



**Uniting Church in Australia**  
**SEACLIFF WEEKLY NEWS**

**Sunday 17 June 2018**

**PENTECOST 4**



## **Our Scriptures**

Jesus said, ***“With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.”*** Mark 4:30-32

### **For prayer and action...**

When we move with poetry and the imagination, when we deal with symbols and images, we become people who are happy with mystery and open to discovery. To deepen the mystery, to embrace complexity is risky. We need to have courage enough to be ready for an unveiling which can be a startling process. *Rowan Williams*

**South Australian Council of Churches**

### **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**

**Men's Dinner for June 6.30pm Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> June**

**Women's Day Fellowship 1.30pm Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> June**

### **What's News**

#### **Big Book Sale**

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#### **Sundays in July**

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#### **Fund-raising activities**

Just a reminder that we have a process in place for those occasions when people would like to conduct a fund-raising activity. In essence it asks us to do pretty-much what happens already – run the proposal past Church Council, firstly to ensure there won't be a clash, and a shortage of space, with other activities; and secondly so that we can know that the proposed purpose of the event is broadly in line with our vision statement and aims. It is an additional task, but one that will help us ensure that there is time for all the necessary planning and preparation to take place.

Max

#### **Cogs n Coffee**

Unfortunately last weeks ride was cancelled due to weather.

Next weeks ride is to Willunga 9.06am train at Seacliff. Brian.

## **Men's Dinner for June**

The next Men's Dinner evening is set for **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> June** with the venue the **Victoria hotel, O'Halloran Hill**, Main South Road. Meet at 6.30pm for 7pm start. For information or transport, contact Dene Goldsack on 8296 1046.

Dene

## **Women's Night Fellowship Mid Year Dinner**

We remind you that our second June meeting will be our Mid Year Dinner, on June 27<sup>th</sup> and if you have not advised Ruth of your attendance, please let her know as she needs to have the numbers for the Marion Sports Club which is where we will be going for our meal at **6:30pm**. Look forward to seeing you on 13th.

Von

## **Beyond Seacliff**

### **The Great Pumpkin Party: feedback from Foodbank SA**

The Great Pumpkin Party event hosted by **Hawker Uniting Church** earlier this month saw a huge number of pumpkins and non-perishable items donated to Foodbank SA.

Greg Pattinson, the CEO of Foodbank SA, had this to say about the church's contributions and support:

"We are very thankful for the Hawker Uniting Church, the residents of Hawker and the wider Flinders Ranges Community for their generous support of Foodbank through The Great Pumpkin Party."

"The event raised a massive 675kg from the Great Pumpkin party and will enable Foodbank SA to put more than 1350 meals on the table of vulnerable South Australians in need in the region.

The manager of the Foodbank SA branch in Whyalla, Sandy Woolford added:

"What a great initiative to bring the community together for a cause and also to help fellow Australians in need in the region. These pumpkins don't end up in Metropolitan areas, those in need living on the Eyre Peninsula, West Coast and Far North South Australia will benefit from these pumpkins. From Foodbank, the other agencies, schools and individuals in the region in need, we thank you."

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Worship Leader for Today: Rev Peter Moss

Lectionary for Today: Pentecost 4: 17th June: 1 Sm 15:34–16:13 ; Ps 20, 2 Cor 5:6-10 (11-13) 14-17, Mk 4:26-34

Reminder for Stewards 24.6.2018

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.

**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](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 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](mailto:peter.moss.534@gmail.com)

### **Church Office Information**

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9.30am – 12.30pm

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## **Report to Seacliff Congregation from Church Council last Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> June**

### **The immediate past**

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### **The short-term future**

#### ***Help needed***

1 B-Team – we could do with at least 2 more people to join the ranks of B-Team visitors. A review of B-Team activity will be part of the Intentional Interim ministry time starting in August.

2 COMN (Community Outreach Mission Network) – this is the Mission Network we belong to as a Congregation. Peter has represented us at COMN meetings for many years, but now it will fall to another person. In the short term at least it needs to be a member of the congregation. Perhaps you might see this ministry as a Call from God to you – talk to Peter or Max for more information.

## ***Heating in the church building***

We are actively monitoring the situation, and will take short-term action if it becomes necessary. A longer-term solution may form part of the Intentional Interim ministry time.

## **Longer-term future**

### ***Intentional Interim Ministry***

You will recall that we resolved to seek a time of Intentional Interim ministry to help us make the transition to our new life as a congregation following Peter's extended time with us. This is scheduled to start in August: please be ready to participate in this process, and take the opportunity for your voice to be heard. It's most important that we all as a community have a share in shaping our future.

More details will become available once the ministry has been established.

### ***Congregation profile***

At some stage during the Interim Ministry time, we will need to complete the Profile document for our congregation. This is the document in which we say who we are, what we see as our vision for our existence, which qualities we seek in a minister in placement – and submitting it is the first step in the placement process.

We need someone to pick up the task of overseeing the completing of our Profile. It is not appropriate for me as Chairperson of both Congregation and Church Council to be overseeing completing the Profile as well. Then there is the group that conducts the conversation process that leads to a placement. We need multiple voices sharing those tasks, ideally three but certainly at least two. Please give very serious consideration to how you might contribute to this aspect of growing our future life together.

## **Blessing**

The meeting closed with prayer of thanks to God for Peter's ministry with us thus far, and for continuing blessings for Peter and Lyn in the next stage of their life.