



Uniting Church in Australia
SEACLIFF WEEKLY NEWS
Sunday 24 November 2019
Christ the King

CHRIST the KING

Reflection

of our only King, the Lord Jesus Christ, be with you all. *And also with you.*

The grace
Today is a day when we ask you to turn an idea upside down – to firmly take the word “king” and stand it on its head.

Christ is our King, the monarch of all things,
is that humble, compassionate person who—
never went to university
never wrote a book,
never held any public office,
never had friends in high places,
never travelled out of his tiny country,
never met anyone more important than a provincial governor.

His only crown— a wreath of thorns.

His only throne— two crossed planks of wood.

At his right hand, and at his left, two dying thieves.

*Come, let us celebrate a remarkable thing;
Jesus of Nazareth is our incomparable King!.*

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. Our Minister is Rev. Gary Stuckey.

This Week at Seacliff

Women's Night Fellowship 7.30pm Wed. 27th November

What's News

Advent Reflection Groups

Thank you for the great response to the Advent Groups. The groups will commence this week and run for three weeks.

Tuesday 10:30am (middle hall); **Wednesday 2:00pm** (church) and **Thursday 2:00pm** (middle hall).

I look forward to journeying with you through this season. Gary

Christmas Bowl

The Christmas Bowl appeal has for 70 years been providing relief and assistance to people in war torn countries. That work continues today through Act for Peace, an arm of the National Council of Churches. At this morning's service, you will receive a Christmas Bowl offering envelope. If you would like to support the work of Act for Peace all you need to do is put your donation in the envelope and return it through the offering.

If you would like a receipt for tax purposes please hand your contribution to our treasurer David Grieg who can arrange for that to happen. Gary

The book!

I have read *the book*. More than once. I sat down after lunch last Sunday and read it from cover to cover. I was simply overwhelmed. Thank you so much for all your kind thoughts and gracious words: messages in word and picture, precious gems every one.

You of course are part of this too – I received many words of encouragement and offers of support over the course of the year: indeed, without that support the job could not have been done. I hope I was as gracious in my response as you have been in the red book.

So, my dear friends, thank you again for this treasure – which I see as another illustration of why this place is my "home church".

Max

WOMENS NIGHT FELLOWSHIP

On Wednesday, next, **27th November** our meeting program is a “*Christmas Craft*” night and we look forward to seeing as many members as possible there. We meet at 7.30pm and after our general meeting we can enjoy making a Christmas decoration or card. The *blue group* are on Devotions and supper.

Don't forget your donation to the Christmas Hampers at Brighton Community Care. (See note below). See you there!

Von

BRIGHTON COMMUNITY CARE

Brighton Community Care are hoping to make up about 500 Christmas Hampers for 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 etc as well as serviettes, decorations etc. Any donated gifts can be brought to the church and we will make sure they are delivered. Marion Salvation Army are also helping collecting toys etc, for gifts for children up to 12 yrs. of age. These can also be delivered to Brighton Community Care who will forward them on.

Von and Evening Fellowship Members.

Cogs n Coffee

Fifteen of us left early on Wed to try and beat the heat, got to Henley Beach before returning to INC for our coffee.

Next weeks ride is to Victoria Pk meeting at shops by Warradale station at 8.30am.

Reminder our Christmas ride breakfast will be on the 18th Dec at 9.30 at INC.

Brian

Christmas Craft Stall

Yarn Sisters are hosting a small table of Christmas Crafts for purchase at church on **Sunday 1st December**. Crafts-person (fellas included!) are invited to contribute handiwork, Proceeds to our mission projects for this year.

Maureen and Heather



Notes from the Treasurer

Our Mission Projects

Further to the end-of-October figures in my financial report last Sunday showing current balances of \$817 for Oodnadatta and \$583 for Bangladesh,

I propose to publish the final results for both Oodnadatta and Bangladesh on Dec 8 following the 'First Sunday' offering on Dec 1st. Envelopes are available from the desk near the entry if you wish to use them.

Obviously, I do not yet have the figures for November but am optimistic that we can reach a total of \$1000 for both Oodnadatta and Bangladesh before the end of this year. I intend to forward this money to them before Christmas.

On the matter of 'We Dream' in Bangladesh, I have received financial records from Tarcisius showing that our contribution of AUD2112 is over 90% of their income and that this is being used to pay staff, admin fees, buy food and educational materials.

It is certainly making a huge difference in his village and I am looking forward to seeing it first-hand when I visit them next year and will report back to this congregation in due course. *David*

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Worship Leader for Today: **Rev. Gary Stuckey**
Lectionary for Today: **24 November 2019: Jer 23: 1-6;**
Lk 1: 68-79; Col 1: 11-20; Lk 23: 33 - 43.

Reminder for Stewards: **1.12. 2019**
Brian Gepp Von Bollinger

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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