *Arthur*

### CogsNCoffee

It was too hot for a ride last Wed so 14 of us had a coffee and chat at INC. Next week's ride will be to McLaren Flat catching the 8.40am train from Seacliff. *Brian*



## *Notes from the Treasurer*

There are a few finance matters from our last Church Council Meeting on Feb 11th:

1. Council has approved that money be spent upgrading our **Audio** (i.e. microphones) and **Video** recording equipment at a total cost of approximately \$2000. Some of our equipment has been in use for the last 30 years! We do have information that a significant number of people access worship services through our Website. Our thanks to Arthur and Ray for doing this important technical work.
2. Council has also approved that money be spent fitting a security **screen door** to the Vestry (\$1210) and installing **gutter-guard** on the House (\$2900) to avoid the need for regular cleaning out debris from the pine tree. Our thanks to Geoff Lister for obtaining quotes and arranging for this work to be done.
3. Stewards please note that we will no longer record individual offerings given via in special **envelopes**. We will continue to record the total of envelopes and cash on the weekly summary sheets. Anyone needing envelopes should continue to see Colin Theakstone and anyone with questions about this change please see me.

*David*

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**Worship Leader for Today: Rev. Graham Sturdy**  
**Lectionary for Today: 16 February 2025: Jer 17: 5 - 10;**  
**Ps 1; 1 Cor 15: 12 - 20; Lk 6: 17 - 26.**  
Reminder for Stewards: **23 February 2025**  
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. An **AED device** unit is now available from a cabinet in the middle hall when required.

**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  
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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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