



**Uniting Church in Australia**  
**SEACLIFF WEEKLY NEWS**  
**Sunday 1 November 2020**  
**PENTECOST 22**

## **A Warning Against Hypocrisy**

## **Mt.23:**

### **1 - 12**

23 Then Jesus said to

the crowds and to his disciples: <sup>2</sup>“The teachers of the law and the Pharisees sit in Moses’ seat. <sup>3</sup>So you must be careful to do everything they tell you. But do not do what they do, for they do not practice what they preach. <sup>4</sup>They tie up heavy, cumbersome loads and put them on other people’s shoulders, but they themselves are not willing to lift a finger to move them.

<sup>5</sup>“Everything they do is done for people to see: They make their phylacteries<sup>[a]</sup> wide and the tassels on their garments long; <sup>6</sup>they love the place of honor at banquets and the most important seats in the synagogues; <sup>7</sup>they love to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces and to be called ‘Rabbi’ by others.

<sup>8</sup>“But you are not to be called ‘Rabbi,’ for you have one Teacher, and you are all brothers. <sup>9</sup>And do not call anyone on earth ‘father,’ for you have one Father, and he is in heaven. <sup>10</sup>Nor are you to be called instructors, for you have one Instructor, the Messiah. <sup>11</sup>The greatest among you will be your servant. <sup>12</sup>For those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.

### **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.

## **This Week at Seacliff**

**Yarn Sisters**

**10am Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> November**

### **What's News**

#### **Minister's Leave**

I will be on leave from 12th October to 10th November. For any pastoral matters which arise, please contact a member of Church Council. From 19th October, for a pastoral or urgent situation, please feel free to contact me. Gary Stuckey (Rev.)



#### **Christmas Dinner**



When – Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> November at 6pm

Where – Seacliff Surf Life Saving Club

What – 3 course meal – menu available - fantastic entertainment

Cost - \$50 – Tickets available now

Performers needed. Friends of the Seacliff UC community most welcome.

Annette and Geoff Craven

#### **REFLECTIONS - from UC e-News**

'Oh, there you are!' said a friend at a gathering. 'I didn't see you there.' This is a somewhat common thing for me to hear friends say.

I am small and short of stature so, like Zaccheus, I am sometimes overlooked. Though I'm not a tax-collector, I am a sinner. But Jesus invites himself to my house because, as he said in Luke 19:10, 'the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.'

I remember that, more often than not, Jesus welcomed and dined with those who were not part of the 'in crowd.' The people responded with evidence of a changed life.

As I think on this, I examine my attitude to those I meet, often or rarely, and imagine welcoming them as warmly as Jesus might.

#### **Prayer:**

All-embracing God, when I am tempted to judge the actions of another, prompt me to remember that I, too, have been saved by your grace. Amen.

## **Cogs n Coffee**

30 plus folk attended the riding camp held in Clare a week ago. Four different rides were run with the most difficult being Clare to Burra on the Mawson trail, we all had to walk at one spot. Feedback from those in attendance has been most encouraging. On Wednesday, 10 of us did the Grange ride on a great day. Unfortunately, a lot of walkers thought the same, which causes the track to be congested. Next weeks ride is to Willunga, catching the 9.06am train at Seacliff. Brian



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Worship Leaders for Today: Brian Gepp, Bob Heywood  
Lectionary for Today: **1 November 2020: Jos 3: 7 - 17;**  
**Ps 107: 1 - 7, 33 - 37; 1Thes 2: 9 - 13; Mt 23: 1 - 12.**  
Reminder for Stewards: 8 November 2020

Colin Theakstone

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 **Covid 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 5pm on Wednesdays. If  
you do not have access to  
email, please phone or call in  
at the church office and it will  
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### **Our Minister is Rev. Gary Stuckey.**

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