



Uniting Church in Australia
SEACLIFF WEEKLY NEWS
Sunday 17 November 2019
Pentecost 23



“The truth is that our finest moments are most likely to occur when we are feeling deeply uncomfortable, unhappy or unfulfilled. For it is only in such moments, propelled by our discomfort, that we are likely to step out of our ruts and start searching for different ways of truer answers.” M. Scott Peck

Author: The Road Less Travelled

Isaiah 12

⁵ Sing to the Lord, for he has done glorious things;
let this be known to all the world.

⁶ Shout aloud and sing for joy, people of Zion,
for great is the Holy One of Israel among you.”

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 19th November**
Men's Dinner 6.30pm **Wednesday 20th November**
Women's Day F/ship 12.30pm **Thursday 21st November**
What's News

Advent Reflections

The response to the Advent Reflections has been very positive and as a result all three advertised times be offered. That is:
Tuesday morning, 10:30am, 26 Nov, 3 & 10 Dec. (middle hall)

Wednesday afternoon, 2:00pm, 27 Nov, 4 & 11 Dec. (In the church-please enter through the rear doors)

Thursday afternoon, 2:00pm, 28 Nov, 5 & 12 Dec. (middle hall)
I am not allocating people to groups. Please just come to the day and time that suits you. That may mean we have differing size groups but that's okay. I look forward to journeying through and reflecting on Advent with you.
Gary S

Minister's Day Off

Some people have asked me what my day off is. While I was teaching at the College (UCLT) I didn't set one but now that has concluded and in consultation with the Church Council we have nominated Monday as a day off. I would want you to know that if you do feel like you need to contact me on that day and it can't wait please do not hesitate. I don't want to be rigid about this.

Gary

THE AGM OF THE CHURCH will be held at 11 a.m. today.

At this meeting we will elect the officers for 2020 and receive the reports for 2019.

Other matters will be dealt with at a Congregation Meeting in February.

Rosemary Thomson, Secretary

"Keep off the Grass" - No Parking Committee have cordoned off the lawn area next to Wheatland House to allow the grass to recover. With not enough rain the ground becomes hard and dry, and repeated parking on it leaves the lawn struggling to survive.

We hope it will be fully recovered in time for Christmas Eve Under the Pine Tree! Maureen (P&F chairperson)

Christmas Craft Stall

Yarn Sisters are planning to host a small table of Christmas Crafts for purchase at church on **Sunday 1st December**.

If you are a crafts-person (fellas included!) and would like to contribute some of your handiwork, please let Heather or Maureen know. Proceeds to our mission projects for this year. Maureen and Heather

Men's Dinner for Christmas

The next Men's Dinner will be held **on Wednesday, 20th November in the Church Hall**. This will be our Christmas meeting and Von and her band of helpers will treat us to a **3 course meal**. Approx. cost will be \$25. Meet at 6.30 pm for 7.00. For further information, or if you need a ride, please contact Ray on 0434 825 038. Ray

Townsend Park Stall for 'We Dream'

Each year Townsend Park Retirement Village holds a small 'market', this year it will be on Monday Nov 25th. I will be holding a small stall to raise funds for Tarcisius and the 'We Dream' project in Bangladesh.

If you have any donations (e.g. Christmas decorations, craft objects, food or preserves) please pass them to me, together with suggested prices, next Sunday (Nov 24th). Any leftovers will be sold at church at a later date. Mary G

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Coffee riding camp at Milang went very well with 22 people in attendance. Rides went through Langhorns Creek, a hot one, Finniss for a great lunch, a windy one and Strathalbyn, near perfect. A great three days of riding and fellowship. Some ladies enjoyed the shopping in Strath. Brian

Women's Day Fellowship Christmas Lunch

The Christmas lunch for 2019 will be held at 12.30 for 1pm on Thursday 21st November. Ladies welcome for this end of year event
Von

BRIGHTON COMMUNITY CARE

Brighton Community Care are hoping to make up about 500 Christmas Hampers to be delivered to needy families in our community this year. To help them in this project they are looking for donations of foods and treats to include in the hampers. Foods include cordials, cereals, nuts, sweets tinned fruits etc as well as bon bons, serviettes, decorations etc.

Any donated gifts can be brought along to the church and we will make sure they are delivered. Marion Salvation Army are also helping by collecting toys etc for gifts for children up to 12 yrs. of age. These can also be delivered to Brighton Community Care and they will forward them on. Thank you, Von and Evening Fellowship Members.

UCA Environmental Action Group

Last Thursday, on your behalf, I attended a meeting of this group at Christ Church at which we discussed various evidence in favour and formulated the following proposal:

'That the Synod incorporate into its redrafting of the Strategic Plan consideration of our responsibility for Creation Care through theological reflection, education and action'.

This will be presented to the forthcoming Synod of SA which is meeting this week and we will no doubt hear more about this matter in due course. It has been on the UCA agenda for many years, in fact I understand it was mentioned in the basis of union of the UCA over 40 years ago. Those interested can gather information over the Christmas Season and we will arrange to meet again early next year, with a view to taking some meaningful action. In the meantime, you might like to have a look at:

<https://effectiveliving.ucasa.org.au/environmental-action-group/>

<https://www.unitingworld.org.au/tag/climate-change/>

David

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Worship Leader for Today: **Rev. Gary Stuckey**
Lectionary for Today: **17 November 2019: Is 65:17 – 25.**
Is 12; 2 Thes 3: 6 - 13; Lk 21: 5 - 19.

Reminder for Stewards: **24.11. 2019**
Warwick Gardner Pearl Wood

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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