



**Uniting Church in Australia  
SEACLIFF WEEKLY NEWS  
Sunday 14 April 2019  
Palm Sunday**



<sup>37</sup>When he came near the place where the road goes down the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of disciples began joyfully to praise God in loud voices for all the miracles they had seen:<sup>38</sup> **“Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!”** <sup>39</sup>**“Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!”** <sup>39</sup>Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, **“Teacher, rebuke your disciples!”**<sup>40</sup> **“I tell you,”** he replied, **“if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out.”**

**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 23.6. 2019, is Rev. Gary Stuckey.

## **This Week at Seacliff**

**MovieMates**

**Time TBA Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April**

**Men's Dinner**

**6.30pm Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April**

**Women's Day F/ship**

**1.30pm Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April**

**What's News**

We welcome Rev. Bill Hall, leading our Palm Sunday service this morning.

### **EASTER SERVICES 2019 AT SEACLIFF**

**GOOD FRIDAY – 19<sup>th</sup> April**

**9.30am Worship Service : Rev Gary Stuckey**

**EASTER SUNDAY – 21st April**

**9.30am Worship Service: Rev Gary Stuckey**

**Combined Churches Easter Sunday Sunrise Service**

Will be held on **Angus Neill Reserve**, Esplanade, Seacliff at **6.30 a.m.** All welcome.

**Seacliff UC Men's Dinner Group**

The next Men's dinner is set with the venue at the **Victoria hotel**, O'Halloran Hill. Date: **17<sup>th</sup> April for 6.30pm**. If you require transport or information, please contact Dean Dixon 8298 6596  
Mob. 04388 70618. Dean

**Women's Day Fellowship**

Our monthly meeting is this coming **Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup> April at 1:30 pm**. We are to be led by Rev. Garry Stuckey in a simple Maundy Thursday Service in the middle hall. We invite any members of the congregation who would like to join, (Men and women). You will be most welcome and afternoon tea will be served after the service. Because it looks like the Election Day won't be before the May meeting, I suggest that members bring the proposed 'Pot Plant' for the stall on Election Day to our May meeting. Hope to see all on the day. Von

## **COMN (Community Outreach Mission Network)**

Just to repeat that the date of the Network meeting to be held here is confirmed as **Wed 29<sup>th</sup> May**. Please put this in your diary if you are able to help with serving the shared meal and tidying up after. And of course, the meeting is open to all comers, so we are all welcome to stay for that as well.

There will be one change – the planned speaker, Mr Sitiveni Rogoimuri, Covenanting and International Officer in our Synod office, suffered a fatal heart attack last Thursday week, the 4<sup>th</sup>. Please remember his family (he was in his fifties, I think, and his kids are teenagers), the Fijian community and the Vermont congregation, and the Synod office people who are devastated by this sudden loss. Siti had been in the job only 4 months.

## **Palm Sunday Rally 2019 - Justice for Refugees SA**

Today, Sunday, 14th April, departing Tarndanyangga / Victoria Square at 2pm, and walking to Parliament House. Speeches begin at 2.30pm at Parliament House.

An opportunity in the lead up to the Federal election to highlight the imperative for humane policies in relation to refugees and asylum seekers. Community groups, churches, families, friends and individuals are all welcome to come along. People are encouraged to bring banners.

Sponsored by the SA Council of Churches. Contact Molly, email: [info@justiceforrefugeessa.org](mailto:info@justiceforrefugeessa.org), or Rev Sandy Boyce, Ph: 0409283004, or email [boyce@pilgrim.org.au](mailto:boyce@pilgrim.org.au)

## **John Bell, of Iona Community, will be in Adelaide from 8<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> May.**

John Bell is a preacher, hymn writer, composer, lecturer and broadcaster. He is an ordained minister of the Church of Scotland and a member of the Iona Community. Some of his songs are in Together in Song, and we sing them.

John is coming to Adelaide for a 3 day workshop in which he is covering such topics as 'Songs to enliven communities of faith', 'Keeping faith in an age of consumerism' and 'Exploring Celtic Spirituality'. On the pinboard beside the ramp there is a small flyer advertising these sessions. For bookings and info ring Peter Balabanski on 0427 733 230 or [www.trybooking.com/BBNLH](http://www.trybooking.com/BBNLH) .

## **Salt and Light Watercolour Workshop**

Karen Hudson will conduct a workshop exploring themes of Holy Week in watercolour painting. 16<sup>th</sup> 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!

Max

## **SUN 28 APRIL- Special Service**

2019 commemorates the 180<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the arrival of the Botting brothers in South Australia. To mark the occasion a special service is being held at Seacliff with family members from UK, Canada and New Zealand visiting us and taking part in the service. The sermon will be given by Rev. Des Botting of New Zealand. Des has travelled extensively overseas in conjunction with his ministry including attending an International Cell Church Conference in Singapore, preaching in the UK and visiting missionaries in Indonesia.

A guest soloist, Cheryl Pickering will also take part in the service. Cheryl is The Chair of Chamber Music Adelaide, has directed several operas for The State Opera of SA including Carmen, Hansel & Gretel and Madame Butterfly and has performed extensively throughout the UK.

A family concert is being held in the afternoon at The Belair Community Centre commencing at 2pm, featuring Cheryl and several local and International artists, backed by The City of Holdfast Bay Concert Band. Church members are invited to attend and tickets are available from Alan Botting for \$25 including afternoon tea.

Alan

## **Church Council report**

Council met last Tuesday, and there was a long conversation about three important matters.

However, there are three special occasions on the remaining Sundays of April Sundays, so the first of these matters will be held over until May.

### ***The financial aspects of ministry provision at Seacliff.***

Our current level of giving for 2019 is not sufficient to sustain the costs of a minister in full-time placement. In May, we will undertake a financial planning exercise that will give us, and Placements Committee, a better indication of our anticipated income over the next two years and whether we can support a full-time minister. This is an advance notice – more details available closer to the time.

### ***Presbytery restructure***

You may recall that the organisational structure of the Uniting Church, in SA at any rate, is changing. We are advised that we need to call a brief Congregation meeting to make a formal decision about how we wish to proceed. Please note the date of May 19<sup>th</sup>: the meeting will be held immediately after worship and before morning tea. Information for this meeting will be provided in May.

### ***Use of our property for same-gender marriages***

We know this is a matter of concern for some people, with a range of opinion found among our people. This note is just to advise that Council has established a process for resolving the matter – we will work through it in June, once the other pressing issues have been addressed.

Max

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Worship Leader for Today: Rev. Bill Hall  
Lectionary for Today: 14th April 2019: **Is 50:4-9a;**  
**Ps 118:1-2, 19-29,; Phil 2:5-11,; Lk 19:28-40 .**  
Reminder for Stewards: **21.4. 2019**  
Von Bollinger    Margaret Tucker

### **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 is in the care of Rev. Gary Stuckey.

**Gary's mobile no. is  
0488 017 187.**

### **Church Office Information**

Open Thursday and Friday

9.30am – 12.30pm

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