



**Uniting Church in Australia
SEACLIFF WEEKLY NEWS
Sunday 31 March 2019
LENT 4**

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

I will get up and go back to my Father and say: “Father, I have sinned against heaven and in your sight. I am no longer fit to be called your child. Please make me one of your hired labourers.”

Let us return to our God, and make our confession. Let us pray.

Loving God,

There is enough evil within us to dampen our confidence;

Sometimes there is enough doubt in us to swamp our faith.

Some days there is enough weariness in us swamp our hopefulness.

There is enough apathy within us to smother our compassion.

Yet, thankfully there is also enough hunger in us to keep us unhappy.

And enough discontent in us to make us return home to your love

God of our Lord Jesus Christ, have mercy on me a sinner.

Amen. Have mercy on me a sinner.

ABSOLUTION

Jesus told us: *“Then the Father said: Bring quickly the best clothes for him, and put a signet ring on his finger and shoes on his feet, and kill the fattened calf, and let us eat and celebrate, for this my child was dead and is alive again, was lost and is found.”*

My friends, welcome back home. This fellow Jesus, and his remarkable household, welcomes sinners and even eats with the likes of us!

Thanks be to God.

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 until 23.7. 2019, is Rev. Gary Stuckey.

This Week at Seacliff

Yarn Sisters
M&M's

10am Thursday 4th April
10am Friday 5th April

What's News

Greig's Comings and Goings

We will be here on March 31, April 28 and then travelling OS until June 30. Bruce Risby will continue to do the banking and has kindly agreed to be Assistant Treasurer whilst I am away, any other urgent matters please see me asap or email treasurer@seacliffuc.org

David

Monday Lenten Studies

This group will meet at: 1.30 p.m. on Monday, 1st April; 10.00 a.m. on Monday, 8th April and 1.30 p.m. on Monday, 15th April.

Rosemary

Inter-faith Service of Prayer for Peace

This event is being held between Wednesday 8 May 2019 7:00 PM and Friday 10 May 2019 9:30 AM and will be conducted by John Bell. John is a gifted Resource Worker with The Iona Community and lectures, preaches and conducts seminars across many denominations. He is a hymn writer, author and occasional broadcaster, but retains a primary passion for congregational song. Based in Glasgow, he works in the areas of music, worship and spirituality. Further information, cost and bookings at www.Trybooking.com/BBNLH

From Property and Finance

There have been several instances recently where lights have been left on and not noticed for several days. If you are the last one to leave please make sure that all lights are turned off.

Lent Event - Reminder from Gary

Each year during the season of Lent, Uniting World runs a programme called Lent Event where we are invited to learn about, connect with and offer support to Uniting Church partner churches overseas.

This year's theme is ***"Where do you find courage in a fearful world?"***

In the church entrance today, you will find three items which will help connect you with this year's appeal:

- a **brochure**, "In a fearful world, where do you find courage?"

- a **booklet**, "Your Lenten book of courage to end poverty and build hope."

- a **sticker** to wrap around a jar in which you can place donations of money you have saved by giving up certain things.

For example, give up a cup of coffee and put \$4.00 in the jar.

At the end of Lent you forward your donation to Uniting World.

You can find out more by going online at www.lentevent.com

Gary

Salt and Light Watercolour Workshop

Karen Hudson will conduct a workshop exploring themes of Holy Week in watercolour painting. 16th April, 10 am – 4 pm; \$75; at Brougham Place UC, for anyone who is a painter or would like to find out if you are! Book soon – places fill quickly!

COMN (Community Outreach Mission Network)

Thank you for the responses at the congregation meeting last week re assisting with the COMN meeting here.

FYI for those not able to get to the meeting – the COMN Exec had asked if we would be able to provide our premises, and people to help serve the shared meal and tidy up after, at a date of our choosing in May. I have advised the COMN Exec that Wed 29th May is our preferred date. More details closer to the date.

Mission Appeals

We have decided to proceed with the pattern we established in 2018, that is, on the first Sunday of each month, we will give reminders and a bit of emphasis to our Mission Appeals, and have gift envelopes available. *For this year, that starts next week.* Remember, you can make a donation at any time, and it's surprising how quickly a number of small donations add up, so don't worry if you are not in a position to help at any one time. We have some information about the Oodnadatta Building Appeal – the target is \$400 000 to get started; latest information is that they have a shade over \$23 000 so far, and are in the process of selling two manses in Adelaide. UAICC were very appreciative of our interest and support. And of course our other special appeal is for Tarcisius and his We Dream education project. We know this is a "busy" time for appeals, with Lent Event running until Easter; but we encourage you to support them in any way you can.

Congregation Profile

Thank you for all your contributions to putting the document together, both in writing and at last week's meeting. Although I didn't indicate it always at the time, in the end I found a way to incorporate all the comments that were made. At the time of printing this newsletter, the Profile is due to go to CC for final review and endorsement on Thursday afternoon.

Easter letterbox cards

Our supply of letterbox cards for distribution was delivered last week. They will be bundled and available for collecting and distributing on ***Sunday April 7th***. Please assist us with this mission activity if at all possible.

Beyond Seacliff

Open Afternoon at the History Centre

Uniting Church SA History Centre, 44a East Avenue, Black Forest

31 March 2019 1:00pm - 4:00pm

Event details

Visit the UCSA History Centre – meet the staff and volunteers; explore the wide collection of photographs, books and artefacts; hear the stories; meet others interested in the history of the Uniting Church and its preceding denominations; discover more about your family connections with the Church.

If you or your congregation have a historic item which you would like to display, please contact Rosemary Hocking, Historical Records Officer, on records@ucahistory.org.au or 8297 8472 (Tue/Wed).

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Worship Leader for Today: Mandy Harvey

Lectionary for Today: 31 March. 2019: **Jos 5: 9-12;**

Ps 32; 2 Cor 5: 16-21; Lk 15: 1-3, 11b-32 .

Reminder for Stewards: **7.4. 2019**

L. Milner Pauline 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 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 is in the care of Rev. Gary Stuckey.

**Gary's mobile no. is
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Church Office Information

Open Thursday and Friday

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