



Uniting Church in Australia
SEACLIFF WEEKLY NEWS
Sunday 2 February 2020
EPIPHANY 4

Psalm 15 A psalm of David.

¹ Lord, who may dwell in your sacred tent?

Who may live on your holy mountain?

² The one whose walk is blameless,
who does what is righteous,
who speaks the truth from their heart;

³ whose tongue utters no slander,
who does no wrong to a neighbor,
and casts no slur on others;

⁴ who despises a vile person
but honors those who fear the Lord;
who keeps an oath even when it hurts,
and does not change their mind;

⁵ who lends money to the poor without interest;
who does not accept a bribe against the innocent.

Whoever does these things
will never be shaken.

From Today's lectionary

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

Yarn Sisters **10am Thursday 6th February**

M&Ms **10am Friday 7th February**

What's News

CHURCH COUNCIL ELECTIONS AND AGM (REPORTS)

Today is the last day for receiving nominations for election to Church Council. Current members coming to the end of their terms are eligible to stand for re-election; all members of Seacliff Uniting Church are entitled to stand for membership of Council if they wish.

The current plan is to announce the names of nominees at approx 10.45 this morning, during Soapbox. The election will be conducted on the 16th February, after morning worship.

Please note that all nominees for election must receive the positive endorsement of the congregation in order to be elected. If the number of nominees is not more than the number of available places on Council, ***nominees are not declared elected unopposed***: each nominee must receive the positive support of the majority of those who vote. Your participation in the election process is an important part of the functioning of our congregation.

The results of the Church Council Election will be announced at the Congregation meeting at 11 a.m. on that day - Sunday, 16th February 2020.

Rosemary Thompson – Secretary

Cogs n Coffee

Last Wed we kicked off the start of the riding year for Cogs n Coffee with 17 of us having a very pleasant ride to Grange for our coffee. Next weeks ride is to Plant Four meeting at the shops at Warradale at 8.30am. Bruce will lead this ride. Brian

Marion Citizen of the Year Nomination

Congratulations to Brian Gepp on being nominated for a **Citizen of the Year Award**. There were six nominations and all were very worthy winners. Brian's work with Netball, cycling, driving the community bus and helping people in so many ways was

acknowledged. Unfortunately, the judges did not agree with us so Brian was not the outright winner.

During the ceremony, where 20 people formally became Australian Citizens, there were awards for the young Australian and various events. It was interesting to note the large number of Christian people and groups that featured. Geoff

NIGHT FELLOWSHIP

Our first meeting for 2020 will be "*Fellowship and a shared meal*" with a Black and White theme, **on Wed 12th Feb at 6.30 pm** in our Church Hall. Would members of Blue and Yellow groups please bring a savoury plate to share, and Green group and Executive sweets. Any friends who would like to join us, please bring food of your choice. This is a great night to catch up on everyone's news and air your black and white item Chris



Seacliff Environmental Action (S.E.A.) Group

You may recall that late last year Church Council supported the idea that we establish an 'Environmental Action' Group at our church. Consequently an Information sheet was distributed and a meeting **next Sunday Feb 9th** was foreshadowed.

I suggest that this group will be able to provide opportunities to support each other in sharing ideas and energy rather than trying to convince others to think or do certain things about the environment.

I don't see any reason to be too formal at this stage but just to get started.

I am prepared to be the coordinator/convener and we will see what happens. At our first meeting next week (9/2) I propose we meet at approx 11am and promise that we will be on our way home by 12 at the latest. I suggest that anyone should feel free to spend 5 minutes or so talking to the group about something they think is/could be/will be useful to support our shared efforts to save the planet! If so please let me know what you have in mind.

David

Yarn Sisters

Yarn Sisters are meeting next **Thursday 6th February** at the Seacliff Surf Lifesaving Club at **10.00 am**. Come along for a chat, coffee and crochet!! Everyone is welcome. Heather Gepp

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Just a reminder that this is the tenth and final year of this Group, at least in its present form. I will circulate the Program in the next week or so and the first meeting will be on March 1st when Andrew will 'take us to' Palestine and Israel. *David*

Men's Dinner

The first Men's Dinner for 2020 is booked for **Wednesday 19th February** at the Seacliff Hotel, 221 Esplanade, Seacliff. Meet at 6.30pm for a 7pm start. For information or transport, contact dene on 8296 1046.

Beyond Seacliff UC e-News items

South Australian UCA members in the Australia Day Honours List:

Ms Judith Margaret Cross AM, Lockleys

Service to community health: a former Director, Counselling and Family Services, Uniting Communities, 1984-1988, then Chief Executive Officer, Relationships Australia in South Australia, 2001-2016.

Mrs Ruth Adelaide Daws OAM, Burnside

Service to netball, and to the community: Founder and President of the Burnside City Uniting Church Netball Club, since 2013; founded the Beaumont Uniting Church Netball Club in 1966 and has held executive roles in the SA United Church Netball Association

Mr Brian Douglas Hern OAM, Walkerville

For service to the Uniting Church in Australia. Mr Hern has chaired the Synod of South Australia Stipends Committee since 1999. He also held executive roles at the Royal School of Church Music, SA Branch, and is a Life Member of the Adelaide Harmony Choir.

Mr Roger Wilfrid McCauley OAM, Moonta

For service to the Uniting Church in Australia, and to the community. Mr McCauley is a Lay Preacher at Branches Community Church on the Yorke Peninsula, Synod of South Australia; a Volunteer Ambassador with Leprosy Mission and a Member of Gideons International, and a Life Member and Team Leader of the Ambulance Service at Moonta.

Reconciliation SA 2020 Apology Breakfast

This annual breakfast is held Thursday 13 February to honour the survivors of the Stolen Generations and to inform the wider community about historical and current matters relating to the

Stolen Generations. Individual tickets cost \$80;, please contact Tarlee Leondaris on 0402347957

Commissioning of Co- Presidents for Fellowship and Mission

Support Burnside City Uniting Church, 384 Portrush Rd, Tusmore 9 February 2020, 2:00pm - 4:30pm

Commissioning of Rev Brian and Mrs Jill Polkinghorne as new co-Presidents for 2020-2021, at Burnside City Uniting Church at 2.00pm, followed by Afternoon Tea. Come and Support the work of Fellowship and Mission in South Australia.

Disaster & Recovery Chaplaincy update

The Uniting Church coordinates the multifaith network of chaplains known as ***Disaster and Recovery Ministries*** across SA. Working alongside services and groups who aid in taking care of people's physical and emotional needs, chaplaincy seeks to support people's spiritual and pastoral needs.

There are two significant developments on Kangaroo Island:

- a Recovery Centre has now been set up at Parndana Community Health Centre and outreach teams are just beginning to visit many affected people across the Island.
- Rev Dr Phil Marshall will be inducted as the Recovery Liaison Minister - Kangaroo Island at a date to be advised

Training for new chaplains will take place on **26 - 27 March, 9:30am - 4:30pm at Seacliff Uniting Church**. Refresher training for those who have done the course before but need to refresh their skills to maintain their accreditation will happen on the second day of training (Friday 27 March). Registrations will be open for this soon. For more information, please contact Wendy Perkins on 0408 896 220 or wperkins@sa.uca.org.au.

Spirituality of Ageing workshop

Lefevre Uniting Church, 63 Gedville Rd, Taperoo

1st February 2020 9:00am - 12:30pm

Saturday morning workshop for you to explore what Spirituality means in your life. It's broad, it's inclusive and it's stimulating. Topics include: Wheel of Life. Come and explore, share and learn together with our facilitator Elizabeth Vreugdenhill. ***For more information*** contact Rev Frances Bartlett Phone 0407687311

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Worship Leader for Today: **Rev. Gary Stuckey HC**
Lectionary for Today: **2 February 2020: Mic 6: 1- 8; Ps 15;
1 Cor 1: 18 - 31; Mt 5: 1 - 12.**

Reminder for Stewards: 9 February 2020
Dave Rickard 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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