



**Uniting Church in Australia**  
**SEACLIFF WEEKLY NEWS**  
**Sunday 21 June 2020**  
**Pentecost 3**



- 4 Bring joy to your servant, Lord,  
for I put my trust in you.
- 5 You, Lord, are forgiving and good,  
abounding in love to all who call to you.
- 6 Hear my prayer, Lord;  
listen to my cry for mercy.
- 7 When I am in distress, I call to you,  
because you answer me.
- 8 Among the gods there is none like you, Lord;  
no deeds can compare with yours.
- 9 All the nations you have made  
will come and worship before you, Lord;  
they will bring glory to your name.
- <sup>10</sup> For you are great and do marvelous deeds;  
you alone are God.

**Welcome to the Seacliff Uniting Church web site**  
**Our Minister is Rev. Gary Stuckey.**

## What's News

**Worship Services** – The weekly Worship Service will continue to be videoed on Wednesdays. The worship resources will also continue to be emailed to you and uploaded to the website every Thursday. Zoom discussions on Sunday morning will also continue. **The Good News** - We are introducing a booking system that will allow 20 of our congregation members to attend the Worship Service on **Wednesdays at 2pm**. If you would like to attend and feel well and safe enough, please make a booking by contacting Rosemary Thomson on 82982026 or 0419 038 073.

### **UCA Anniversary - *Bronte Wilson* Moderator**

As we approach the 43<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of the inauguration of the Uniting Church in Australia, my thoughts go back to that time in 1977 when the Methodist, Congregational and Presbyterian denominations came together to form the Uniting Church in Australia.

We had a long legacy and many traditions behind us, and we were also prepared to be our own church, with our own mission and priorities. Many individuals worked tirelessly to prepare the Basis of Union, our founding document that sets out the important ways we are to be the Uniting Church.

Today, during a pandemic, we care for the vulnerable and needy, we support the Black Lives Matter campaign, we reach out with compassion and comfort to all humanity. The Uniting Church is not closed; we are fulfilling our calling in these different circumstances we are still that pilgrim people on a journey toward the promised goal as described in the Basis of Union. As we remember our history may we look to the future, carrying out God's calling to each of us. UC e-News

### **Cogs n Coffee**

10 of us did a leisurely ride to Henley Beach and we welcomed Tom Sweeney for his first ride with us, another ebiker. Meet at Wattle Reserve at 8.30am for next weeks ride to Outerharbour, bring your concession card for trip back to Bowden.  
Brian



## *Notes from the Treasurer*

- Over the last few months our church has had virtually no income, apart from 'e-give' and a few of us who have made bank deposits or conveyed their cash and envelopes directly to me. This income has been very gratefully received and I sincerely thank you all.
- Our other sources of income have also been severely diminished. Our Tenants are only just resuming their businesses and our long term 'Manse Investment Fund' (Share Market) has been severely devalued. I have provided the details to Church Council.
- We are very grateful to UCA who secured the 'Jobkeeper' Allowance to subsidize Gary's Stipend to keep us 'afloat' until June 30<sup>th</sup>. This Allowance is currently under review by the Federal Government and may be extended to September 30<sup>th</sup>.
- We have been in communication with Tarcisius in Bangladesh and he greatly appreciates our support of the children and has indicated that they may be able to use further financial support in August.
- May I encourage our Congregation to bring along your Offerings as cash and envelopes, that you have been accumulating at home, at the earliest opportunity please, to help maintain our finances as we resume our lives together.

*David G.*



## Our 'COVID Cocoon' Project

In the weeks following Easter, some of us at Seacliff Uniting thought that the metaphor of 'metamorphosis' with the caterpillar, cocoon and butterfly might be helpful as we struggle to emerge from the 'COVID Cocoon' in which we have now lived for several months.

Arising from this, several people in the congregation have felt drawn to produce a series of Media Resources. These consist of short (5-10 minute) **Videos** containing a particular perspective and questions for individual reflection or small group discussion, together with accompanying **Scripts** (i.e. written materials). We will publish 3 Videos and Scripts initially, with others added progressively in the weeks ahead, towards the end of June.

Our purpose is to produce Resources that will inspire reflection, discussion and new hope and vision as we resume our lives as the Uniting Church in Australia. Seacliff UC will offer these Resources to all, trusting they will be helpful not only to our congregation, but also to other UCA congregations and the wider Christian community.

The materials are free to download and use from <http://SeacliffUC.net/COVIDCocoon> (the initial files will be uploaded asap and by Sunday 21/6 at the latest)

Any questions or comments can be directed to David Greig please:[treasurer@seacliffuc.org](mailto:treasurer@seacliffuc.org)

*David G.*

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Sunday morning worship now also online - see Church website: [www.seacliffuc.net](http://www.seacliffuc.net).

Lectionary for Today: **21 June 2020: Gn 21: 8 – 21; Ps 86: 1 -10, 16 - 17; Rom 6 : 1b - 11; Mt 10: 24 – 39.**

### 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](mailto: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](mailto: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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