



**Uniting Church in Australia**  
**SEACLIFF WEEKLY NEWS**  
**Sunday 23 August 2020**  
**PENTECOST 12**



**MATHEW 16: 13 – 20**

<sup>13</sup> When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, **“Who do people say the Son of Man is?”**

<sup>14</sup> They replied, “Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets.”

<sup>15</sup> **“But what about you?”** he asked. **“Who do you say I am?”**

<sup>16</sup> Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.”

<sup>17</sup> Jesus replied, **“Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven. <sup>18</sup> And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it. <sup>19</sup> I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.”**

<sup>20</sup> Then he ordered his disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

## **Welcome to Seacliff Uniting Church!**

As we gather again in our Worship Centre at Seacliff, we extend a warm welcome, inviting you to share in worship and fellowship within the Covid-19 precautions at this time. Our Minister is Rev. Gary Stuckey.

## **What's News**

### **Church Council News**

#### **Centenary Celebration Committee - Reminder**

A committee will be formed over the next few weeks to formulate ideas and research the history of Seacliff Methodist/Uniting Church for our Centenary Celebrations in **May/June 2021**.

If you would like to be on the committee or contribute in any way to this exciting event please email or speak with Rosemary Thompson or Annette Craven.

#### **A reminder to lift the heart**

**Jeremiah 29:11** *"For I know the plans I have for you' declares the Lord, 'plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.'"* Annette

#### **Art and Craft Show - Reminder**

At The Dunes, (off Repton Road, North Brighton), we are having a display of art, craft and needlework this week. The work has been drawn/painted/made by our residents and I am told that in previous years it has been impressive; there are some very talented people here. It is open to the public between 10 am and 2pm on Friday 28th August. Entry is via the reception. If you want more information talk to Geoff Lister.

### **Prayer Points From UC E- News**

#### ***This week we pray for-***

- Our Church's community service agencies, particularly in aged care, as they respond to the new wave of COVID-19 cases in Victoria. This prayer for people in lockdown areas was written by Assembly theologian-in-residence Rev Dr Ji Zhang.

- For all leaders and officials who are making vital decisions and who are under such enormous pressure. May God guide their hand so that they make decisions based on both truth and love.
- Congregations and Church Councils who are making decisions that will affect so many of your people and their fellowship together. May God give them wisdom on how to best listen to governing authorities and to respect the directions that are given, while still caring for one another.

**Paranoia has reached  
absurd stages...**

**I sneezed in front of  
my laptop and the  
anti-virus started a  
scan on its own**

Another Covid funny from David

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Worship Leader for Today: **Brian Gepp**  
Lectionary for Today: **23 August 2020: Ex 1: 8 - 2:10:**  
**Ps 124; Rom 12: 1 - 8; Mt 16: 13 - 20.**

Reminder for Stewards: 30 August 2020  
Richard Lane Von Bollinger

### 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. According to our **Covit plan**, please note the seating arrangements within the building for your safety.

### Items for the Newsletter

Please email items to  
[newsletter@seacliffuc.org](mailto: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.

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