

Uniting Church in Australia SEACLIFF WEEKLY NEWS Sunday 18 March 2018 LENT 5

On this fifth Sunday of Lent, the paradox of the way of Christ challenges us:

Through loss comes gain, through death comes abundant life.

Jesus said: "Unless a grain of wheat falls into the soil and dies, it will remain a lonely thing. But if it is buried, it will yield much harvest."

Christ did not want to suffer and die. It is written:

"In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the God who was able to save him from death."

Although he was a Son, he learned obedience in the school of suffering.

When he calls us to take up our cross and follow him, there is abundant joy in his presence but there is also discipline and self sacrifice.

With my whole heart I seek, You loving Lord, let me never wander from your ways.

The grace, mercy and peace of Christ Jesus be with you all. *And also with you!*

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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 TBA Tuesday 20th March Men's Dinner 6.30pm Wednesday 21st March

What's News

Lenten Study this week

The two groups will combine again this Tuesday and meet at 1.30pm in the middle hall for our final Lenten study. Max

Lent Event

It has been pointed out to me that the Lent Event papers indicate many ways we can make contributions to the appeal, but one is omitted. Please be assured that, if you wish to make a cash donation to the appeal, and place a Lent Event envelope in the offering here on a Sunday, we will forward your gift to the organisers. It's not written on their form, but we will do it for you.

Max.

CHURCH COUNCIL ELECTIONS NEXT SUNDAY, the 25th March 2018.

Nominees for election to Church Council are:

- ANNETTE CRAVEN 5 years
- JOSIE KEAVY 1 year

Please note that all nominees for election must receive the positive endorsement of the congregation in order to be elected. If the number of nominees is not more than the number of available places on Council, *nominees are not declared elected unopposed:* each nominee must receive the positive support of the majority of those who vote. Your participation in the election process is an important part of the functioning of our congregation.

The AGM (REPORTS) will also be held next Sunday. The reports already received have been emailed and there are a few copies available today. If you have not provided the report you prepare please email it to me so it can be included at the meeting - rosemary.thomson1@bigpond.com

Tenebrae Service

Beginning at 8.00pm on Wed 28th March, we will be holding a Tenebrae service, including Holy Communion, in the church as part of the lead-up to Easter. Everyone is invited to this service which replaces the regular meeting of the evening fellowship. Max

Worship up to and around Easter

An invitation is extended to you to worship with a particular focus on these days approaching and on Easter Day:

- March 25th, 9.30 a.m. Palm Sunday, and also Passion Sunday (also the Sunday following the last of the Lenten Studies)
- Wed March 28th, evening (time TBA) Tennebrae worship
- Fri March 30th, 9.30 a.m. Good Friday
- **Sunday April 1st, 6.30 a.m**. sunrise Easter Day at Angus Neill Reserve
- Sunday 1st April, 9.30 a.am. Easter Day at Seacliff UC.

Please remember that the first Sunday in April, which is Easter this year, is the first day of the *change back to Standard Time* after "daylight saving": if you forget that, you could find yourself wondering where everyone is when you turn up for worship.

Max

Church Camp Reminder (Glenbarr, May 25-27)

Info and Rego forms are available from our church website or Andrew's pigeon hole. Please make sure that you get the Rego form back and deposit paid **by April 1**st at the latest please, to help us with the planning. After Easter we will get a group together to finalize arrangements, including the Program. Looking forward to it, David and Andrew.

.Men's Dinner for March

The next Men's Dinner will be held on **Wednesday, 21stMarch at the Flagstaff Hotel, South Rd. Darlington.** Meet at 6.30 pm for 7.00. For further information, or if you need a ride, please contact Ray on 8298 3480.

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Cogs & Coffee

This past week, we had 15 riders journey to Willunga for a most enjoyable ride. We welcomed Desmond along as a guest rider who is involved in organising rides out at Salisbury.

Meet at Greigs next Wed at 8.30am, ride to catch train at Goodwood, then a ride from Belair through the National Park. to Joan's Pantry for coffee.

Brian

Furniture Wanted!

Christine would like another chest of drawers for clothing and a bookcase. If you have either or both of these items, please see Christine at church or contact Josie 8298 1707. Thank you, Josie.

Beyond Seacliff

Prayers for KCO

KCO (Kids' Camp Out) is being held at Adare Camp & Caravan Park this weekend (17-18 March).

Please pray for all the children attending as campers and siblings, and for the leaders, organisers and volunteers who will help to make this camp an exciting and enriching time.

Harmony Day Variety Show

St Andrew's by the Sea Uniting Church 92 Jetty Road, Glenelg 18 March 2018 2:00pm - 5:00pm

Event details

Arts by the Sea brings you an afternoon of entertainment featuring the performing arts of different cultures in Australia today.

Try your luck in the raffle and sample the culinary delights from the stalls in our Food Hall! Free beverages for all. Eat-in or takeaway refreshments available to purchase and enjoy in the casual café-style hall or garden picnic benches.

Free entry to Food Hall. Entry to performances: \$5 donation. Proceeds to benefit local outreach program Community Aid, supporting refugees and others who are struggling.

For more information Contact Arts by the Sea Phone 0405 459 214

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Worship Leader for Today: Rev Peter Moss

Lectionary for Today: 11 March LENT 5: Jer 31:31-34, Ps

51:1-12, Heb 5:510, Jn 12:20-33.

Reminder for Stewards 25.3.2018

John Bollinger Colin Theakstone

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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m and seacliffucchurchoffice @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.

<u>Contact Details – Peter Moss</u>

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

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