



Uniting Church in Australia
SEACLIFF WEEKLY NEWS
Sunday 31 January 2021
EPIPHANY 4



Jesus Drives Out an Impure Spirit **Mk 1: 21 – 28**

²¹ They went to Capernaum, and when the Sabbath came, Jesus went into the synagogue and began to teach.²² The people were amazed at his teaching, because he taught them as one who had authority, not as the teachers of the law.

²³ Just then a man in their synagogue who was possessed by an impure spirit cried out,²⁴ “What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!”

²⁵ “Be quiet!” said Jesus sternly. “Come out of him!” ²⁶ The impure spirit shook the man violently and came out of him with a shriek.

²⁷ The people were all so amazed that they asked each other, “What is this? A new teaching—and with authority! He even gives orders to impure spirits and they obey him.” ²⁸ News about him spread quickly over the whole region of Galilee.

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.

What's On this week

Book Club
Yarn Sisters

1.30pm 3rd February
10 am 4th February

What's News

CHURCH COUNCIL ELECTIONS - AGM (REPORTS – ELECTION OF OFFICERS – MISSION PROJECTS)

The above will be held on **SUNDAY, 14th FEBRUARY at 11 a.m.**

Today is the last day for receiving nominations for election to Church Council. Current members coming to the end of their terms are eligible to stand for re-election; all members of Seacliff Uniting Church are entitled to stand for membership of Council if they wish. Nominations to be given to me or placed in my pigeon hole by 10.45am this morning.

The names of nominees will be announced this morning, during Soapbox.

The election will be conducted on Sunday 14th February, after morning worship. Please note that all nominees for election must receive the positive endorsement of the congregation in order to be elected. Your participation in the election process is an important part of the functioning of our congregation.

The AGM (Reports – Election of Officers and Selection of the Mission Project/s) will also be held on Sunday, 14th February.

ROSEMARY THOMSON, Secretary.

Moviemates 2021

It has been a long, long time since we met as Moviemates. In fact, it is just a full year, as the last time we met in 2020 was February. But let's not look back, always forward. Despite the dreaded Covid -19, I plan for us to follow the same old, same old methodology that we have done in the past, and made our Movie Mates night the 3rd Tuesday of the month. I propose that our first outing will be **Tuesday the 16th February**. I will choose our movie and we will maintain the same idea as previously other members of the group can have subsequent choices. Don't know which film we will see yet but watch this space and you will be advised in plenty in time. There are lots of good movies coming this year, so keep your ears to the ground, new batteries in your hearing aids, and a tissue or 2 for the sob stuff.

Richard



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 for auditing purposes but be assured that what you actually need to do remains the same. I have placed the revised 'Summary Sheets' on the clipboards together with a black ring binder for the duplicate copies, in the front cupboard FYI.

I will welcome any questions you may have and also be happy to organise a short meeting after church one morning if there is the need to do so, let's see how we go for a month or two.

Thank you for your ongoing service as a Steward, it is a vital role and appreciated by all of the congregation.

Christmas Bowl Appeal

Thank you for your generous donations in recent weeks to this very worthy cause. I have now closed this Appeal off and forwarded a total of \$1,378.80 to them.

Financial Report for 2020

I am currently working on this Report and you will have the opportunity to see it, including a budget for 2021, prior to our AGM on Feb 14th, it certainly has been an unpredictable and tumultuous year in most aspects of our lives! *David G*

Men's Dinner for February 2021

The first Men's Dinner for 2021 has been arranged with the venue the **Beach Pit**, located at 53 Jetty Road, Brighton, for Wednesday 17th February. Meet as usual at 6.30pm for a 7pm start. For information or transport, contact Dene Goldsack on 8296 1046.

Book Club

The first meeting of the year will be held in the middle hall next Wednesday, **3rd February at 1.30p.m.** We have decided to meet in the afternoons (third Wednesday each month) this year, instead of the evenings. If you would like to join our group, you would be very welcome. Please ring Josie on 2981703.

Cogs n Coffee

The 2021 riding season commenced with a ride to Willunga last Wed. There was an escape plan for those who had not been riding during the Christmas break. Five riders took advantage of that and had their coffee in McLaren Vale.

For next weeks ride, meet at Wattle Reserve at 8.30am for round the airport etc.

Brian

Adult Fellowship

The first meeting of our now renamed "Seacliff Adult Fellowship" will be on Wednesday 10th February at 1.30pm, PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE FROM EVENINGS TO AFTERNOONS, and we will have a High Tea as well as a chance for members to catch up after our long break.

Everyone is asked to bring a cup, saucer and plate and a doily. New members are very welcome. For any more info re meetings or etc. Please contact Viv Winn, President, Libby Dixon, Secretary, Chris Chandler, programme secretary, or any member.

Chris

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Worship Leader for Today: Max Howland
Lectionary for Today: **31 January 2021: Dt 18: 15 – 20 ;
Ps 111; 1 Cor 8: 1 – 13; Mk 1 : 21 – 28.**
Reminder for Stewards: 7 February 2021
B. Heywood B. Gepp

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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