



Uniting Church in Australia
SEACLIFF WEEKLY NEWS
Sunday 13 December 2020
ADVENT 3

We Listen to the Word
Scripture Reading:
John 1:6-8, 19-28



John the Baptist Denies Being the Messiah

¹⁹ Now this was John's testimony when the Jewish leaders^(a) in Jerusalem sent priests and Levites to ask him who he was. ²⁰ He did not fail to confess, but confessed freely, "I am not the Messiah." ²¹ They asked him, "Then who are you? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the Prophet?" He answered, "No."

²² Finally they said, "Who are you? Give us an answer to take back to those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?"

²³ John replied in the words of Isaiah the prophet, "I am the voice of one calling in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way for the Lord.'"^(b)

²⁴ Now the Pharisees who had been sent ²⁵ questioned him, "Why then do you baptize if you are not the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?"

²⁶ "I baptize with^(c) water," John replied, "but among you stands one you do not know. ²⁷ He is the one who comes after me, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie." ²⁸ This all happened at Bethany on the other side of the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

What's News

Dear Members of the Seacliff Uniting Church Community

WORSHIP SERVICE SUNDAY 13TH DECEMBER At 9:30am

Church Council met yesterday and made the decision, with careful consideration of our community and Worship team, to hold Worship on **Sunday December 13 at 9:30 am** in the **Large Hall** with overflow in the **Middle Hall** to comply with current COVID-SAFE regulations. Morning Cuppa will be served sitting down after Worship. This week's service will be a celebration of the 3rd week of Advent as we are reminded "*that the Advent journey is a journey of faith not just a journey to Bethlehem*".

Thank you to our Seacliff Community for supporting Worship last Sunday, our first face to face service since Lockdown and change in COVID regulations. It was good to see and talk to so many of our members who came back to Worship and were happy to 'Socially Distance' the COVID way.

With the change of COVID regulations, the relaxing of social distancing rules, beginning on Monday 14th December we will be back in the **Church building** to celebrate **Lessons and Carols** in **Worship on Sunday 20th December**.

Thank you for your patience and support during this transition time.

Annette Craven

Advent Reflection Groups

The Advent Reflection groups have been a little different this year, concluding on the days nominated: **Tuesday Dec 15 at 10:30 am** and **Thursday Dec 17 at 2:00pm**, held in the middle hall at Seacliff UC.

Under COVID restrictions, we will need people to nominate which day they will attend, limited to the first 9 nominating for each day. If you would like to attend please let me (Gary) know ASAP via email at gstu@internode.on.net or my mobile 0488 017 187. (If I can't answer please leave a message.)

Thank you for your understanding. I look forward to sharing this Advent time with you. Peace

Gary Stuckey (Rev)

Diary date – SUNDAY, 14th FEBRUARY 2021 at 11 a.m.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:

- **Elections for positions of service in 2021**
- **Annual Reports for 2020**

ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2021

The list of this year's officers is attached to the door of the cupboard in the middle hall.

- * If you are serving this year in any capacity, please ensure you have indicated whether you are available to continue in 2021.
- * If there is a position you do not currently fill but for which you would like to offer yourself, please add your name to the list.
- * ALL elected positions become vacant and are open to anyone who wishes to be nominated.

ANNUAL REPORTS

People writing reports for the various groups are asked to provide a copy of their report to the Secretary, Rosemary Thomson as soon as possible but by no later than Sunday, 17th January, so that copies can be made available to members of the congregation prior to the meeting. Your report can be a printed copy or sent by email to rosemary.thomson1@bigpond.com
Please plan to be at the meeting if at all possible.

Max Howland, Chairperson

2020 Christmas Events

Please join us at Seacliff Uniting Church

LESSONS AND CAROLS

Sunday, 20th December at 9.30 am



CHRISTMAS EVE UNDER THE PINE TREE

6 pm - Sausage Sizzle

7 pm - Christmas Carols, kids activities and supper

CHRISTMAS DAY CELEBRATION

9.00am Worship Service



Christmas Dinner



When – Wednesday 23rd December at 6pm

Where – Seacliff Surf Life Saving Club

What – 3 course meal – menu available - fantastic entertainment

Cost - \$50 – Tickets still available

Friends of the Seacliff UC

community most welcome.

Annette and Geoff Craven

Funeral

Frank Mitchell's son has asked me to inform people that the funeral for his father will be next Monday afternoon at 3pm.

Unfortunately, numbers are limited to family members but the service will be live streamed. Bev and I will have been invited to represent the Church.

Geoff L

Cogs n Coffee

29 attended our ride and partook in a very nice breakfast at Deli on Beckman St.

This was our last ride for the year. Brian will notify when we commence in the new year.

Brian



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Worship Leaders for Today: Rev. Gary Stuckey
Lectionary for Today: **13 December 2020: Is 61: 1 - 4, 8 -11;**
Ps 126; 1 Thes 5: 16 – 24 ; Jn 1 : 6 – 8, 19 - 28.
Reminder for Stewards: 20 December 2020
M. Davidson M. Tucker

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
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.

Our Minister is Rev. Gary Stuckey.

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Church Office Information

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