



Uniting Church in Australia
SEACLIFF WEEKLY NEWS
Sunday 7 April 2019
LENT 5



Mary Anoints Jesus

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. 2 There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. 3 Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them[a] with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume.

4 But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, 5 "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii[b] and the money given to the poor?" 6 (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) 7 Jesus said, "***Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. 8 You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me.***"

John 12: 1-8.

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

TakeUs2

6.45pm Tonight 7th April

Women's Night F/ship 7.30pm Wednesday 10th April

What's News

TakeUs2

The next TakeUs2 is **tonight** when Alan and Flora Botting will take us to two of Australia's most interesting islands- **Norfolk Island and King Island**. Presentation starts at 6.45pm with supper half way through the presentation. Alan

COMN (Community Outreach Mission Network)

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

The date of the Network meeting is confirmed as **Wed 29th May**. Please put this in your diary if you are able to help with serving the shared meal and tidying up after. Of course, the meeting is open to all comers, so we are all welcome to stay for that as well.

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 today*. 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 today: there are other times as well.

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. Max

Congregation Profile

Thank you for all your contributions to putting the document together. The Placements Committee met last Friday week, 29th March (much earlier than expected), and we were able to get the final version submitted to them in time. Our Profile was approved by the necessary people that day, and Seacliff is now on the list of congregations seeking a placement.

Max

WOMENS NIGHT FELLOWSHIP

Our meeting together, this week, **10th April, at 7:30pm** is to be an Easter Devotion led for us by Rev. Garry Stuckey, after our business meeting. We would like to see as many ladies as possible, joining us for this evening. Supper is to be served by the two or three Executive members who are not away riding bikes. See you there.

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SUN 28th APRIL- Special Service

2019 commemorates the 180th 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

Easter letterbox cards

Our supply of letterbox cards for distribution was delivered last week. They are bundled and available for collecting and distributing **today**. Please assist us with this mission activity if at all possible.

Max

Seacliff UC Men's Dinner Group

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

Dean

Beyond Seacliff

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!

John Bell, of Iona Community, will be in Adelaide from 8th to 10th 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 go to www.trybooking.com/BBNLH .

Max

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Worship Leader for Today: Rev. Gary Stuckey. **HC**
Lectionary for Today: 7th April 2019: **Is.1263: 16-21;**
Ps 126; Phil 3: 4b-14; Jn 12: 1- 8 .
Reminder for Stewards: **14.4. 2019**
John Bollinger Richard 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 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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