

Uniting Church in Australia SEACLIFF WEEKLY NEWS Sunday 14 May 2017

Easter 5

Gospel

Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also.

John 14:1-3

For prayer and reflection...

Days pass when I forget the mystery.

Problems insoluble and problems offering their own ignored solutions jostle for my attention, they crowd its antechamber along with a host of diversions, my courtiers, wearing their coloured clothes; caps and bells.

And then

once more the quiet mystery is present to me, the throng's clamour

recedes: the mystery

that there is anything, anything at all,

let alone cosmos, joy. Memory, everything

rather than void: and that, O Lord, Creator, Hallowed One, You still,

hour by hour sustain it.

Denise Levertov From South Australian Council of Churches e-news

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 28881 2943

This Week at Seacliff

Men's Dinner for May Women's Day Fellowship Cancer Morning Tea 6.30pm 17th May 10am Thursday 18th May 10am Friday 19th May

What's News

Baby Boomers Turn 70-ish

A celebration is being organised to celebrate reaching '3 score and 10' for a large number of us who are 'Baby Boomers' (by any definition). You will already have the date June 24 in your diary I am sure, so just to confirm some more details, it will be from 7.30 in our church halls, \$5 donation to cover costs.

The program will include: A photo board for early childhood photos (Max) Brief recitals or other items (Mary) П A 'Fashion' parade from wardrobe or Op. Shop. (Maureen) A Baby Boomers Quiz (Richard) Some 'Fun and Games' (Dennis) Music and old-style dancing (Arthur) Supper and a big Birthday cake! Further information and invitations are available on the website, from any of the above people, David or his pigeon hole. We will try to get an estimate of numbers on June 18th, so we know how big to make the cake. Of course, everyone is most welcome, David irrespective of age.

Cancer Morning Tea

M&M's are holding their annual Cancer Morning tea on **Friday**, **19**th **May from 10am to 11.30am**. This year, the proceeds will be going to childhood cancer research. Please put this date in your diary. Everyone is very welcome.

Josie

Men's Dinner for May

The next Men's Dinner will be held on **Wednesday 17th May** at the **Seacliff Hotel Bistro, Espanade, Seacliff.** Meet at 6.30 pm for 7.00. For further information, or if you need a ride, please contact Ray on 8298 3480 or Dene on 8296 1046.

Cogs "n" Coffee

Last Wednesday 2 intrepid riders ventured to Grange in perfect riding weather. Numbers were down as most of our members were on their way to South Western Victoria to ride some rail trails and take in some hand craft opportunities.

Next Wednesday we will meet at Greig's at 8.30 am for a ride along the Sturt Creek and around Adelaide Airport. Please join us for this very easy ride and enjoy refreshments at West Beach. Contact Warwick for more details by phoning 0403 226 006 or 08 8296 5357.

Beyond Seacliff



A Mothers Day message from Rev Steph Tai (from New Times Online)

Our own preferences, the way we have always done things, or what makes us comfortable can be a very strong factors in our lives. But what if we need to reassess them to allow the next generation to survive?

While I was originally reflected on this from my perspective as a mother, I have since realised that it is something that also applies to the church.

If we – as Christians and church communities – hold too tightly to our preferences, we won't be giving life and room to grow for the generations that are following.

It may not be easy or enjoyable to think about, but for the kids, young people and new believers to thrive, we are going to need to be uncomfortable. For them to grow, we are going to need to change the way we have always done things.

It will be messy. We may even lose sleep. And they will not always be cute... But it will be worth it.

I guess God has a lot more work to do in all of us. Being a parent, even a spiritual parent, means that you do what it takes to love and provide space for them to grow – not into carbon copies of ourselves, but into who God has created them to be.

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Ps 31:1-5, 15-16; 1 Pt 2:2-10; Jn 14:1-14.

Reminder for Stewards 21.5.2017 Von Bollinger L. Milner

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.

<u>Morning tea</u> 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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by 9.30am on Wednesdays. If
you do not have access to email,
please phone or call in at the
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forwarded for you.

<u>Contact Details – Peter Moss</u>

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