



Uniting Church in Australia
SEACLIFF WEEKLY NEWS
Sunday 20 December 2020
ADVENT 4



LUKE 1: 28 - 38

The virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸ The angel went to her and said, "Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you."

Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. ³⁰ But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favor with God. ³¹ You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. ³² He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, ³³ and he will reign over Jacob's descendants forever; his kingdom will never end."

³⁴ "How will this be," Mary asked the angel, "since I am a virgin?"

³⁵ The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God. ³⁶ Even Elizabeth your relative is going to have a child in her old age, and she who was said to be unable to conceive is in her sixth month. ³⁷ For no word from God will ever fail." ³⁸ "I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered. "May your word to me be fulfilled." Then the angel left her.

What's News

WORSHIP SERVICE SUNDAY 20TH DECEMBER AT 9:30am

Good News! Due to changes in the SA Government COVID-SAFE regulations **Worship on Sunday 20th December at 9:30am** will be held in **the Church** building. Socially distancing rules will still be followed as per the COVID way.

Come along and enjoy this week's Worship Service of **Lessons and Carols**. The 4th Week of Advent will be a special Service that tells the **Christmas story** through music and Bible readings. A noteworthy feature will be a choir of Seacliff UC's finest singing voices. All are invited to Morning Cuppa which will be served sitting down in the Large hall following Worship.

Reminders

Christmas Dinner at the Seacliff Surf Lifesaving Club – Wednesday, 23rd December - 6pm for a 6:30 start. Fun, Fellowship and food.

Christmas Eve Under the Pine Tree Thursday 24th December, at 6pm for a Sausage Sizzle and 7pm for Christmas Carols followed by supper in the hall.

Christmas Day Celebration – Friday 25th December, 9am
Worship Service

As a Community, we can give thanks that we have the promises of the Christmas season of peace, hope, joy and love to hold on to in these significant changing times. Blessings Annette Craven



Notes from the Treasurer Attention all Stewards

In the absence of Bruce's services with recording and banking our Offerings in future, I have consulted with some of you and decided to modify the recording format slightly to begin **next year**. I have placed 'Sample Sheets' in the cupboard with the current forms FYI and welcome any questions you may have. Also happy to organise a short meeting after church one morning if there is the need to do so. Thank you for your ongoing service as a Steward, it is appreciated by all.

David G

Diary date – SUNDAY, 14th FEBRUARY 2021 at 11 a.m.
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION:
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

CHURCH COUNCIL ELECTIONS

An election will also be conducted to choose members to serve on Church Council.

As there will be several places to be filled members and members in association of the congregation are asked to consider prayerfully whether they feel called to be part of this important council of the Church.

Nominations will close on SUNDAY, 31st JANUARY 2021 and need to be given to Rosemary Thomson or me by 10.45 am that day. The appropriate form is now available.

CHOICE OF MISSION PROJECT/S

We will consider the mission projects for the coming year. If you wish to submit a new one please forward details to me before the 17th January. *Please plan to be at the meeting if at all possible.*

MAX HOWLAND, Chairperson

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Worship Leaders for Today: Rev. Gary Stuckey
Lectionary for Today: **20 December 2020: 2 Sm 7:1 - 11,16;
Ps 89, 1 - 4, 19 - 26; Rom 16: 25 – 27; Lk 1 : 26 – 38.**
Reminder for Stewards: 25 December 2020
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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.

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Church Office Information

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