



Uniting Church in Australia
SEACLIFF WEEKLY NEWS
Sunday 22 March 2020
LENT 4

Lent 4- “Love Sees”. So many people in our world suffer the loneliness of just not being seen. Jesus ‘sees’ and heals a blind man, who in turn sees.



John 9: Spiritual Blindness

³⁵ Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, and when he found him, he said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?”

³⁶ “Who is he, sir?” the man asked. “Tell me so that I may believe in him.”³⁷ Jesus said, “You have now seen him; in fact, he is the one speaking with you.”³⁸ Then the man said, “Lord, I believe,” and he worshiped him. ³⁹ Jesus said,^[a] “For judgment I have come into this world, so that the blind will see and those who see will become blind.”

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 F/ship 7.30pm Wed. 25th March

What's News

Services during Lent

Through the 40 days he spends in the desert, Jesus discerns the path he is to follow - the path of love.

Lent 5- "Love Brings Life". The raising of Lazarus from the dead is a missional call to us all to be life givers in a world where there is so much death, both literally but also figuratively. How can we be life givers for ourselves and others?

Lent 6- "Love Brings Peace". Jesus' entry into Jerusalem is a proclamation of peace and call for those who follow him to be peace makers in our world. Rev. Gary Stuckey

Church Council News

- The Disaster and Recovery Ministries **Chaplaincy training**, which Seacliff was hosting on March 26 and 27, has been cancelled in compliance with advice from Synod. Thank you to all who generously offered their time and talents to help with the catering. The training will take place later in the year.
- A **pastoral letter**, with up to date advice and an outline of steps that are been taken to help combat the spread of the Coronavirus, has been emailed to members of the Seacliff UC community on March 16. Copies are near the Church door if you did not receive your letter.
- Church Council is conducting a **Pastoral Care review** and is seeking relevant information and feedback from the congregation. The survey sheets are at the rear of the church. Please fill in and put in nearby box before April 12.
- **Easter cards** sharing the message of 'enduring hope' as well as promoting Seacliff's Easter events will be ready for distribution on Sunday, March 29. Annette

The Greigs have returned

We have just returned prematurely from Asia (I was unable to get to Bangladesh) and feel quite healthy, however we are now obliged to be in **self-isolation** for two weeks so are planning to be at church on Sunday March 29th. We felt safe and appreciated with your prayers. If we need any help with supplies etc we will certainly call.

David and Mary



Women's Night Fellowship

At our meeting this Wednesday, **25th March at 7.30pm**, will be a speaker, Aileen Scott, who will talk about **ROSES** and her role as past president of the Rose Society.

Members are asked to bring an item for a TRADING TABLE.

If there are any necessary changes to our meeting, members will be advised.

Chris

TakeUs2 Notice

The TakeUs2 programme for **April 5th March** has been *cancelled* due to the Corona virus precaution advisory for groups.

Annette

Cogs n Coffee

Eight of peddled to Grange most enjoyable, thought was given to two members awaiting heart surgery.

On a lighter note, much hilarity occurred when a member pointed out that all hand sanitisers needed a quantity of alcohol in them to kill the virus. A nameless member mentioned that they didn't bother with that, but drank a bottle of whiskey a day.

Next weeks ride, meet at Warradale Shops at 8.30am.

Group decided to keep riding on a Wed.

Brian

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Worship Leader for Today: **Rev. Gary Stuckey**
Lectionary for Today: **22 March 2020: 1 Sm 13: 1- 16:**
Ps 23; Ep 5: 8 – 14; Jn 9: 8 - 41.

Reminder for Stewards: 29 March 2020
TBA Bob Heywood

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 6.00pm 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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