



Uniting Church in Australia
SEACLIFF WEEKLY NEWS
Sunday 18 October 2020
PENTECOST 20



Paying the Imperial Tax to Caesar

Mt.22: 15 - 22

¹⁵Then the Pharisees went out and laid plans to trap him in his words. ¹⁶They sent their disciples to him along with the Herodians. "Teacher," they said, "we know that you are a man of integrity and that you teach the way of God in accordance with the truth. You aren't swayed by others, because you pay no attention to who they are. ¹⁷Tell us then, what is your opinion? Is it right to pay the imperial tax^[a] to Caesar or not?"¹⁸But Jesus, knowing their evil intent, said, "You hypocrites, why are you trying to trap me? ¹⁹Show me the coin used for paying the tax." They brought him a denarius,²⁰and he asked them, "Whose image is this? And whose inscription?"²¹"Caesar's," they replied. Then he said to them, "So give back to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to God what is God's."²²When they heard this, they were amazed. So they left him and went away.

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

Men's Dinner

6.30pm Wednesday 21st October

What's News

Minister's Leave

I will be on leave from 12th October to 10th November, away for the first week of the holiday. 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.

Advent Reflection - More details soon.

If you would like to take a more gentle approach to the season, why not be a part of this year's Advent Reflections at Seacliff? I will be planning for two groups to meet (Tuesday afternoon and Thursday morning), starting last week of November and going for three weeks. The focus of the reflections will be the scripture texts set for the Sunday's of Advent.

Gary Stuckey (Rev.)

TakeUs2 News

Many of us have enjoyed Sunday evenings over the past 10 years traveling the world with TakeUs2. Many thanks to David Greig for his initiative and organization over this time. David has decided now to step down as coordinator. However, **TakeUs2 will continue** in a revamped format. We will keep you informed.

Geoff Craven

Gardner Thankyou

Warwick and Maxine would like to thank the Seacliff Uniting Church Congregation for all your prayers, visits, phone calls and cards conveying your care, concern and encouragement during Warwick's unexpected disability. We valued your time, empathy, understanding and listening ears in our time of uncertainty.

We value your ongoing prayers as we work towards regaining Warwick's health. Thanks

Maxine

Men's Dinner

The next Men's Dinner will be held on **Wednesday, 21st October** at **Club Marion, 262 Sturt Rd.** Meet at 6.30 pm for 7.00. For further information, or if you need a ride, please contact Ray on 0434 825 038.

Ray



Notes from the Treasurer

- **Takeus2** held its final meeting on Oct 11th after 10 years and those gathered agreed that the balance of the cash-in-hand (\$205) be donated to support Tarcisius in Bangladesh. My thanks to Dennis for handling the cash of this Group in recent years.
- Bearing in mind that the balance of the Bangladesh Mission Account on 30/9 was \$330 and now (i.e. with Takeus2 donation) at least \$535 Council accepted my recommendation that we pay a further **\$720** (i.e. 4 months @ \$180) to support them until end of Jan at which time the situation will be reviewed.

I am confident our special Mission donations in Oct, Nov and Dec will cover this \$185 gap. We are also making arrangements to send them the box of educational materials that I intended to deliver earlier this year. Tarcisius has provided a Report of their finances and activities which will be included in the Annual Reports.

- I have just been informed that Uniting Church Congregations are no longer eligible for a continuation of the Federal **Jobkeeper** payments. FYI, we have received a total of \$19,500 which has certainly kept us 'afloat' over the past few months. More details will be in my annual Financial Report to the Congregation in due course.
 - The Church has recently purchased a **Card Reader** that can be paired with a mobile phone and will be used at the forthcoming Craft Fair for deposits and also possibly at other events such as the Centenary in May next year. Any enquiries about other possible uses to Heather or myself please.
- Blessings,

David (*I'll be back next week!*)

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Worship Leader for Today: **Jan Barden**

Lectionary for Today: **18 October 2020: Ex 33: 12 - 23;
Ps 99 ; 1Thes 1: 1 - 10; Mt 22: 15 - 22.**

Reminder for Stewards: 25 October 2020
Dave Rickard L Milner

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
by 5pm 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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