



**Uniting Church in Australia**  
***SEACLIFF WEEKLY NEWS***  
**Sunday 19 November 2017**  
**Pentecost 24**

## *Reflection*

I am definitely not a 'morning person'. But that had to change when I became parent, as I adjusted to the demands of four hourly infant feeds. I had to be awake and alert.

Paul encourages the people of Thessalonica to be on the alert in 1 Thessalonians 5:5-7. They had expected the return of Christ in their lifetime, and perhaps had become complacent. They might have thought their work was done, and that they could sit back and simply wait.

We also live in the expectations of that day, when Christ will return. But meanwhile, we should stay awake and alert to the needs of those around us.

## *Prayer*

Sometimes, Lord, we may be awake, but unaware that someone needs our company, our friendship and our understanding. Stir us into action, we pray, that our waiting may be proactive, for the sake of your kingdom.

Amen.

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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**

**MovieMates** 5.45pm Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November  
**Women's Evening Fellowship** 7.30pm Wed. 22<sup>nd</sup> November  
**What's News**

### **Women's Evening Fellowship**

Our next meeting is this coming Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> November, 2017, at 7.30 pm. We will be having a business meeting, followed by a fun Craft Night. (Just a reminder to bring a pair of scissors if you can)

The Green Group is on Duty so we are sure to get our usual delish supper. If you are not going to be there on Wednesday, could you please let me know if you will be at our Christmas Dinner on the 13<sup>th</sup> December, for catering reasons. Thank you.  
Von

### **MOVIEMATES**

We are going to see the cracking new version of "***Murder On The Orient Express***" at Marion next Tuesday 21st November.

It starts at 6.00 pm so meet at the top of the stairs at say 5.45 p.m.

See you there.

Richard

### **Advent singers**

If you are interested in joining a small group to lead the Lessons and Carols service on Dec 17 please attend a practice/meeting at the church at 7.30 on Monday Nov 20 to discuss if and how we will proceed. Please bring along any ideas and possible music to use. Please contact me if you are interested but not able to attend meeting.

Mary Greig 0417993555 or 82967640

### **Takeus2 for 2018**

Last Sunday, we discussed how to proceed in 2018 and it was agreed that we will maintain the format in 2018 with meetings every month, usually on the first Sunday evening starting in March rather than February.

People are invited to make direct offers to David, preferably in writing with preferred months and destinations, asap and before Christmas please. David will then construct and circulate the program for next year. Thank you. David

## **Take Us 2 Bangladesh**

A reminder that next Sunday morning following morning tea, Tarcisius, Sorola, Katerina and Arayana will be sharing about life in their home country of Bangladesh. You will be invited to taste some traditional Bangladesh food (taste only – it's not lunch!)

Peter

## **Beyond Seacliff**

### **Cancer Council Fundraiser in SeaCliff UC Church Hall This afternoon, 19th November**

My wife Sue is a member of the “Marilyn Jetty Swim” group that raises funds for the Cancer Council of SA with their Jetty Swim every year (see: <http://www.themarilyns.org>), and I am helping her raise some money by running my portable Planetarium/Movie Theatre in the Church Hall on Sunday afternoon, 19th November. There will be two sessions, starting at 2pm and 4pm; with afternoon tea in between (possibly served by multiple Marilyn Monroes!); and Sue says there will be “stellar door prizes” too...

In each session I will run the 20 minute, 360-degree movie “Earth’s Wild Ride” (which has a lunar colony, astronauts, an eclipse, a ride up an active volcano, mammoths, dinosaurs, a killer asteroid, and canyoning in a thunderstorm: what more could you possibly want?!), followed by a planetarium show. Lots of fun for kids from 2 to 92 (and either side).

If people are interested in coming, they can book through Eventbrite: all the details are at <http://mjs360.eventbrite.com.au>

Rev Dean Davidson. Mob: 0413 039 477

## Same Sex Marriage

Following the postal survey results, the federal government will now consider changes to the Marriage Act. The survey was a civil matter and any resulting changes to the Marriage Act will relate to how marriages are recognised under federal law. Churches and religious celebrants will not be legally required to marry couples against their conscience or theological understanding of marriage. The Uniting Church's position on marriage remains unchanged. The Assembly of the Uniting Church (ie national council) has been considering the matter for some time and is continuing to do so. The next time the full Assembly meets is the middle of 2018 and no decision will be made by the Uniting Church before that. As part of working toward making decisions though and to allow for productive discussions at the national meeting, the Assembly Standing Committee has invited input and comment from Synods (states). To aid in this discernment, they have asked all Synods to discuss the following three areas at their state gatherings:

1. Share your hopes and concerns about our conversation on marriage.
2. In what mutually respectful ways could we move together as a Church that reflects the breadth of who we are as the Uniting Church in Australia?
3. What matters would you like the Assembly Standing Committee to consider as it prepares for a discussion on this matter at the 15th Assembly?

The Synod of SA meets on Thus, Fri and Sat next week. Peter Moss, Kay Homes and Max Howland will be part of that. Please keep the Synod in your prayers as we meet to deal with a range of business, including responding to the Assembly in regard to marriage.

A statement issued by the Moderator of SA after the ballot result was announced can be read at <http://sa.uca.org.au/uniting-church-media-releases/statement-from-the-moderator-australian-marriage-law-postal-survey> A pastoral statement released last week by the President of the Assembly and the Moderators of all the Synods can be read at <http://sa.uca.org.au/new-times/pastoral-statement-ampls> These statements are too long to include in the newsletter but can be found on our notice board.

Peter

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Worship Leader for Today: Rev. Peter Moss.

Lectionary for Today: Nov 19 2017 Pent 24 Jgs 4:1-7,  
Ps 123, 1 Thes 5:1-11, Mt 25:14-30 .

Reminder for Stewards 26.11.2017

Brian Gepp

Von Bollinger

### **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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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;

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office, you are welcome to ring him at

home and leave a message if he's not

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