



**Uniting Church in Australia**  
**SEACLIFF WEEKLY NEWS**  
**Sunday 30th April 2017**  
**Easter 3**

***“A note from Peter”***

No doubt you have heard reports of parts of east Africa experiencing their worst famine in years. A million people are already seriously at risk of dying. A number of organisations are responding with urgent help, one of them being Act for Peace (the National Council of Churches organisation that runs the annual Christmas Bowl appeal). As you will have read in Max's report last Sunday, the Church Council has agreed that during May we will support a special appeal that Act for Peace is making for emergency relief for the victims of this famine, and envelopes for that purpose will be available from next Sunday.

I confess that when I received the material from Act for Peace (on the day of the Church Council meeting) I inwardly groaned.

We receive many requests for financial help .. most of them for worthy causes .. but there's only so much we can give or do. That's the reason we decided a few years ago to focus our support on just 3 main things each year and to support them well: the Lent Event, the Christmas Bowl appeal, and a project of the congregation's choosing.

Acting according to that policy, we have declined some requests for financial support or simply mentioned others for people to respond to if they wish (such as the recent floods in QLD and NSW). My first inclination was to do the same with this appeal. But as I was thinking about that, I remembered my grief and outrage, shared by many other people, at the recent use of chemical weapons that caused so much indiscriminate death, pain and suffering to people in Syria. With that memory came the thought that the number of victims of this famine will be hundreds of times greater .. mostly among the most vulnerable people of whom women and children are the majority .. unless people like us make a difference. In the story of the rich man and Lazarus (Lk 16: 19-31) Jesus reminds us that evil flourishes not just through the deliberate actions of evil people,

(such as those who use chemical weapons) but also through the inactions of otherwise good people who could make a positive difference but don't. That thought came to me as one of those that I've learned to recognise are often the prompting of the Holy Spirit, and so I brought the request to the Church Council to consider, and the Council agreed to support the appeal.

As I said before, there's only so much that any of us can do and sometimes we have to choose between competing needs. This appeal may be one to which you feel you cannot respond.

However, I encourage you at least to consider it.

**Peter**

***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**

<b>Knitting/Crochet/Hand-sewing Group</b>	<b>10am Thurs. 4th May</b>
<b>M&amp;Ms Ladies Group</b>	<b>10am Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May</b>
<b>TakeUs 2 for May</b>	<b>6pm next Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May</b>

## **What's News**

### **Peter's Office Hours**

Lyn and Peter will be sharing the use of a car this coming week. As a result Peter will be working from home a little more and in the office a little less. If you want to catch him in the office, please ring him at home (8381 2943) or on his mobile (0409 672 979) to check when he'll be there.

### **Cogs "n" Coffee**

10 of us set our sails and were blown to Outer Harbour. We kind of wished Robina a happy birthday for the previous day, as we enjoyed our coffee at Nth Haven.

Onto the train, and then the last part of our ride along the train line home. Next weeks ride, meet at 8.30am in front of Greigs, with Warwick leading the way.



Madagascar

## **TakeUs 2 for May**

Unfortunately Graham and Trisha Brice are unable to be our hosts on May 7<sup>th</sup> as scheduled. Consequently we have arranged for an ex-colleague and well-travelled friend, Kevin Pearson, to present on '***Mexico and Madagascar***,' which will be very interesting I am sure. Usual arrangements commencing at 6pm.

David

## **Beyond Seacliff**

### **Marion Concert**

Marion Uniting Church corner Township Road & Church Crescent, Marion **7 May 2017 2:00pm - 3:30pm**

#### **Event details**

This Sunday afternoon concert will feature Marianne Riccio, Cabaret. It will be held on Sunday 7 May at 2pm at Marion Uniting Church. Tickets are \$12, and include a homemade afternoon tea. Tickets are available from Heather (see contact details below). For more information; Contact Heather Phone 8357 5650

### **Induction Service for Rev Alexander Rodgers**

Wesley Uniting Church Kent Town, corner Fullarton Road & Grenfell Street, Kent Town. **1 May 2017 - 7:30pm**

#### **Event details**

An Induction Service for Rev Alexander Rodgers will be held on Monday 1 May at 7.30pm at Wesley Uniting Church Kent Town. Rev Philip Gardner will be the guest preacher, and supper will be served following the service.

Colleagues, family and friends are cordially invited to share in this special event with Alex as he commences as Minister of the Word at Wesley Kent Town. For more information Contact Jenny Stewart Phone 0400 279 684

## **Property and Finance**

### **Report to Congregation from meeting held 25<sup>th</sup> April 2017**

Last Tuesday we had a very productive meeting and the following is summary for members of the congregation.

#### **Appointments**

I was confirmed as Chairperson of the committee and extremely happy that Maureen Howland was appointed Deputy Chairperson. I look forward to her support during this year. David Greig was officially co-opted to the committee, a decision that will need to be formalised as an elected member on some future occasion.

#### **Roof of Wheatland House**

Following the decision by Church Council that the roof, gutters and downpipes be replaced a contract has been entered into with Hindmarsh Roofing. A grant of \$1850 from the Holdfast Bay Council has been a significant help. The contractor has agreed to remove the gutters a couple of weeks before commencing the work so we can repaint, and repair any damage to, the fascias. Dene Goldsack has agreed to coordinate the painting and will be looking for assistance.

#### **Repairs to paving**

You should be aware that the bitumen paving around Wheatland House and the rear car park is in a very poor state of repair. We have had quotes for having some repair work done but the committee decided that the expense could not be justified at this time. David Greig has agreed to coordinate some temporary patching and unblocking a storm water drain at the corner of Wheatland House.

#### **Removal of unwanted things**

I will remove the unwanted air conditioner, an old filing cabinet, some old card tables with unsafe legs and some timber boxes. If you have use for any of the above items please speak to me. Church Council will consider what to do about the excess pews that we currently have.

## **Fencing repairs**

Plans are in hand to replace the collapsed fence adjacent to the neighbour's garage in the rear Car park and the fence on Yacca Road. John Bollinger, David Grieg and Bob Heywood will coordinate this.

## **Rails by Church Door**

Dene is working to obtain a quote so that unsafe situation can be corrected.

## **Sundry Matters**

Ray will fix the light outside Wheatland House front door, John will organise a notice board for the use of hirers and Maureen and Von will consider the need for a regular spring clean of the Worship Centre to supplement the work of the cleaner.

## **Finance**

Dennis gave his usual humorous summary of the current income and expenditure and pointed out the need for Property and Finance to consider ways of raising money as well as spending it. I am sure there will be more on this topic later.

As I said a very productive one and half hours.

Bev and I will be away for about 5 weeks so please refer any property matters to Maureen or any member of the committee.

Geoff

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

**Lectionary:** April 30 2017 Easter 3 Acts 2:14a, 36-41

Ps 116:1-4, 12-19 1 Pt 1:17-23 Lk 24:13-35

### **Reminder for Stewards 7.5.2017**

Warick Gardner

Bob Heywood

### **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.

[deandixon7@bigpond.co](mailto:deandixon7@bigpond.com)

[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

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