



**Uniting Church in Australia  
SEACLIFF WEEKLY NEWS  
Sunday 27 January 2019  
Epiphany 3**

**Welcome to the new year of Our Lord 2019!**

***GREETING AND FOCUS***

The Spirit of the Lord Jesus be with you all.

***And also with you.***

It's time for the news. Here are the headlines:

Good news for the poor.

***Release for captives.***

New sight for the blind.

***Liberty for the oppressed.***

The declaration of God's accepting love.

***And happy are they who receive it!***

***PRAYER OF APPROACH***

God our Holy Friend, you are the giver of good news and high expectations. Please bless us as we come before you. Our thoughts need to be freed from self-obsession and our crowded feelings need to make room for wonder and love. Give our spirits a glimpse of your glory, that we may be lifted from the mundane to the beauty of holiness.

Through Messiah Jesus our brother and Saviour.

***Amen!***

*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.

# **This Week at Seacliff**

## **M&M's Ladies Group 10 am Friday 1<sup>st</sup> February**

### **What's News**

#### **Church Office E-mail address update**

Please note that the email address for the Church Office has now been updated to permit a smooth change to the NBN connection. It is now [office@seacliffuc.org](mailto:office@seacliffuc.org).

Newsletter contact remains [newsletter@seacliffuc.org](mailto:newsletter@seacliffuc.org)

Ray

#### **Worship at Seacliff, Feb-Mar-April**

You will see from rosters out today that arrangements are in place to fill preaching appointments for all the Sundays of February. Beyond then depends on progress with the Supply and Placements processes. We will need PowerPoint assistance for Feb 3<sup>rd</sup> in particular.

#### **Placement process:**

1 Arrangements for the provision of Supply Ministry are proceeding quite slowly: I've had a couple of conversations but don't know when something might be arranged.

2 A "permanent" placement – as I mentioned last week, one of the essential components of the process is preparing our Congregation Profile: a large document in five sections. As part of this morning's worship I will be floating an idea for obtaining contributions from the largest possible number of people. I encourage everyone to contribute to this document so that it accurately and fully reflects who we are.

3 I've had a most helpful conversation with Rev Ian Dow, the Synod person with the task of supporting congregations in our region. He will be delighted to assist us with the Strategic Planning that we need along the way to helping us with the actual formal Placements process. Ian will be coming to a meeting of Church Council on Feb 19<sup>th</sup>, and hopes to drop in to see us on a Sunday morning – when he can find one available!!

## **Lenten study**

I have heard that there has been a request for, or at least interest in, a Lenten Study this year. There are several options for a study programme: MediaCom has several titles, or there could be a home-grown one. One excellent title is for the Gospel of Luke (the lectionary gospel for this year) first written three years ago when it was last Luke's "turn" in the lectionary. Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on March 6<sup>th</sup>; but don't be taken in – if we wish to use an older title, orders need to be placed by Feb 3<sup>rd</sup> if we want the booklets by March. Please speak to Max if you would like to be part of a Lent Study, and to find out more details about the options.

Max

## **CHURCH COUNCIL ELECTIONS**

**Today is the last day for receiving nominations for election to Church Council.**

Current members coming to the end of their terms are eligible to stand for re-election.

It is planned to announce the names of nominees after Worship today.

The election will be conducted on Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> February, after morning worship.

Your participation in the election process is an important part of the functioning of our congregation.

ROSEMARY THOMSON, Congregation Secretary.

## **Takeus2 Program for 2019**

I have not yet finalized the Program for this year but intend to do so within a week or two so that we are ready to begin on **March 3<sup>rd</sup>**. I have not had the usual surplus of volunteer hosts and believe that part of the reason is the time and effort involved in preparing the meal, moving furniture and cleaning up etc.

Consequently, I propose to change the format so that we all have a meal at home and begin our meeting at 6.45, with supper from about 7.45-8.15 and be on our way home by 9pm. I will be checking with those on the draft Program so please talk to me asap.

David

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Worship Leader for Today: Max Howland

Lectionary for Today: 27 January: **Neh 8: 1-3, 5-6, 8-10;**

**Ps 19; 1 Cor 12; 12-31a; Lk 4: 14-21.**

Reminder for Stewards TBA

### **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.

Interim Ministerial oversight under arrangement.

### **Church Office Information**

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9.30am – 12.30pm

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