

Uniting Church in Australia SEACLIFF WEEKLY NEWS Sunday 7 July 2019 Pentecost 4

## PREPARATION

Grace mercy and peace be with you all,

# And also with you.

God is light,

in whom there is no shadow or darkness.

God is love,

## those who love are newborn from God.

God is Spirit,

### and worshippers must worship in Spirit and in truth. PRAYER OF APPROACH

- Most holy God, in Christ Jesus you have shown us a light and love which is overwhelming. As we worship you, let us not be frightened by your glory but enraptured with your love.
- In quiet confidence, may we take authority over all those negative influences that burden, handicap and seek to ruin humanity.
- Empower us with your Spirit that we may be enabled to take charge of our own lives, without looking over our shoulder or fearing what lies around the next bend.

Through Christ our Saviour.

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.

## What's News

# We welcome Rev Jim Winn as he leads our Communion Service this morning.

### **Mission Project Focus Sunday**

Today we focus on our Mission Projects that we have undertaken at Seacliff Uniting Church for work in Bangladesh and here at Oodnadatta. Donation envelopes are available at the doors to the worship area.

# Ballot concerning marriages of same-gender people at Seacliff – Repeat notice.

Thank you to all the people who took part in the voting process: about 90 ballot papers were sent out, and 66 came back - a most excellent response rate. The result was 51 in favour, 15 opposed. In terms of the numbers themselves, I think this is a good result: the majority is clear and without ambiguity, while the minority still presents a significant voice.

All this reminds us that in everything we do, we must be sure to be mindful of and respectful towards all shades of opinion. My thanks to all the people, especially Church Council, who were instrumental in shaping the process we adopted, and again to everybody who took part. Max

#### Men's Dinner for July

The Men's dinner on **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July** has a home ground venue for this month. Meet at t6.30pm for 7.00 at the **Seacliff UC hall** for a 3 course dinner with tea and coffee for \$25.00. BYO drink if desired

Contact Dene Goldsack for attendance advice or information on 8296 1046. Dene

### **Cogs N Coffee**

On Wednesday, twelve riders headed in to Victoria Park and enjoyed coffee and chat at the Velo cafe.

Next week, meet at 8-30am at Wattle Reserve to ride via Glenelg and Torrens River to Plant 4 Bowden. Bruce



### NAIDOC week starts this Sunday

NAIDOC (The National Aborigines and Islander Day Observance Committee) Week is a time for celebration. It's a time where across Australia, both Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians celebrate the history, culture and achievements of First Peoples.

The theme for the 2019 NAIDOC Week is "Voice. Treaty. Truth.

Let's work together" and is a reference to the <u>Statement from the</u> <u>Heart</u>. The Statement was made by the First Nations National Constitutional Convention in May 2017 at Uluru.

It was a historical moment in Australian history as the coming together of 250 First Peoples' leaders to articulate the nature of reforms desired by First Peoples.With a theme of 'Voice, Treaty and Truth', the 2019 NAIDOC week is an opportunity to explore the true story of colonialism and its lasting impact; to engage with the Statement; listen to the voice within it, and work together towards true reconciliation in Australia. Worship Leaders for Today: **Rev. Jim Winn HC** Lectionary for Today:, 7<sup>th</sup> July 2019: **2 Kgs 5:1-14, 6-14 ; Ps 30; Gal 6:(1-6), 7-16; Lk 10:1-11, 16-20** Reminder for Stewards: **14 .7. 2019** John Bollinger Brian Gepp

### ,Welcome to our Church.

Things you need to know, especially if you are a visitor. <u>Fire exits</u> are marked. Please take note. In the case of an emergency evacuation please gather on the Western Lawns under the Pine Tree. <u>St John First Aid Kit</u> - on top of the pigeon holes up from the ramp. <u>Toilets</u> are available through the door front right of the Worship Area or out through the turn around point on the ramp. <u>Morning tea</u> 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.

### Church Office Information

Open Thursday and Friday 9.30am – 12.30pm ☎ 8296 1517 Email: office@seacliffuc.org Website: <u>www.seacliffuc.org</u>