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Reflection

Throughout the Bible, we see God's concern for social justice. He commands his people to have compassion; to look after the sick, those who have little, and those who were suffering injustice.

'Then the righteous will answer him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?' And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.' **Matthew 25:37 - 40**

God's word is challenging. It forces us to look outside our own world, our own bubble of comfort, to seek to meet the needs of others, and to do so with gladness. There are many people in this world who still suffer gross injustice. Sometimes the injustice comes purely because someone was born the 'wrong' gender, and valued less. Or they are born into poverty. Or Governments fail to fulfil their duty and exploit the people they are meant to serve. Whatever social injustice there is in the world, Christians are called to speak out, and, more importantly, act to restore justice.

Lord, open my eyes to the injustices around me, in my own world. May you cause my heart to be moved to action, not wallow in indifference and apathy. Lord, may I view people the way you do: worthy of all love and compassion. And may I remember that whatever I do for the least of the people around, I do for you. Amen.

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 Sept.2018)**

Tel 0429 081 046

This Week at Seacliff

MovieMates **TBA Tuesday 18th September**
Men's Dinner **6.30pm Wed. 19th September**
Women's Day F/ship **1.30pm Thurs. 20th Sept.**
M&Ms **10am Friday 21st September**

What's News

Some things get deferred ...

Those of us who keep a mental calendar of events in our heads may have been expecting a Planned Giving / Stewardship programme about now. As part of our Interim Ministry time, though, we will need to undertake a major review of all our giving of time, energy and service and leadership roles, as well as financial resources. We expect this will take place over some months next year.

In order to maintain clear air for that process, the decision has been taken to defer the Planned Giving programme that was due next month. We will then be able to give all the attention that is needed to our congregation's financial situation next year.

... some things proceed as planned

Rev Anne Hewitt begins her Intentional Interim Placement with us on October 1st. **Sunday the 7th** will be her first day leading worship, and will include her Induction into the Placement, including the presentation of the symbols of her work here, and Holy Communion. After Soapbox, there will be a short gathering, a Q&A time, a chance to chat, followed by a shared lunch at about 12.00. further details closer to the day. Max

Men's Dinner for September

The next men's dinner will be held at the **Morphett Arms Hotel, 138 Morphett Road, Glengowrie on Wednesday, 19th September.**

Please meet at 6.30pm for a 7pm start. For inquiries or transport, please contact Dene Goldsack 8296 1046. Dene

The AGM approaches – Nov 18th. Your treasurer wishes to assure you that all the usual budget-preparation processes are

under way, and the plan is to have the papers available for us to read on Nov 11th. Max

Soul Food Café

Paul Whetham (our resident clinical psychologist in Wheatland House) spoke to us last week about his **Soul Food Cafe Pastoral Care + Wellbeing Package** that he is presenting in November. This skills-based training equips people and congregations with practical pastoral care skills to assist leaders and address the growing mental and spiritual health needs in the community. It aims to develop *your own* wellbeing and deepen your relationships with people inside AND outside the church. You'll learn how to engage people in an intentional wellbeing conversation that leads to an exploration of their identity in God. In neuroscience terms, we call this an enriched environment... Who knows, it might even change your life!

When: Nov 9 Friday evening (6-10pm) & Nov 10 Sat. (9am-6pm)

Where: The Corner UC (in the cafe), Warradale

Who: Members of the Seacliff UC and The Corner UC

Cost: \$130 (half the normal price): and the Congregation will pay half of that, so a net cost of \$65 for people who attend.

Includes: 18 hrs total training (6 hrs online & 12 hrs face-to-face). For more info., see the poster on the wall in the middle hall.

Cogs n Coffee

10 of us had a delightful ride to Willunga a bit fresh but no rain and a tail wind it was nice. Gerry was back on his bike.

We welcomed the Rev John Howard who joined us for coffee and a chat. The group appreciated his calling in to say hello and share with us. Next weeks ride 8.30am at Wattle Reserve for a ride to the Nth Adelaide railway station for coffee. Brian

Craft & Hobby Exhibition

That's the title we've given our celebration day on the 27th Oct. and I think it describes the day well. We have a canvas banner we would like to reuse but would like the assistance of a signwriter to pencil out the words. We would be happy to complete it. If you know of anyone who could help could you let

Maureen, Josie, Delia or myself know please.
Heather Gepp

Beyond Seacliff

MiniM Choir

MiniM (Ministry in Music) is a community that sings together, prays together and shares music that is moving and celebratory. It's based at the Centre for Music, Liturgy and the Arts and has singers from all across Adelaide.

MiniM is presenting a concert ***somewhere over the rainbow – songs for every season*** next Sunday, 23rd September, at 3pm at Rosefield Uniting Church. Tickets at the door, all \$10 (children free), and including afternoon tea following the concert.

Guided tour of Himeji Gardens

Saturday 22 September, 1pm - 3pm.

Join Arts by the Sea (**St Andrews by the Sea Uniting Church**) on a special guided tour of the Himeji Gardens. The garden was gifted to Adelaide in 1985 to celebrate the bond with Adelaide's sister city, Himeji, in Japan. Alongside his Aussie wife Gail, Munetaka Umehara, a retired educator from TAFE SA, will share his unique knowledge of Japanese history and culture that have shaped the art of garden design since ancient times. Bookings are essential as group size is limited to 25. This event is not suitable for children under 6. Tickets are \$5.

For more information or to book, contact St Andrews by the Sea Uniting Church on 0405 459 214

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Worship Leader for Today: Rev John Howard
Lectionary for Today: Pent. 17: **Proverbs 1:20-33,**
Psalm 19, James 3: 1-12, Mark 8:27-38.
Reminder for Stewards 23.9.2018
John Bollinger Richard Lane

Welcome to our Church.

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. 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](mailto:seacliffuc-churchoffice@adam.com.au) 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.

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