



**Uniting Church in Australia**  
**SEACLIFF WEEKLY NEWS**  
**Sunday 21 February 2021**  
**LENT 1**



**The Baptism and Testing of Jesus**      **Mark 1: 9-15**

<sup>9</sup> At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. <sup>10</sup> Just as Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. <sup>11</sup> And a voice came from heaven: “You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.”

<sup>12</sup> At once the Spirit sent him out into the wilderness, <sup>13</sup> and he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted<sup>[a]</sup> by Satan. He was with the wild animals, and angels attended him.

**Jesus Announces the Good News**

<sup>14</sup> After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. <sup>15</sup> “The time has come,” he said. “The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!”

**Welcome to Seacliff Uniting Church!.**  
Our Minister is Rev. Gary Stuckey.

# **What's On this week**

## **Seacliff Adult Fellowship 9.45am Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> Feb.**

### **What's News**

#### **Congregation decisions**

Thank you to everyone who attended the AGM last Sunday. It was a big meeting, and we got a lot of significant things done.

Concerning the selection of 1 or more Mission Projects for this year: I'm thinking that we will meet on March 14<sup>th</sup> for (1) Church Council election and (2) Mission Project.

I'm wondering if we can do both of these over morning tea. The first is of course a secret ballot: no discussion needed, just fill out the ballot.

The second is not, but could, I think, be done at the same time, assuming no discussion is needed. This too can be done by a paper ballot. (In past years we placed sticky dots on card on the wall, but we can't do that kind of milling about at the moment!!)

If you are happy with this suggestion, and **if** no other business comes up, we could conduct both ballots at your tables over morning tea.

If you think this is a bad idea, or that we should provide opportunity for further conversation about the Mission Project(s), by all means let me know: my contact details are readily available!!

We'll make the formal announcement next week. Max.

#### **Church Carpet**

If anyone has a scrap or a small piece of the Church Carpet that we could borrow please talk to David, Mary or myself.

Geoff L

## Seacliff Adult Fellowship

Our second meeting of the year on the **24<sup>th</sup> February** will actually take place in the morning, beginning at 10.30 am. We will visit **"Treasure Boxes"** at Unit 4, 1-5 DeLaine Avenue Edwardstown. This is a non-profit organisation "dedicated to preventing hardship and trauma by providing kids in need with critical items many of us take for granted. Donations of new or clean used linen, homewares or baby/children's wear would be appreciated. Car pool from the church at 9.45am. with Ruth, Chris and Viv.

Chris

## Cogs n Coffee

On what turned out to be a hot afternoon, 15 of us did the return ride to Pt. Elliot. A different type of ride for us all, the Flying Fish provided a very nice lunch along with the Pt. Elliot bakery. Meet at the Warradale shops next Wednesday at 8.30am for next weeks ride.

Brian





## Notes from the Treasurer

*Just following through with a few financial matters from the AGM:*

1. Regarding the “**We Dream**” project in Bangladesh, we have money from your donations in the Bank to continue our support @\$180/month for 2021, any further donations will go towards 2022. Part of our written Agreement with Tarcisius is that we will give them as much notice as possible (prefer 12 months) if are not able to sustain our present level of support. Josie and I are prepared to answer any questions you may have about this Project.
2. Regarding the proposed support of “**Circle of Friends 111**”. Although not yet formally ratified by the congregation I have had several queries from members so: (*with Max’s approval*)
  - a. I have placed some notices on the Notice board for your information, please feel to take one /replace it when you have read it, as you wish.

There are many ‘Circles of Friends’ within the State and Australia. The particular ‘Circle’ that I am advocating is based at Christ Church Uniting in Wayville, Adelaide and is number ‘111’. You can learn more about this particular Circle from this website:

[Wayville – Circle of Friends Australia \(cofa.org.au/circles/circle-111/\)](http://cofa.org.au/circles/circle-111/)

- a. Donations to this Charity are tax deductible and I can provide a formal receipt if you wish. Although not required, there is also the opportunity to help in practical ways other than donations of money and contacts are given on the website, if you wish to do so.
  - b. At a recent fund raising event the coordinator *Sister Meredith Evans* impressed upon us the urgency of their needs so I will now receive donations (in labelled envelopes please) and forward them as a matter of some urgency. If this Charity receives your formal approval in a few weeks' time we can prepare special envelopes for your use on the first Sundays each month.
  - c. Similarly if this Charity receives our formal approval I will undertake to invite a representative to visit us and report on their work and how the money is being used.
3. Following the consensus decision to proceed with the **Pew Cushions** as part of our Centenary celebrations, donations are now being received. Let's call it the "*Cash for Cushions*" Appeal and I will keep you up-to-date with a monthly report! Again, please put your donation(s) in a labelled envelope and feel free to "sponsor" a cushion (\$100) or part of a cushion as you are able and we will see how we go.

Blessings, *David*

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Worship Leader for Today: Rev. Gary Stuckey  
Lectionary for Today: **21st February Gn 9: 8 – 17;**  
**Ps 25: 1- 10; 1 Pt 3: 18 – 22; Mk 1 : 9 – 15.**  
Reminder for Stewards: 28 February 2021  
Dennis Wood                      Pauline Galliford

### **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](mailto: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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