



Uniting Church in Australia
SEACLIFF WEEKLY NEWS
Sunday 26 July 2020
Pentecost 8



The Parables of the Hidden Treasure and the Pearl

⁴⁴ “The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field.⁴⁵ “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls.⁴⁶ When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it.

The Parable of the Net

⁴⁷ “Once again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was let down into the lake and caught all kinds of fish.⁴⁸ When it was full, the fishermen pulled it up on the shore. Then they sat down and collected the good fish in baskets, but threw the bad away.⁴⁹ This is how it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come and separate the wicked from the righteous⁵⁰ and throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.⁵¹ **“Have you understood all these things?” Jesus asked.**

Welcome to the Seacliff Uniting Church web site

Our Minister is Rev. Gary Stuckey.

What's News

Message from Church Council

Seacliff UC Sunday Worship Services will resume **next Sunday August 2nd at 9:30 am**. Our re-opening service will not only be a special time of worship but it will be a time of celebration. During the service we will celebrate Holy Communion and enjoy some great music and singing.

I want to assure you that keeping you safe and comfortable is a priority so there will be hand sanitizer and social distancing but you will be able to sit next to your loved ones.

After the service there will be a morning cuppa and a time of fellowship to catch up with friends

If you are unwell or do not feel comfortable returning to church a video of the service will be available on request.

Our re-opening planning team met on Thursday morning to discuss the details of re-commencing Sunday worship. I will be writing to you in a few days with this information.

We look forward with much excitement to welcoming you back on August 2nd.

Annette Craven

Church Office Re-opens

The church office will re-open on **30th July** for the usual Thursday and Friday 9.30am – 12.30pm attendance. The hard copy Weekly Newsletter will be produced for the Sunday Worship Service from that week.

Heather

Cogs n Coffee

With some of the group away, it was cool but dry on Wednesday morning for the twelve riders that headed off for the ride along the seafront up to The Palais, Semaphore.

This coming Wednesday, we meet at 8-30am at the Warradale shops in Addison Rd and then head to Port Adelaide, a popular ride for this group.

Bruce

M&Ms Returns

The Seacliff UC group M&Ms has returned for 2020 on the third Friday of the month, at the usual time of 10am to 12 noon at the Church. The next meeting will be on 21st August.

Advice of this and other group activities will be in the weekly newsletter in the familiar **This Week** listing from next Sunday 2nd August as hard copies are distributed

Dean

Mwandi OVC Project, Zambia – From UC E-news



When COVID-19 hit, along with all of its implications and changes, the Mwandi United Church of Zambia was faced with a big challenge – how to feed 140 children (22 of them with HIV/AIDS) on a daily basis?

It wasn't the case that they could continue to congregate in the feeding hall and for the first five days, children were isolated in their huts, with Councillors checking in, especially on the most vulnerable families in the village.

'We thank God that we received an initial letter from the Office of the President giving permission to feed the orphans and vulnerable children, with the District Commissioner giving us some guidelines,' said Deaconess Judith Nyuma Lunga, head of the Mwandi Consistory.

The feeding team established a 'take-away' system with children monitored for hand-washing and physical distancing as they received their package of food. The care and safety of the children and the staff has been paramount throughout these challenging times.

It is hoped that in 2021 a team of volunteers can head over to Mwandi and we thank God for his love and protection of the feeding program and pray for continuing safety for all.

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

Lectionary for Today: **26 July 2020: Gn 29: 15 – 28: Ps 105: 1 – 11, 45b; Rom 8: 26 – 39; Mt 13: 31 – 33, 44 - 52.**

Church Office Closure

Please be advised that the Church Office will re-open on 30th July. 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.

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