



**Uniting Church in Australia
SEACLIFF WEEKLY NEWS
Sunday 3 February 2019
Epiphany 4**



Often, we forget that this life is temporary. We forget to 'fix our eyes on what is unseen', seeking pleasures from this world which will only pass away. Jesus said,

"Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it. What good will it be for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul?"
Matthew 16:24-26

PRAYER

Lord, please remind me to put you first. Following you can be hard - as hard as 'taking up our cross daily'. Give me your strength so that I will be able to find life eternal life with you. May I not be so concerned with gaining the whole world, following the trends of around me, but may I be concerned with following you more closely every day. **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.

This Week at Seacliff
Yarn Sisters 10 am Thursday 7th February

What's News

Takeus2 Evening on Sunday March 3rd

Everyone is warmly invited to the first Takeus2 evening on **Sunday March 3rd at 6:45pm** (please note change of time).

There will be no evening meal provided but we will be serving a sumptuous supper during interval.

We will be travelling to Northern China in the Autumn. Some of the cities we will be visiting are the capital Beijing, Xian, Zhengzhou, Hangzhou and Shanghai. The highlights will be climbing a section of the Great wall of China and the amazing Terracotta Warriors. Please invite your friends and neighbours for this most interesting evening.

Annette and Geoff Craven mob 0438664100

Yarn Sisters

An invitation is extended to anyone who would like to join us on Thursday 7th February at 10.00am at the Seacliff Surf Lifesaving Club, and start the new year with good company, conversation and coffee!! And of course, bring along the projects you're working on for show and tell! Looking forward to catching up again after the break.

Heather

Election Day Plant and Produce Stalls

As you will all be aware, we will probably/most likely/maybe having a Federal election in May so now is the time for us to think about what we can do to make this a great fundraiser! Let's start producing pickles, jams, relishes etc. for the produce stall, plus putting cuttings into pots so well established plants are ready for sale on the plant stall. Colin (from his sick bed!!) has suggested if you have any spare pots and/or potting mix around your house, they could be brought to church for use by other members of the congregation. This is the initial notification about the Election Day stalls to help get us started, there will be more specific details as time goes.

Heather

CHURCH COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Church Council Elections will take place **NEXT SUNDAY, the 10th February 2019.**

Nominees for election to Church Council are:

- **Margaret Davidson** **2 years**
- **Maxine Gardiner** **2 years**
- **Josie Keavy** **1 year**
- **Denise Philips** **1 year**
- **Rosemary Thomson** **3 years**
- **Dennis Wood** **2 years**

We have the capacity for all the nominated people to take their place on Church Council. However, nominees are not elected unopposed – each person needs to receive the positive support of the congregation, as indicated by receiving the support of the majority of those who vote.

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

ROSEMARY THOMSON, Congregation Secretary

Beyond Seacliff

Visit of Franklin Graham

The *Billy Graham Evangelistic Association* is organising a visit to Australia by Billy's son Franklin: one session only, at the Titanium Arena, 44A Crittendon Rd, Findon, from 7.30 pm. 20 th February 2019

(Titanium Arena is the new(ish) name for Clipsal Powerhouse, home of the Adelaide 36ers Basketball Club.)

Max has a copy of the advertising material sent to us for the event.

A WORD OR TWO FROM MAX

Supply Ministry

I am very confident that in-principle arrangements for a Supply minister will be in place early next week. I was referred to a particular minister, who happened to be home when I rang, and he is meeting with Church Council next Tuesday afternoon. Assuming all goes well, after that all we'll need to do is attend to the paperwork. More details, including the name of the minister, at Soapbox.

Lenten Study

The quick survey last week saw around 15-20 people indicate an interest in a Lenten Study for this year. Some people responded in writing as well. I wonder whether everybody who's interested could meet with me after Soapbox this morning, and we'll try to sort out a time, and maybe a topic / booklet to use. I think we're looking at two groups, one daytime (Monday?) and one evening (Thursday??). We will do our level best to find the most suitable time slots for people.

Last Sunday – Information session

A huge thank you to all the people who provided written responses coming out of last Sunday morning's activities. I apologise to people who were inconvenienced because it went on a bit longer than I had intended. It has turned out to be a far more valuable exercise than I had expected, and it *has* had tangible results.

I was delighted to see the overwhelming determination to move forward and build a new future here at Seacliff. Our support for each other at this time was simply a delight to see, and I look forward to that mutual support and encouragement continuing.

As a direct result of some of the more pointed responses, I wrote to the Mission Planning person in the Synod office, conveying the gist of the sentiments expressed and seeking a greater level of support. Despite the fact that that department has a huge workload, often dealing with major pastoral problems, I had a response within half a day. (And the first part of the response was, "Thank you for telling us – we needed to know that".

Property – Use of property and maintenance matters

Again, thank you for the responses received. There is some consensus (though not overwhelming) about which matters to pursue – your contribution will assist the Church Council and Property/Finance Committee as we set about doing the work.

More details about all of this at Soapbox.

And thank you also to all the people who helped with the clean-up / put-away – we sure do have that down to a fine art, don't we?

Max

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Worship Leader for Today: Rev. Jim Winn HC
Lectionary for Today: 3 February 2019: **Jer 1: 4-10;**
Ps 71: 1-3; 1 Cor 13; 1-21; Lk 4: 21-30.
Reminder for Stewards: **10.2.2019**
L. Milner R. 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
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

Open Thursday and Friday

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