



Uniting Church in Australia
SEACLIFF WEEKLY NEWS
Sunday 16 February 2020
EPIPHANY 6

Psalm 11: 1-8:

If you have walked God's road blamelessly,
full-on happiness is yours,
if you have followed Christ, never looking back,
you are among the choicest saints.

But if you have sincerely tried yet sometimes failed,
you are still numbered among the happy.
If you have sought God with your whole heart,
you can count your many blessings.

Commandments are given for our own good,
to be embraced diligently.
God help us to keep our focus and our love,
that we may stay steady under pressure.

We know that if we keep our eyes on the goal,
we will never live to regret it.
We will be able to praise God with a clear conscience,
and go on to learn more of our Lord's ways.

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

Church Congregation AGM 11am Today

MovieMates Time TBA Tuesday 18th February

Men's Dinner 7,30pm Wednesday 19th February

Women's Day Fel/ship 1.30pm Thurs. 20th Feb.

M&M's 10am Friday 21st February

What's News

Contemplative Worship

It seems that we are living in an increasingly busy, noisy and fast paced world. Where and how can we find some peace and quiet? One way is in Contemplative Worship, a service of stillness, silence and reflection.

On **February 23rd** I will be offering a Contemplative Service at Seacliff, the first of four planned for this year. It will commence at **6:00pm** and run for about an hour.

The service will include quiet music, often from the Taize community, readings, a short reflection followed by a period for personal reflection in silence, Holy Communion and prayer.

This is an opportunity to come into the quiet and find grace and peace to restore your soul.

If you have any questions, please ask me. Gary Stuckey (Rev)



Notes from the Treasurer

As we tidy up accounts from 2019, I can report that a total of **\$2007.30** has been received and forwarded to the annual Christmas Bowl- Act for Peace Appeal on your behalf. We owe special thanks to Bruce for reconciling the cash offerings and processing the cheques and credit card payments. *David*

Women's Day Fellowship

With the weather permitting (Temperature no more than 34 degrees) we will meet on Thursday, next, 20th FEBRUARY. AT 1.30PM in the small hall. It will be a time to catch up after our long break and discuss our program for the year ahead. Anyone who would like to join our small group will be most welcome.

Von Bollinger

Church Council Report

Screening Checks – Uniting Church South Australia require congregation members who hold positions of responsibility to have screening checks as part of their Duty of Care policy. Andrew Telfer, Safe Church Officer, will be in contact with position holders to have appropriate checks which must be completed before 30 June 2020.

Moderator Visit Confirmation - Mr Bronte Wilson will visit Seacliff on Sunday 21 June as part of the Uniting Church Anniversary celebrations

Church Insurance Program – the various activity groups that are currently operating within the Seacliff Uniting Church community will be notified if they are covered or not under the Seacliff Uniting Church insurance program.

Disaster and Recovery Ministry Chaplaincy Training – will be held at Seacliff Uniting Church on Thursday and Friday 26 and 27 March
Annette

Cogs n Coffee

C & C took to our bikes and road Nth along the coast. At Grange five riders decided it was time for coffee whilst a further six took up the challenge to go onto Semaphore for their coffee.

Next weeks ride is to Pt Adelaide meeting at Warradale Shops at 8.30 am.
Brian

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.

Movie Mates

Movie Mates kicks off the 2020 season next **Tuesday 18th February**. Details of the film we are to see and the time we are meeting will be announced at Soapbox next Sunday. Richard



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

The meeting held after worship last week was attended by about 20 people who shared concerns and information and discussed possible environmental ACTION ... bearing in mind the 'salt' and 'light' metaphors in the sermon.

The Group will be quite informal and encourage and enable people to take whatever appropriate action they wish to pursue.

Immediate ACTIONS we will take are:

1. A brief report will be presented to the Church Council Meeting on Tuesday next.
2. Maintain an email 'group' which all can use to share info and discuss issues; a good example of 'practicing what we preach' with paper use! If anyone not at the meeting wishes to join this email 'group' please tell, phone or email me with your email address.
3. A list of ideas will be in the Newsletter for a possible 6 week 'Carbon Fast' during Lent!
4. Group members are all invited to insert occasional, brief E.A. 'Did You Know' information segments under our S.E.A. Group Banner in the Newsletter and/or speak briefly from the Soapbox.

David (dgreig@bigpond.net.au)

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Worship Leader for Today: **Rev. Gary Stuckey**
Lectionary for Today: **16 February 2020: Deut 30: 15-20 ;
Ps 139: 1-8 ; 1 Cor 3: 1 – 9 ; Mt 5: 21 - 37.**

Reminder for Stewards: 23 February 2020
Dennis Wood Pauline Galliford

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.

Our Minister is Rev. Gary Stuckey.

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Church Office Information

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