



Uniting Church in Australia
SEACLIFF WEEKLY NEWS
Sunday 23 February 2025
Epiphany 7

Kingdom Blessings & Warnings

Luke 6:17-26

¹⁷ He went down with them and stood on a level place.

²⁰ Looking at his disciples, he said:

“Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.

²¹ Blessed are you who hunger now, for you will be satisfied.

Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh.

²² Blessed are you when people hate you, when they exclude you and insult you and reject your name as evil, because of the Son of Man.

²³ “Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, because great is your reward in heaven. For that is how their ancestors treated the prophets.

“But woe to you who are rich, for you have already received your comfort.

²⁵ Woe to you who are well fed now, for you will go hungry.

Woe to you who laugh now, for you will mourn and weep.

²⁶ Woe to you when everyone speaks well of you,

for that is how their ancestors treated the false prophets.

This Week.

Adult Fellowship 1.30pm Wed. 26th February What's News

Lent Groups 2025

You are invited to join a Lent Group. Traditionally Christians have used the six-week period of Lent to grow in their faith and discipleship. Lent Groups are offered as a way of encouraging and helping each other on our faith journey.

There is no specific course we are following this year, rather the invitation is to '**Experience the Gospel Stories**' (taking a scene from the life of Christ and re-living it in our minds) What are the people in the story feeling? What am I feeling as I take part? It is a different, but lovely way to explore the bible. As usual, group members are free to join in the discussion or simply listen. Again, there will be a Tuesday morning group (10 a.m.) and a Thursday afternoon group (2p.m.) (11 & 13, 18 & 20 March) (NO meetings on 25 & 27 March) (1 & 3, 8 & 10 April).

If you are interested, please sign the sheet at the back of church.

Rev. Graham Sturdy

From the Congregation AGM:

Donations to various causes :

At the AGM two weeks ago, the congregation resolved to make gifts / donations to organisations, as nominated and finally selected by members of our church community, up to a total of \$10 000.

I am now inviting proposals / suggestions for recipients. [I have received two already!!] If you can write 20 words or so describing the organisation's work, or why they are deserving recipients, that would be helpful. The timeline I have in mind is:

March 16th (3 weeks' time) deadline for nominations

March 17th circulate the list to CC for confirmation; list circulated to congregation; voting slips available

April 6th (3 Sundays) selection / voting (written ballot)

Concludes

April 8th final approvals by CC

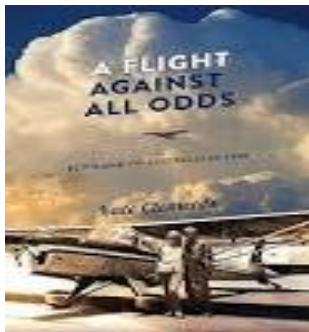
April 13th (Palm Sunday) donations paid.

Harvest Festival Thanks

Many, many thanks for all the food contributions for Harvest Festival last week. There was a very substantial quantity of goods delivered to *Grocer with a Heart* on Tuesday morning.

Rachel Ann Barton Krieg

Many Seacliff people will remember Stan and Olive Parr. Some may remember their grand-daughter Rachel (known to us as Rachel Ann). As advised last week, Rachel died recently, aged 50. Her funeral will be conducted **today** (Sunday 23rd) here at Seacliff Uniting Church, at **2pm**, led by Rev Greg Pearce (minister at Seacliff through the mid 1990s). Many thanks to the Seacliff people assisting with proceedings. *Max*



Adult Fellowship

Adult Fellowship will meet this **Wednesday Feb 26th at 1.30pm** and our Guest Speaker will be Kate Clements, author of ***“A flight against all odds”***.

In 1968 Kate and her husband flew 12,000 miles (20,000km) from Scotland to Australia in a single engine, canvas covered plane. Come along and hear her story, all welcome, bring a friend. *Mary*

CogsNCoffee

Eleven of us did the ride along the train line to Plant 4 for our chat and coffee. We came home via the Torrens, which is sad to see, no running water, dry beds and stagnant pools.

Next week's ride to Breeze at Aldinga Beach, catching 8.40am train at Seacliff. *Brian*

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Worship Leader for Today: Brian Gepp

Lectionary for Today: 23 February 2025: Jer 17: 5 - 10;

Ps 1; 1 Cor 15: 12 - 20; Lk 6: 17 - 26.

Reminder for Stewards: **2 March 2025**

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. 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
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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