



Uniting Church in Australia
SEACLIFF WEEKLY NEWS
Sunday 22 September 2019
Pentecost 15

Social Justice Sunday

Throughout the Bible, we see God's concern for social justice. He commands his people to have compassion; to look after the sick, those who have little, and those who were suffering injustice.

'Then the righteous will answer him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?' And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.'

Matthew 25:37 - 40

God's word is challenging. It forces us to look outside our own word, our own bubble of comfort, to seek to meet the needs of others, and to do so with gladness.

Social Justice Sunday, on 29 September, brings attention to the many people in this world who still suffer gross injustice.

Sometimes the injustice comes purely because someone was born the 'wrong' gender, and valued less. Or they are born into poverty. Or Governments fail to fulfil their duty and exploit the people they are meant to serve. Whatever social injustice there is in the world, Christians are called to speak out, and, more importantly, act to restore justice.

From UC e-News

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

**Women's Night Fel/ship 7.30pm Wednesday 19th Sept.
What's News**

Minister on leave

It feels a bit strange to be saying this as I've only just started at Seacliff, but I will be on leave for two weeks from Monday 30th September to Monday 14th October inclusive. This was approved by the Church Council on September 10th.

Why am I taking leave so soon? As you know I am in a .8FTE position at Seacliff. When I was appointed I negotiated with the Seacliff congregation that, rather than work .8 of each week, I would take extra leave each year. So, when I am not on leave, I am more or less full time. This means that in addition to the normal four weeks annual leave and two weeks professional development leave, I will have another four weeks leave, totalling ten weeks in a year.

In planning my leave I have endeavoured to spread it out evenly over the year so as to avoid taking large blocks of time at any one time. I have also planned the leave so as to avoid taking any at significant times in the Church calendar.

I hope this makes sense.

Gary

WOMENS NIGHT FELLOWSHIP

Our next meeting is on **Wednesday, 25th September**, at 7.30pm and it will be a "*Getting to Know You*" night .

We are to learn a little more of the life of some of our members. Also, we have to consider filling the vacancies of Secretarial duties for 2020 in readiness for our Annual Meeting which is after the School Holidays. The *Yellow group* is on duty for Devotions and Supper.

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Takeus2 - Reminder

Note 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.

David

Cogs n Coffee

The ride to Willunga went very well through the grape vines. It was nice to have John Myres back from his overseas trip and we welcomed Malcolm Rawlings along for his first ride since he moved to Brighton. Many of you would remember Malcolm from 15yrs ago.

Next weeks ride will be at Salisbury led by Des. Meeting at Carisbooke Res opposite the Old Spot hotel on Main Nth Rd. Meeting time 9.15am allow just over an hour to get there, lunch at the hotel afterwards, partners welcome to join us for coffee and lunch. Any questions to Brian 0439977576. Brian

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.
(Wearing my P&F Chairperson hat) , Maureen

Climate Change Action

UCA President Dr Deidre Palmer invites all Uniting Church members to show their support for the Climate Action to lobby our government into taking a stand. It is an expression of our commitment to address the devastation of our environment and our active participation towards God's renewal and healing of all – creation. The Uniting Church will be asking three things:

1. Policies which support 100% renewable energy generation by 2030 and net zero emissions by 2050;
2. No new coal, oil or gas projects;
- and 3. Just transition and job creation for workers in industries impacted by climate change.

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Worship Leaders for Today: **Rev. Gary Stuckey**
Lectionary for Today:, **22 September 2019: Jer 8:18-9:1 ;**
Ps 79: 1-9; 1 Tim 2 :1– 7 ; Lk 16: 1-13.

Reminder for Stewards: **29 .9. 2019**
Pearl Wood 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.

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