



Uniting Church in Australia
SEACLIFF WEEKLY NEWS
Sunday 15 September 2019
Pentecost 14

The Parable of the Lost Sheep

Luke 15 :1-

10.

15 Now the tax collectors and sinners were all gathering around to hear Jesus.² But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them."³ Then Jesus told them this parable: ⁴"Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Doesn't he leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it? ⁵And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders ⁶and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbors together and says, 'Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.' ⁷I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent.

The Parable of the Lost Coin

⁸"Or suppose a woman has ten silver coins^[a] and loses one. Doesn't she light a lamp, sweep the house and search carefully until she finds it? ⁹And when she finds it, she calls her friends and neighbors together and says, 'Rejoice with me; I have found my lost coin.' ¹⁰In the same way, I tell you, there is

rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

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 is Rev. Gary Stuckey.

This Week at Seacliff

MovieMates time TBA Tuesday 17th September
Men's Dinner 6.30pm Wednesday 18th September
Women's Day Fel/ship 1.30pm Thursday 19th September

What's News

Guide Dog Puppy

Thank you to everyone for your interest in and support of guide dog Oats during the time you knew him. Chief will now follow the same path and has already started his training. As a part of this training I would ask that when he is wearing his coat that you do not pat him. I know it is hard when he is young and cute. You are welcome to speak to him. He is learning to behave properly when he is out. I thank you very much for your understanding.

Marilyn Stuckey

Sale of CD

Some of you are aware that I have produced a CD and some interest has been expressed by people wanting to purchase a copy.

Next Sunday (22nd) I will have copies for sale at \$10 (to cover the cost of production). If you would like to offer more, any amount over the \$10 will be used to support Tarcisius.

Gary Stuckey

Cogs n Coffee

The fine weather brought the riders out on Wed, what a great day it was for riding. Fifteen of us worked our way along various bike paths to end up at plant 4 for our coffee.

Next weeks ride is to Willunga catching the 9.06am train from Seacliff.

Brian

Takeus2

Just to confirm the change of date from **Oct 6 to Oct 13** to dodge the Long Weekend and we are going to Iceland with the Wilsons. Please tell your non-church friends; i will put in a reminder and we will count the hands in the morning. I will also announce the hosts for the November meeting and invite offers to be on the Program for our 10th year.

David

Men's Dinner for September

The next Men's Dinner has been booked for Wednesday 18th September with the venue **Café Rimini, 246 Lonsdale Road, Hallet Cove**. Meet at 6.30pm for 7.00pm. For transport or further information, contact Ray Galliford at 8298 3480.

Dene

Working Bee Tuesday Sept 24th

There will be a working bee on Tuesday morning, 24th September, starting at **8.30am**. A variety of Spring Cleaning tasks to be done, as well as some maintenance and de-cluttering. I'm hoping to be able to create a master register of what is stored where, so we're not always asking "where did we put...?" A Holdfast Bay Council hard rubbish collection has been organised for the following day, so the clutter will go! If you have a cherished 'something' stored at church that you want to be sure to keep, please let me know - otherwise I'm planning to channel Marie Kondo (internet de-cluttering guru). If you can't spare the whole morning, please, even half an hour will help. Thanks.

Maureen (Wearing my P&F Chairperson hat)

Warm/Cool at Last!

Affordable Air will be installing our Church and Wheatland House air conditioning tomorrow Monday 16th and Tuesday 17th. We're not expecting this to cause any real disruption, but please be aware that there will be times when the power is switched off for a short time.

Maureen

WOMEN'S DAY FELLOWSHIP

Our meeting this month is next **Thursday, 19th September, at 1.30pm**. Our programme has a change owing to Rosemary's

mishap and after some thought, I am suggesting that we bring some object we have that is rather different and will be a talking point for us. It may be a gift you've been given or something you have had over the years and would like to share it with us. I will supply some afternoon tea and instead of a Collection, bring something for the kitchen eg a teatowel, hand towel, biscuits for Morning tea unless you have already donated something. Von

Report to Seacliff Congregation from Church Council's meeting last Tuesday.

Worship is of course a major component of our activity here. Gary brings to us a wealth of experience and thinking in a number of aspects of worship, and we will see those emerge over time. You will have already noticed one aspect – an increasing number of worship leaders working alongside Gary in the presentation of Sunday worship. So far this has been the people filling the “Duty Elder” role assisting the minister before worship – but everyone is invited to be part of this aspect of worship. Speak to Gary or a Church Council member if you would like to share in leading worship in this way.

Two particular services are planned – an annual Covenant Renewal Service of the kind we have conducted for many years now, and a Maundy Thursday worship on the night before Good Friday.

And we are planning two short study series: an **Advent study** for December this year, and a **Lenten Studies series** for next year – a study by the same author as the study from earlier this year.

The other major aspect of our community life here is our **Pastoral Care and Hospitality** for each other. We will be taking a look at how we can better offer continuing pastoral and spiritual care for people who struggle to make it to Sunday worship. And for those who can, we are picking up an idea from another congregation: what to do if none of us is attending worship alone and suffers a serious medical episode, and we need to contact next of kin.

Accordingly, we're working on a process to gather that kind of information **from people willing to provide it – this will be entirely voluntary** so that we can better care for each other in a time of distress. We're trying to find a balance between privacy and a system that gives quick access to information when it's needed. Stay tuned!!

We're also developing a pamphlet that can be given to people visiting us and who may be interested in the range of activities we offer here; we will also hope to leave copies on local notice boards in the caravan park, supermarkets, the library, and similar.

Also, as a part of our hospitality, and as announced last Sunday – we have obtained a **defibrillator**: a basic component of any first aid kit in our current world. We will see to it that any necessary training in their use is made available.

We are investigating the possibility of having a church camp in 2020. If anyone would like to be part of a small group to look at options please contact Annette, Geoff Lister or Maxine.

And now some administrative stuff!!

The Congregation AGM – the date has been set: **Sunday Nov 17th**. We will meet for worship, enjoy morning tea, and then regather for the meeting. At this stage we're leaning towards receiving reports and conducting annual elections all in the on meeting.

Our **financial** situation is strong; as we proceed towards the end of the year, we will get a better idea of long-term trends.

For information – there is a meeting of the **Transitional Presbytery** on **Saturday 21st September** at Burnside City UC, 9.30 – 12.30. It's an open meeting – anyone interested in finding out more about the restructuring of the UCA in SA is welcome to attend.

There are preliminary moves for individual members, or the Seacliff Church as an organization, to become involved in a local ***Environmental Action Group***. Further information will be available as soon as proposals are developed, and we invite all interested people to join in.

Max.

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Worship Leaders for Today: **Rev. Gary Stuckey**
Lectionary for Today:, **15 September 2019: Jer 4: 11-12, 22-28; Ps 14; 1 Tim 1 :12– 17 ; Lk 15 1-10.**

Reminder for Stewards: **15 .9. 2019**
John Bollinger L. Milner

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.

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