



Uniting Church in Australia
SEACLIFF WEEKLY NEWS
Sunday 6 December 2020
ADVENT 2

MARK 1: 1-8

John the Baptist Prepares the Way

1 The beginning of the good news about Jesus the Messiah,^[a] the Son of God,^[b] **2** as it is written in Isaiah the prophet:

"I will send my messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare your way"^[c]—

3 "a voice of one calling in the wilderness,

'Prepare the way for the Lord,
make straight paths for him.'"^[d]

4 And so John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.

5 The whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem went out to him. Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River. **6** John wore clothing made of camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey.

7 And this was his message: "After me comes the one more powerful than I, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. **8** I baptize you with^[e] water, but he will baptize you with^[f] the Holy Spirit."

Church Office Closure

The Church Office has closed for the current Lockdown period. The phone will be monitored remotely so messages can be left, emails sent to office@seacliffuc.org will also be monitored. Our church website will be continually updated with the weekly newsletter and monthly Outlook keeping us informed of our church life.

This Week at Seacliff

Night Fellowship 7.30pm Wednesday 9th December

What's News

IMPORTANT NEWS – SUNDAY 6TH DECEMBER WORSHIP SERVICE AT 9:30am

Church Council has made the thoughtful and prayerful decision to hold a special face to face worship service on **Sunday, December 6 at 9:30am.**

It will be an '**Outdoor Gathering**' under the **Pine Tree** near Wheatland House to comply with the current SA Government COVID-SAFE regulations regarding social distancing.

We will celebrate Advent together with music, singing, Holy Communion and a message from Gary.

Morning Cuppa with Tim Tams will be served from the verandah of Wheatland House after the service.

To be COVID safe, please **wear a mask** as recommended by SA Health. Masks will be available at the service if you do not have one. A shower or 2 is forecast and if necessary we will hold the service in the Large hall.

*"Once again we have had to adapt and modify our practices with very short notice. As we move towards a level of COVID-normality may we see the **joy and hope** that the Christmas season brings..."* Bronte Wilson, Moderator.

Annette Craven

Advent Reflection Groups

As with most things in 2020, the Advent Reflection groups will be a little different this year. Firstly, they will proceed on the days nominated: **Tuesday Dec 8, 15 at 10:30 am** and **Thursday Dec 10, 17 at 2:00pm**, held in the middle hall at Seacliff UC.

As COVID restrictions currently apply, there will be a maximum of 9 per group possible. Of course, this may change as we move into next week. If numbers change I'll let you know.

As we need to operate under COVID restrictions, we will need people to nominate which day they will attend. Changing between days will not at this time be possible. Because of the numbers limitation, I will need people to let me know on which day they will

come. Unfortunately, unless, as I said above, numbers change, this will be 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.) If we happen to exceed the numbers permissible I will let you know.

Thank you for your understanding. I look forward to sharing this Advent time with you. Peace
Gary Stuckey (Rev)

Night Fellowship

This is the final newsletter notice for "night" fellowship as we will be having our meetings in the afternoons, starting Feb, 2021.

Our final meeting for 2020 will be this **Wed, 9th December at 7.30pm**

This will be an evening of fun and fellowship with a Christmas theme.

Members are asked to bring a wrapped gift, value \$5ish, for a fun Kris Kringle...something you might like yourself. Fellowship Friends welcome.
Chris

Cogs n Coffee

Next weeks ride will be the final for the year and will be our breakfast ride. For those riding, we will meet at Wattle Reserve at 8.00am and be riding to Deli on Beckman St. If you are driving we are booked in for 9.00am.

If you intend to come and have not let anyone know, please contact Geof Lister to get yourself booked in.
Brian

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

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Worship Leaders for Today: Rev. Gary Stuckey HC
Lectionary for Today: **6 December 2020: Is 40: 1 – 11;**
Ps 85: 1-2, 8-13 ; 2 Pt 3: 8 – 15a ; Mk 1: 1 - 8.
Reminder for Stewards: 13 December 2020

Roster suspended until advised due to Covid Restrictions

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
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