



**Uniting Church in Australia**  
**SEACLIFF WEEKLY NEWS**  
**Sunday 18 December 2016**  
**Advent 4**

**JOY... in all its fullness**

*“Though you have not seen him [Jesus], you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy.” – 1 Peter 1:8*

About four years after we first started trying to have a baby, Anette and I threw ourselves before God in prayer and “gave up to God” our hope for children. We had come to understand that life and death are in God’s hands, and we told God we would accept his will, even if it was that we were not to have children of our own.

It was shortly after this that Anette and I experienced the wonderful news that we were pregnant again, and we prayed and prayed while the dangerous first trimester passed. Perhaps you can imagine our joy when Catherine was born?

While Catherine’s birth brought joy to everyone in our extended family, the birth of Jesus Christ brought joy to the whole world. Anticipated for hundreds and hundreds of years, all creation trembled with a fullness of joy at his coming.

God, the Heavenly Father, awaited the birth of his son, Jesus Christ, already knowing what this child would be like (like Father, like Son), and what he would do (bring life for all).

To know this Jesus as our Saviour is to have a source of joy that exceeds mere human happiness and transcends our life circumstances.

When have you experienced a heart overflowing with joy? When did you last contemplate the love God has for you, expressed through his son, Jesus Christ?

**Rev David Hoffman, the minister of Westbourne Park Uniting Church.**

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***Welcome to Seacliff Uniting Church!***

*If you are new to the area, visiting friends or family, or on a holiday, to you we extend a warm welcome, and invite you to share fully in worship and fellowship.*

*Our Minister is Peter Moss ☎ 8381 2943*

## **This Week at Seacliff**

**Lessons and Carols Service**

**Today 9.30am**

**Christmas Eve under the Pine Tree – 2016**

**6pm 24<sup>th</sup> Dec**

**Christmas Day Service Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> 9am Note early time!**

### **PREPARATION**

It's almost time.

*Time for renewed wonder and awe.*

Time for gratitude and joy.

*Time for celebration.*

Time for loving.

***Time for adoration.***

Look!

A Virgin shall conceive and give birth to a son,

and his name shall be called Emmanuel;

which means, God-with-us.

***It's almost time. Emmanuel, God is with us! Hallelujah!***

***Bruce Prewer: Used with permission***

## **What's News**

### **Church Office over the Holiday Period. - Reminder**

Would church members please note that the office will close on **16th December** and not reopen **until 27th January 2017**, so the today's newssheet will be for 2016 and the first one for 2017 will be that for 29th January.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Dean for producing the weekly newssheet as well as those who staff the office throughout the year.

Dennis

### **CogsNCoffee**

Nine of us rode for our coffee today, very pleasant at the Victoria Park grandstand. Stuart O'Grady was there, whom I think is the owner.

Next weeks ride is for breakfast leaving Wattle Res. at 8.00am.. for those time short and driving 9.00am at Grange.

Trivia for this year : we have done about 45 riding days averaging all up about 1600k.

Brian

## **Last Weekly Newsletter for 2016**

This edition of our weekly newsheet is the last one for the year. I would like to wish all who have received the weekly newsletter over 2016 a blessed Christmas in the Love of God's gift to us, Jesus Christ.  
Dean Dixon.

## **CHRISTMAS EVE under the PINE TREE - 2016**

*As the waiting ends and we celebrate the Gift of Love this Christmas season, we also have an opportunity to share that gift with our wider communities - an invitation at this time of year may be what they've been waiting for. Bring a friend, a neighbour, a grandchild....*

### **Saturday 24th**

**6.00pm** – Sausage Sizzle

✧ Sausage and bread, Tea/ Coffee/ Cordial.

✧ Christmas Music 6.30 –7pm.

**7.00pm** - Christmas Carols

✧ Christmas story and activity for kids.

✧ Supper in the Hall afterwards - Tea/ Coffee/ Cordial/  
Christmas Cake/ Cheese and Biscuits.

### **Christmas Day Service**

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> 9am Note early time!**

## **Beyond Seacliff**

### **Adare's Awesome Garage Sale**

***Saturday 7 January, 2017 // Adare Uniting Church (5 The Drive, Victor Harbor)***

Going to Victor Harbor over the summer? Make sure you include Saturday 7 January so you can share in Adare's mega garage sale!

From 8am, enjoy an egg 'n' bacon sandwich as you browse through books, toys, electrical items, cakes and local produce, artwork, jewellery, manchester and numerous household items. A face painter and a philatelist will also be in attendance, and those present are invited to share in a Devonshire morning tea, light lunch or barbecue.

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### **Worship Leader for Today : Rev. Peter Moss**

Dec 18 2016 Advent 4 **Lectionary:** Is 7:10-16 Ps 80:1-7, 17-19  
Rom 1:1-7 Mt 1:18-25

### **Reminder for Stewards : 25.12.2016**

Brian Gepp                      Warick Gardner

### **Welcome to our Church.**

There are a few 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.

Children normally leave for the children's programme after the children's talk during the Service. More information is available from the Steward's Table and displays scattered around "The Middle Hall".

### **Items for the Newsletter**

Please email items to.

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[m](mailto:m) and seacliffuc-churchoffice@adam.com.au by 9.30am on Wednesdays. If you do not have access to email, please phone or call in at the church office and it will be forwarded for you.

### **Contact Details – Peter Moss**

Peter is at the office in Wheatland House - Tuesdays, Fridays, and usually Wednesday or Thursday mornings; Office : 8296 1517. If he's not in the office, you are welcome to ring him at home and leave a message if he's not there. Home : 8381 2943 Email: [peter.moss.534@gmail.com](mailto:peter.moss.534@gmail.com)

### **Church Office Information**

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9.30am – 12.30pm

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