



Uniting Church in Australia
SEACLIFF WEEKLY NEWS
Sunday 19 April 2020
EASTER 2

**Keep me safe, my GOD,
for in you I take refuge.**

— Psalm 16:1

PsalmsQuotes.com

Psalm 16

Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices;

my body also will rest secure,

¹⁰because you will not abandon me to the realm of the dead,
nor will you let your faithful one see decay.

¹¹You make known to me the path of life;
you will fill me with joy in your presence,
with eternal pleasures at your right hand.

Welcome to the Seacliff Uniting Church web site

If you are new to the area, visiting friends or family, we extend a warm welcome, and invite you to follow our on-line activities in worship and fellowship. Our Minister is Rev. Gary Stuckey.

What's News

FROM THE MINISTER

Online Worship

From Sunday April 5th there will be a video service from Seacliff available online. All you will have to do is go to the Seacliff UC website www.seacliffuc.net and click on the link .

Leave

I will be on leave from **13th April to the 4th May**. I look forward to the time when we can be physically together again. Peace Stuckey (Rev)

Church Council Report

Church Council met via the online program ZOOM. All members were able to stay in the comfort of their own home but still see and talk to each other. We are certainly gaining some impressive skills for the future!

The Seacliff Uniting Church Leaders and members of our community are doing an outstanding job looking after each other, family, friends and neighbours. during these challenging times. Thank you for keeping an eye on our more vulnerable members. If additional support is needed, please let us know through the Church Office or contact a Church Council member.

- **Pastoral Care** – Church Council has instigated a number of initiatives to promote regular communication including telephone contact, worship services being provided on-line plus printed sermon notes being made available through email. **Outlook** and the **Newsletter** are also available on line and are being emailed to all members.

Rev. Gary Stuckey is also providing spiritual resources, meditation advice and a list of worship websites.

- **Finance** – Church Council is encouraging **eGive** as an easier way of regular giving during these times. David Greig, Treasurer, is happy to support people to fill out the form.
- **Easter cards** were distributed to the local community with a message of Hope written by Rev. Gary Stuckey.
- Rev Gary Stuckey and other Worship Leaders will continue to video a **Sunday Worship Service** each week. People who would like to view this but do not have the technical support please contact the Church Office or a Church Council member. Blessings. Annette Craven

Notes from the Treasurer

Invitation to make your Offerings via e-give

In response to several questions, I have proposed to Church Council that we invite members to switch from cash or envelopes to e-give for their regular Sunday Offerings. This arrangement, even if temporary, will be of great help in trying to maintain our income and 'balance our books' until we are able to meet again 'on the other side'. *If you wish to do so, please follow the following steps:*

1. Click this link to go online to view and print the e-give Application Form: <https://ucinvest.com.au/pdfs/uc-invest-forms/egive-application-form.pdf>
2. OR go to our www.seacliffuc.org website and view and print the e-give Application Form.
3. Fill the form in and send it in to the Postal address given at the top of the form.
4. OR contact me directly treasurer@seacliffuc.org or 8296 7640 / 0418 895 560 and I will be pleased to help you in one way or another.

Blessings, *David*

Educational Materials for Tarcisius

As you all know David's recent attempt to visit Tarcisius was aborted because of the COVID outbreak . So we are now holding the educational materials until we hear from Tarcisius that delivery to him will be safe and reliable.

This means we will now have to pay for postage or transport . (It would have been free if David was able to deliver !!)

If you would like to contribute to the cost of postage and /or the buying of the materials it would be much appreciated by Church Council. Donations can be given to David, any Church Council member or paid Direct Debit to our church account : **BSB 015220 Acct. 603002697** With thanks , Josie

'Welcome to Worship at Seacliff'

Recently a few of us conducted a trial of virtual 'ZOOM' Worship at the usual time of 9.30 and learned quite a bit about how it all works. At its recent meeting, Church Council agreed to offer an invitation to all of our members, indeed to anyone interested, to become involved. We hope that everyone (max 100) will consider becoming involved in this way, it is not quite the 'real thing' but is much better than nothing and actually quite fun!

You will be able to log in **on** Sundays from about 9.15am (using the link below) but we found that the best way is to start viewing the video from the Church Website at 9.30am promptly, before clicking the link and joining 'the crowd' immediately afterwards for discussion of the 'Message' and then a virtual cuppa and chat for as long as you wish.

If you would like to be involved, these are the steps to follow:

1. You can use any digital Device but it will need a camera and microphone and a bigger screen will be better so you can see everyone.
2. Go to: <https://zoom.us/download> and follow the prompts to download 'ZOOM Client for Meetings'. I suggest you avoid the other 'third parties' who also offer it.
3. Make sure I have your email address please by sending a note to me at: treasurer@seacliffuc.org

4. I will then send you the link you will need to click on to join the 'meeting' or just click on the one below:

Topic: Seacliff Uniting Zoom Worship

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3577202589>

As you come into the site you will be invited to do speaker and microphone checks and I suggest you do so.

Please note it is a 'recurring' meeting so you can use the same link each week and may even get a reminder on your digital Calendar!

5. OR give me an email or a call (8296 7640 / 0418 895 560) and I will try to help.

Blessings, *David*

Seacliff Community Fair – Late October

Time on your hands? Looking for something to do? Are you making things or learning new skills while we're "isolating" at home? A reminder that we're planning and creating for the Community Fair at the end of October.

I'm looking after the Eco Stall and busy making knitted cotton dish cloths, scrubbies and patchwork mug rugs. I'm looking for contributions of anything you make or do or reuse that will help make our environment cleaner, healthier and more sustainable:

- fabric shopping bags and produce bags
- BYO cutlery holders
- Home made cleaning products and cosmetic products
- Saved seeds and seedlings, composting tips
- Decorated plant pots

- Plastic free kids games (eg fuzzy felt tic-tac-toe)
- Patchwork and upcycled clothing
- Recycled/upcycled art work (I'm collecting coloured buttons)
- Mum's/Grandma's recipes for a recipe/wise advice/ how to? Book,
- and anything more we can think of!!

If you would like to spend time making items for this table, that would be fantastic. If you want any further information, or can share an idea, just contact Maureen 0402332703

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Sunday morning worship now online see Church website:
www.seacliffuc.net.

Lectionary for Today: **19 April 2020: Act 2: 14a, 22 - 32;**
Ps 16; 1Pt 1: 3-9; Jn 20: 19 - 31.

Church Office Closure

Please be advised that the Church Office has closed for the foreseeable future. The phone will be monitored remotely so messages can be left, and emails can be sent to office@seacliffuc.org which will also be monitored remotely. Our church website will be continually updated with the current weekly newsletter and monthly Outlook which will keep us informed of our church life.

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 the church office and it will be forwarded for you.

Our Minister is Rev. Gary Stuckey.

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Church Office Information

Closed until further notice

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