



**Uniting Church in Australia  
SEACLIFF WEEKLY NEWS  
Sunday 24 February 2019  
Epiphany 7**

***PRAYER OF APPROACH***

God of Jesus, the joy of loving hearts, we love you!

Joy of dawn, joy of dusk,  
joy of sunshine, joy of rain,  
joy of birth, joy of growth,  
joy of maturity, joy of death,  
we worship you.

Joy of the meek, joy of the poor,  
joy of peacemakers, joy of the pure,  
joy of the persecuted, joy of the hungry,  
joy of the thirsty, joy of the outcaste,  
we worship you.

Joy of givers, joy of the generous,  
joy of good measure, pressed down and running over,  
joy of the forgiven, , joy of the mercy-full,  
joy of the loving, joy of the hope-full,  
we love and adore you.

Most awesome Friend, in our sanest and purest moments,  
we do delight in you more than misers in gold and kings in sceptres.  
Glory be to you, loving God, on earth and in heaven, for ever and ever!

***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**

**Women's Night F/ship 7.00pm Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> Feb.**

**We welcome Joan Kelly to lead our worship this morning.**

### **What's News**

#### **Congregation meeting – Today**

A reminder that a meeting of the Congregation will be conducted this morning, **Sunday February 24<sup>th</sup>**, starting at 11.00 am or as close to that as we are able.

There are important decisions to be made, including: our 2019 Mission Project, receiving the latest financial information, receiving information about Lenten Study arrangements and the two recent surveys about property use, and similar matters.

This will be an important gathering – please stay and be part of the decision-making process of our community.

Max

#### **Supply Ministry at Seacliff**

The contract for **Rev Gary Stuckey** to provide Supply Ministry for us is now in place working on a 0.5-time basis. Starting on March 1<sup>st</sup>, Gary's first service here will be **March 10<sup>th</sup>**.

Gary's last day will be June 23<sup>rd</sup>, and he will lead our worship that day. – which will also be the date when newly- and re-elected members of Church Council will be commissioned.

Max

#### **Women's Night Fellowship.**

Our next meeting is on **Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> February**, when we will be going to **Colbrook Reconciliation Park**. Car pools have been organized for those who are attending and we will meet at the Park at **7:00pm**. If the weather is too hot or it is raining we will meet at the Church at 7:30pm.

Rosemary will be sending a reminder to all who have email addresses but if you are not sure what is happening please ring von or Mary to check.

If all goes to plan, we are going to Di and Rob Letcher's for supper which has been arranged.

Von

## **Cogs n Coffee**

16 of us did the ride to Willunga in very pleasant conditions. Next weeks ride is to Port Adelaide. Meet at Wattle Reserve at 8.30am.

Brian



## **MEXICO**

### **Takeus2 Evening on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March**

Come and join us on our journey through Mexico and cruising in the Caribbean as we immerse ourselves in the culture and history of world heritage archeological sites and also have fun in Havana, Jamaica and the Cayman Islands. The evening will begin at **6:45pm** and supper will be served at 8pm. The presentation will conclude at 9pm.

Annette and Geoff Craven

## **Beyond Seacliff**

### **The World Day of Prayer City Service for 2019**

**St Peter's Cathedral 27 King William Rd, North Adelaide**

Friday 1 March 2019 10:00am - 11:00am

#### **Event details**

The WDP South Australian Committee invites you or your Representative to attend the city service. Speaker, The Rev Canon Jenny Wilson, will address the theme 'Come – Everything is Ready'. The country of focus is Slovenia.

Light refreshments will be served after the service.

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Worship Leader for Today: Joan Kelly

Lectionary for Today: 24 Feb. 2019: **Gem 45: 3-11,15;**  
**Ps 37: 1-11, 39-40; 1 Cor 15; 35-38, 42-50; Lk 6: 26-38.**

Reminder for Stewards: **3 .3.2019**

John Bollinger    Warwick Gardner

### **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**

Open Thursday and Friday

9.30am – 12.30pm

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## Information for the Seacliff Uniting Church Congregation Meeting, 24-01-19

### ***Pastoral ministry***

As previously reported, Rev Gary Stuckey will provide Supply Ministry with us until the end of June. His first preaching day will be March 10<sup>th</sup>, and he will then lead worship fortnightly up to June 16<sup>th</sup>, and then on June 23<sup>rd</sup>, his last day with us.

### ***Weekly worship***

The preaching plan for the rest of this quarter is:

March 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Rev Dean Davidson (+ HC)
10 <sup>th</sup>	Rev Gary Stuckey
17 <sup>th</sup>	Rev John Howard
24 <sup>th</sup>	Rev Gary Stuckey
31 <sup>st</sup>	TBA
April 7 <sup>th</sup>	Rev Gary Stuckey (+ HC)
14 <sup>th</sup>	Rev Bill Hall            Palm Sunday
19 <sup>th</sup>	Rev Gary Stuckey    Good Friday
21 <sup>st</sup>	Rev Gary Stuckey    Easter Day
28 <sup>th</sup>	Rev Des Botting

All Sundays except 1 are covered for June and July.

### ***Church Council***

All the people who nominated for election to Church Council were elected:

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

We thank these people for committing themselves to this work and pray God's blessing on them, on all CC members, in the time ahead.

Members of Church Council will be commissioned during worship on March 10<sup>th</sup>.

### ***Lenten Study***

The timing of the Lenten Study groups continues to be fluid. The vast majority (of the 13 people!!) prefer Monday or Tuesday, so those will probably be the two days. It should be possible to make the two groups roughly the same size.

### **The congregation survey at the end of January**

**Thank you** to all the people who contributed to the survey of three aspects of our life here. These are the results:

#### ***Participation in our activities***

A number of responses were received from people indicating willingness to help as Bible Readers during worship, or leading in prayer; and also in helping provide pastoral care for our people.

#### ***Development and maintenance issues for our property***

The projects you decided we should follow through are, in order of popularity:

- The electrical fuse box in the worship space
- Air conditioning for the worship space
- Attending to the data projector and/or the screen in the worship space
- Air conditioning for the meeting room (small hall)
- Replacing the air conditioner for the front room of Wheatland House
- Ensuring the fridge in Wheatland House is working properly
- Painting the kitchen and corridor of Wheatland House
- New floor covering in the Wheatland House kitchen
- A community garden inside the fence line of Wheatland House.

These were just the items on the list: there are several others that we know we have to tackle, but the survey was limited to the “discretionary” items.

Also – there is memory of funds obtained / given for a dishwasher in the hall kitchen: we need to follow up the story there.

#### ***Use of property***

This survey was very interesting (at least, I thought so!).

There were just a few responses to this one, but they showed roughly equal support for all the proposed activities:

- Making the church space available for meeting and gatherings of committees and agencies of the wider church (the air conditioning will make the offer more likely to be taken up)
- Educational and teaching activities sponsored by Uniting College, UAICC (Aboriginal Congress) and specialist centres of excellence
- Making spaces available for community groups such as SALA (South Australian Living Artists) for art displays, and Brighton Secondary School or the Elder Conservatorium wanting to student present musical performances (some unease was expressed about these activities taking place in the worship space)
- Presentation and end-of-year celebrations for local early learning centres
- Wellness activities for Seniors – and also for young mums [these two got the most support].

All the results from these surveys will form part of the information we use to complete the Congregation Profile we need for the Placement process to get under way.

Thank you also to the people who have completed, or are completing, copies of the Profile document.

## **Matters from the wider church**

### ***National Redress Scheme***

As previously advised, the UCA has recently joined the National Redress Scheme for people who have suffered sexual abuse while in institutional care.

In SA it happens that we are looking at a relatively small number of cases, so the cost to the church is not expected to be very great. Even so, there is no provision anywhere in SA budget

systems for any funding for the redress scheme, so the required funds are being raised by a levee on all congregations. The levee is 0.17% of total income [for us that amounts to a little under \$200 this year, depending on what are counted as sources of income] for the next 10 years.

While just one case requiring redress is one too many, we should also keep this in perspective: other churches have been bankrupted as a result of the evils perpetrated.

### ***Presbyteries***

Just for information at this stage: you may have heard that Presbyteries (Regional Councils) are being re-established in the Uniting Church in SA. While we don't need to make a formal decision yet – the structural stuff hasn't been sorted out yet – we will have a decision to make at some stage about which Presbytery to join.

### ***Proposals from the latest Presbytery / Synod meeting***

There were several proposals carried recommending actions for Congregations to take – more details about these in due course:

- Reducing our use of single-use plastic items
- The Five Leaf Eco Awards
- Break the Silence Sunday – calling out and acting against domestic violence
- A number of seminars and teaching sessions.