



Uniting Church in Australia
SEACLIFF WEEKLY NEWS
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PENTECOST 11

Lay Preachers' Sunday: the importance of lay preachers

Lay Preachers' Sunday falls on the first of August annually for the Uniting Church in South Australia; which means it's a time to celebrate and officially recognise the efforts that lay preachers and people contribute to the community and to the church.

"Ministers "teach the faith" and lay preachers bring the gift of exploring what it means to hear, and put into practice, the message of faith," says Max Howland, chairperson of the Lay Preacher's Committee, "all organisations know that recognising valuing, and expressing thanks for the work of their volunteers is an important part of sustaining the volunteers commitment to their work. The fact that the ministry of lay preaching is a Call from God does not take away the need for all kinds of very human support measures."

"There are many more "preaching places" than the number of ordained people available to preach in them each week," says Max, "accredited Lay Preachers fill much of this gap, but if others did not do this work as well, then a vast majority of our congregations, on any given Sunday, would have nobody to proclaim the Gospel to them."

As we all are, lay preachers are taking on more responsibility within their own churches and communities, which emphasises the importance of Lay Preachers' Sunday [from UC 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

Rev. John Howard to 30th September 2018 Tel 0429 081 076

This Week at Seacliff

TakeUs2 Tonight

6pm Sunday 5th August

Women's Night F/ship 7.30pm Wednesday 8th August

What's News

Welcome today

Today, we welcome to our worship **Rev John Howard**, who will provide pastoral ministry for us until the end of September. John is available in time of urgent pastoral care - his contact number is found on the back page of this newsletter. He will also lead our worship each fortnight from 19th August, and be on hand assist us if necessary with the first stages of the transition to our new future. Please make John and Ailsa welcome.

Also today we welcome back **Rev Philip Gardner** - not quite a stranger, since we usually see him at Christmas Under the Pine Tree. We thank both John and Philip for making themselves available to us at Seacliff.

And thank you - a huge "thank you" to everyone who contributed to last week's farewell for Peter and Lyn: it was a most fitting event, and they wish to express their gratitude to us for last Sunday, and for their time with us.

Today in the Uniting Church, in SA any rate, is **Lay Preachers' Sunday**. We will celebrate this occasion either today or next week.

Max

Women's Night Fellowship

Our next meeting is on Wednesday, 8th August at 7.30pm when we are to have a visiting speaker, Max Kavanagh, a Physiotherapist. Our speaker will be there at 7.30pm so we will have our usual meeting and devotions after the speaker. We would like to see as many as possible at the meeting and I'm sure the **Green Group** will serve a delicious supper, as usual. Von

TakeUs2 for August

This Sunday night, we travel to **Sri Lanka** with Kevin Pearson and David Greig. Meet at 6pm for the usual light meal and visual delight. See you there!

Cogs n Coffee

12 of us enjoyed a leisurely ride along the coast to Grange for our coffee. Apart from a reminder to one rider about the need to wear a helmet it all went well with the ebikes leading the pack at times. We may have a new rider join us if Warwicks charm works a treat. Next weeks ride, meet at 8.30am at Wattle Reserve for a ride to the old race course.

Brian

Men's Dinner for August

The next Men's Dinner will be held on **Wednesday, 15th August at the Seacliff Beach Hotel, Esplanade**, Seacliff. Meet at 6.30 pm for 7.00. For further information, or if you need a ride, please contact Ray on 0434 825 038.

Ray

Thanks from Peter and Lyn

Once again, we'd like to thank everyone who has encouraged and supported us during our time at Seacliff. Special thanks to everyone who contributed to our farewell last Sunday and to everyone who contributed so generously to our farewell gifts. We thought you might like to see the pew and quilt in *situ* against the end wall of our lounge room.



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Worship Leader for Today: Rev Philip Gardner HC
Lectionary for Today: Pentecost 11: 2 Sm 11:26–12:13a,
Ps 51:1-12 , Eph 4:1-16, Jn 6:24-35.
Reminder for Stewards 12.8.2018
Warick Gardener Richard Lane

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.

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to 30th September 2018
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Rev Anne Hewitt

from 1st October 2018
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