



Uniting Church in Australia
SEACLIFF WEEKLY NEWS
Sunday 10 December 2017
ADVENT 2

PREPARATION

Good news today!

The beginning of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

The voice of John the Baptist is heard in the wilderness

“Prepare the way of the Lord,
make the paths straight for him.”

*Comfort, comfort all my people,
speak tenderly to Jerusalem and say
her slavery is ended and her sins are all pardoned.*

“After me comes a Mighty One
whose shoes I am not worthy to untie.”

*Committed love and faithfulness will meet,
right living and peace will kiss each other.*

PRAYER OF APPROACH

God of flaming truth and burning compassion, give to your people the courage to turn to you with awe but without abject fear.

You are so great, we are so small. You are so holy, we are so common. You are so beautiful, we are so shabby. You are sublimely loving, we are creatures of inveterate self interest.

As we turn to you, turn to us we pray, and in the light of your Presence let us find our true love and worship. Through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Amen!

Bruce Prewer..... Used with permission.

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

Women's Evening Fellowship

6.30pm 13th December

Christmas Carols Service

Next Sunday 9.30am 17th Dec.

What's News

Property and Finance – short meeting

There will be a short meeting of the P&F committee after soap box this morning to discuss the possibility of replacing the carpet in the church.

Peter unavailable 18th December

Peter is having another small ear operation on Monday 18th Nov and won't be available for pastoral matters. He will be on "light duties" working from home on Tuesday 19th – you can ring him there but he won't be allowed to drive anywhere.

B-Team party last week – many, many thanks to all the people who worked so hard to make it a successful and most pleasant day: worship preparers, leaders and helpers; morning tea providers and servers; children's activities providers; Christmas Shoppe suppliers and servers. Not to forget the cleaning brigade, and everyone else who helped in any way in the background: Thank You to you all.

Max.

Church Camp 2018

Do you wish to see a Church Camp happen next year? After many years, Marian and Darren have called "Time" on their role as Camp Conveners, so if there is to be a camp next year, we need a new Convener, and a Camp Committee. Church Council is in effect filling the latter role at present. If you wish to see a camp proceed next year, could that be a calling to you to offer your services as Convener? Council will be very pleased to receive your response.

Max.

A couple of reminders:

- The time for you to respond to the Consultation report ends today: you are invited to place your red dots against those items that you support.
- The proposed Christmas Day lunch invitation to people who will otherwise be spending all that day alone and would like some company for a while. Talk to Maureen or Max.

Church Office Closure over Christmas Holidays.

Would you please note that the office will close on 16th

December and re-open on 25th January 2018. If there is something urgent which you think people should know about please email me at dnpwood@gmail.com or ring 8270 6303. Thanks to all those who have manned the office in 2017.
Dennis

Church Rosters 2018

It was recently suggested that the rosters in many cases could be emailed to those interested and thus save on time and printing costs. If you would like to receive the rosters by email please email the church office or myself at dnpwood@gmail.com . Paper copies will still be available but not as many. Here again I would like to express my thanks to all those people whose names appear on the rosters. Please see me if you would like to be on a roster.
Dennis

Cogs n Coffee

A lovely ride was had to Willunga where the boys got into the ice coffees with and without cream.

Next weeks ride is our Christmas breaky event at Victoria Park Grandstand. Meet at Greigs at 8.00am. Partners and friends are welcome to meet us there about 9.00am. Brian 0439977576

Coming Soon!

Christmas Under the Pine Tree 6pm 24th December

Beyond Seacliff

The Corner Kids Performing Arts Group Musical

The Corner Uniting Church corner Oaklands & Diagonal Roads, Warradale **17 December 2017 10:00am - 11:30am**

Presenting ***Guinea Pigs in the Manger***, a Christmas musical for the whole family! Followed by morning tea.

We encourage you to re-look at the Nativity set - where are the characters positioned? Who is there? Can they move around?

Our story asks us "how can we make room for others at Christmas?"

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Worship Leader for Today: Rev. Peter Moss. HC
Lectionary for Today December 10 Advent 2: Is 40:1-11;
Ps 85:1-2, 8-13, 2 Pt 3:8-15a, Mk1 1-8.
Reminder for Stewards 17, 12.2017
Dave Rickard Bob Haywood

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.com
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

Church Office Information

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9.30am – 12.30pm

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