



Uniting Church in Australia  
**SEACLIFF WEEKLY NEWS**  
**Sunday 25 November 2018**  
**CHRIST THE KING**

# CHRIST he KING

Today is both the end and climax of the Christian year.

Today we indulge ourselves in a holy nonsense  
which is in fact the most beautiful truth:

we celebrate the festival of Christ the King.

He had no troops and built no palace,  
yet his rule is now boundless.

He had no throne and wore no crown,  
yet as a king he is on his own.

The truth, grace and peace of Christ the King be with you all!  
***And also with you.***

***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 Rev. Anne Hewitt***

## **This Week at Seacliff**

**Women's Night Fell/ship 7.30pm Wed. 28<sup>th</sup> November**

### **What's News**

#### **WOMENS NIGHT FELLOWSHIP**

Our meeting is on Wednesday, 28<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30 pm. This is our **"Craft Night"** and Mary has asked us to bring some scissors and any trimming suitable for card decorating and \$2.00 to help cover her costs. We will also want to know if you intend to be at our final meeting night for our Christmas Dinner as the Social Committee need to know numbers for catering purposes. The *yellow group* is on Supper. A reminder to those who wish to help organize 2019 program that we will be meeting on Tuesday, 27<sup>th</sup> November at 1.30pm in the small hall.

See you there, Von

#### **"B Team" CHRISTMAS MORNING**

Our annual 'B Team' Party is on next Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> December, and to help in the catering for the Morning Tea we are inviting people to bring along a small plate of "party food", that will appeal to children as well as adults. . We will have other foods, both hot and cold, as well. Feel free to bring along any grand children who might enjoy doing some simple Christmas Crafts. All are invited to attend church at 9.30am.

Von

#### **Takeus2 Hosts for 2019**

We have had our final meeting for 2018 and I am now collecting and collating offers for our 2019 Program. If you, or anyone you know, could 'Takeus' somewhere on a Sunday evening next year, let me know asap, by end of November at latest please. I already have about 5, so need about 5 more.

*David*

#### **Cogs n Coffee**

What a day for riding last Wed, seven of us took on eventually what turned out to be a shocker of a day with rain and strong winds. We all ended up for coffee very wet and then were blown home staying inland to avoid the very strong coastal winds. Meet at Wattle Reserve at 8.30am for next weeks ride.

Brian



## **Notes from the Treasurer**

During the year, we have accepted your donations for various good causes (as below) which I need to 'pay on' asap and before the end of the year.

**1.** The UCA **Mission Project** to support the Faith community in Oodnadatta stands at **\$653**. You may recall that donations are accepted in labelled envelopes on the first Sunday of each month, so your last opportunity to contribute will be next Sunday Dec 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**2.** The **Hasdak Project** ('We Dream') in Bangladesh stands at **\$775.80** and I would also like to close this off on Dec 2<sup>nd</sup> please so that the money can be sent this year, subject to approval from CC who plan to meet on Dec 11.

**3.** The Special Offering at the Remembrance day service for '**The Road Back**' project raised **\$227.75**.

I am sure these various causes appreciate our generosity, so on their behalf, thank you all.

*And while I am here, I need to hear from anyone else who has outstanding receipts for reimbursement or any other 'loose ends' asap please, so that I can finalize accounts at the end of the year, before submitting them to the auditor.*

*David*

## **News from Bangladesh - Courtesy Warwick**

Sorola got a job in Cox's bazar (another part of the country) to work for the Rohingya. Her first day (12 November) turned into worse. While returning from work, in an accident, one wheel of three wheel engine car ran on her leg. Fortunately her leg was not broken but tissues have been damaged a lot. She is in complete rest for 14 days. Katerina and Ariyana do not know this news because we think they will be very sad to hear.

Sorola is being looked after by her 2 colleagues. She is now one legged girl for few days. please pray for her.

We are waiting to our project on 27 th of December. We also want to buy warm clothes for the children. I am really excited about my project and want to believe that Jesus is going to use me to serve him through this work.

Stay blessed. We miss you, your pepper and fruits you used to give us. please say hello to all. your assistance in Australia could not be forgotten. Bye for now.

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***A personal reflection from your Chairperson - after the AGM.***

*First of all*, I want to thank everybody who was involved in any way with the meeting – helpers with logistics, including packing up at the end; morning tea servers; people who wrote reports; people who asked questions and thereby helped us form up a way forward; people who accepted nomination for positions of service for next year. And of course, everybody who was there – how would we have such an important meeting without you?

I thought it was a very satisfying meeting; yes, it was long, but a great deal was achieved.

It's appropriate also to again thank the people who have served in a variety of ways for many years and who are not continuing into 2019: I think particularly of Geoff with his Property oversight, including a number of Planned Giving programmes; Tim with his financial and property expertise; Margaret and Dene for several years supporting the BTeam; Alwynne who was a liaison person with Mission support for many, many years.

They are but few, of course, of the many people in our congregation and in the wider church who have devoted a lifetime of service to God through their local church and wider. As church demographics are changing, it seems we are just beginning to realise the scale of the contribution of our life-long servants of the church, and maybe we have taken you for granted. I need to apologise if you feel that we have done that to you.

I also had cause to reflect into Monday and even into Tuesday on what a wonderful community we have here at Seacliff. You heard a report about the Presbytery / Synod meeting: the combative and confrontational atmosphere was just so draining. (I had not realised how much that had been so for me until I found that I had no mental energy to do stuff on Monday afternoon – and had to give up trying!) It was such a relief to walk in last Sunday morning and be surrounded by people working together for our shared purpose. Yes, we have to work at maintaining community, and yes, we will need reminders from time to time about being more consciously thoughtful and inviting for people visiting.

But even with our periodic short-comings and slip-ups, it seems to me that we are at least trying, and mostly managing, to develop a community of the people of God in this place, per the Gospel of Luke: good news for those in need, liberty for captives, sight for the blind, the oppressed set free – because the Lord is saving his people.

Now there *are* some things needing to be done:

- There's a long list of special events occurring next year: I'll advertise them as they get closer.
- We do need a coordinator for Pastoral Care (which overlaps with Small Groups).
- We do need a coordinator for the church office.
- It would be great if we had a rep to attend Network meetings alongside the minister and chairperson. Church Council will address those matters to as necessary. And we will need to meet early next year to decide formally on our Mission Project for 2019.

Sorry this has turned into a bit of a sermon, but it was provoked by my experiences of last Sunday and the three days before. I just want to say what a delight it is to be a member of this congregation, to give and receive friendship and encouragement and spiritual support. Last week's experiences make me appreciate all the more the community we are building here with our worship, our small groups, and special events like the Big Book Sale, the election stalls and Craft and Hobbies Fair. Thank you for your continuing support.

Pray to God for the vision to remain clear and an inviting, respectful and open community to continue to grow.

**NYALC - National Young Adult Leaders' Conference, January 17-20** is being held at Nunyara, in Belair, in January next year. They (the Assembly organising group) haven't made any public appeal yet, but I know they will be extremely grateful for any assistance, especially logistical, that people can offer. If you would like to support our emerging young adult leaders at this particular event, contact Max and he will put you onto the organisers.

Max.

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Worship Leader for Today: Rev. Anne Hewitt

Lectionary for Today: 25 Nov.: **Rv 1:4b-8 2 Sm 23:1-7, Ps 132:1-12, (13-18). Jn 18:33-37.**

Reminder for Stewards 2.12.2018

L. Milner            P. Galliford

### **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 [newsletter@seacliffuc.org](mailto:newsletter@seacliffuc.org) 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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