



**Uniting Church in Australia**  
**SEACLIFF WEEKLY NEWS**  
**Sunday 16 March 2025**  
**Lent 2**

Jesus Anointed at Bethany



<sup>20</sup> Looking at his disciples, he said:

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

<sup>21</sup> Blessed are you who hunger now, for you will be satisfied.

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

<sup>22</sup> 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.

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

<sup>24</sup> “But woe to you who are rich, for you have already received your comfort.

<sup>25</sup> 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.

<sup>26</sup> Woe to you when everyone speaks well of you, for that is how their ancestors treated the false prophets.

## **This Week.**

**Uniting Conversations** 7pm Tonight 16<sup>th</sup> March  
**Lent Group** 10am Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> March  
**Movie Mates** Time TBA Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> March  
**Men's Dinner** 6.30pm Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> March  
**Lent group** 2pm Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> March  
**M&Ms** 10am Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March

## **What's News**

### **Lent Groups 2025**

You are invited to join a Lent Group.

The invitation is to '**Experience the Gospel Stories**'. 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. Continues next Tuesday morning at (10 a.m.) and Thursday afternoon at (2p.m.) **(NO meetings on 25 & 27 March).**

*Rev. Graham Sturdy*

### **Donations** as resolved by the AGM:

A reminder that today is the last day for submitting nominations. If you can write (or say!!) 20 words or so describing the organisation's work, or why they are deserving recipients, that would be helpful.

The list will be circulated for next week's newsletter, together with a proposed plan of action.

*Max*

### **Men's Dinner for March**

The March Men's dinner is set for **Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> March** with the venue **Spargos** at Marion Shopping Centre, Sturt Road. Meet **6.30 for 7pm**. Contact Dene Goldsack on 8296 1046 for transport or information.

*Dene*

### **Community Garden**

**Saturday 22nd March** will be the next regular 'third Saturday of the month' gardening day to which all are welcome. Always

gardening, chatter and coffee available between 9.00 and 11.00am.

*Ruth Telfer*

### **A Conversation about 'Death and Funerals'**

As publicised, tonight from 7-9pm, and yes it will concern us all, so come along and bring a friend.

*David*

## **UNITING CONVERSATIONS**

When it come to dealing with your own death, or that of someone you love, there are significant decisions which need to be made.

Two key areas are:

\_the **legal** considerations around wills, inheritance, probate etc. What do you need to be aware of?

\_what choices do you wish to make regarding **interment**? The options, to be explained together with their pros and cons, are burial, cremation, natural burial, aquamation and a mausoleum.

*Speakers:* **Ms Aislinn Young – Solicitor**

**Mr Arun Ramchand – Cemeteries Customer Manager**

## **June Long Weekend - Connecting with Community**

Seacliff's final Big Book Sale was held in June 2024, leaving the June Long Weekend free of any events. It was sad to see the Book Sale finish - after more than 20 years!- but some of us felt that it was important to maintain some kind of community activity, as the Book Sale had become a regular event for many people, on their calendar and looked forward to each year.

After some discussion it was proposed that we hold an **Open Community Garden Day and Market**, with plants, produce, preserves, cakes, craft and most importantly BOOKS! This occasion could become a major fundraiser for the Church's mission projects.

Pending Church Council's approval for the project, we will begin to outline in upcoming newsletters the shape the Market will take and ways in which everyone can assist and/or contribute. Watch This Space!

*Heather, Denise and Maureen*

## **Work Health and Safety**

We make the safety of our people a high priority, and *Work Health and Safety* in the physical environment is one important part of that. (There are many examples around the place, but you probably don't notice them – because accidents are prevented, so don't happen!!)

Recently we have given much thought to the matter of our people working on ladders. Because of our concern we have installed gutter guard on Wheatland House, at significant cost, so that we don't need to have people climbing ladders to clean the gutter. We have also provided a ladder in the kitchen particularly for access to high cupboards. A safety sign is attached to the wall behind the ladder: Please observe those terms of use.

**Any person working above ground level must without exception be accompanied by another person.**

The small number of people who will be using higher ladders have been advised of our policy, namely that **if the person's feet will be more than 2m above floor level, the prior permission of CHURCH COUNCIL is Mandatory.**

Insurance and legal aspects are part of this, of course, but there's more to this than just our physical safety. One of the ways we care for each other is by ensuring we don't unnecessarily cause distress to our friends!!

Please stay safe!!

Max Howland, Congregation Chairperson  
Annette Craven, Council Chairperson  
Geoff Lister, Property Officer

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**Worship Leader for Today: Rev. Graham Sturdy**  
**Lectionary for Today: 16 March 2025: Jer 17: 5 - 10;**  
**Ps 1; 1 Cor 15: 12 - 20 ; Lk 6: 17- 26.**  
Reminder for Stewards: **23 March 2025**  
Andrew Telfer Jim Emery

### 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](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.

**Our Minister is Rev. Graham Sturdy.**

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