



Uniting Church in Australia
SEACLIFF WEEKLY NEWS
Sunday 28 February 2021
LENT 2



Jesus Predicts His Death **Mathew 8: 31-38**

³¹ He then began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and after three days rise again. ³² He spoke plainly about this, and Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³ But when Jesus turned and looked at his disciples, he rebuked Peter. "Get behind me, Satan!" he said. "You do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns."

The Way of

the Cross

³⁴ Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵ For whoever wants to save their life^[a] will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it. ³⁶ What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? ³⁷ Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul? ³⁸ If anyone is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will

be ashamed of them when he comes in his Father's glory with the holy angels."

Welcome to Seacliff Uniting Church!

Our Minister is Rev. Gary Stuckey.

What's On this week

Contemplative Worship 6.00pm Tonight 28th February

Lenten Studies 10.30am Tues. 2nd, 2pm Thurs. 4th March

Yarn Sisters

10am Thursday 4th March

What's News

Contemplative Worship

Contemplative worship is the offer to receive the gracious gift of time- to restore the sacred rhythm of work, rest and prayer- a rhythm that has sustained those seeking to live out the Way of Jesus for centuries, but which so easily gets lost in the pressure to do many things and absorb much information.

The first Contemplative Worship will be on **Sunday February 28th at 6:00pm** and will be followed by the opportunity to share refreshments with those who choose to stay and mingle.

The services include Holy Communion, singing, prayers, meditation and silence. Thank you. Gary

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 14th** 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.



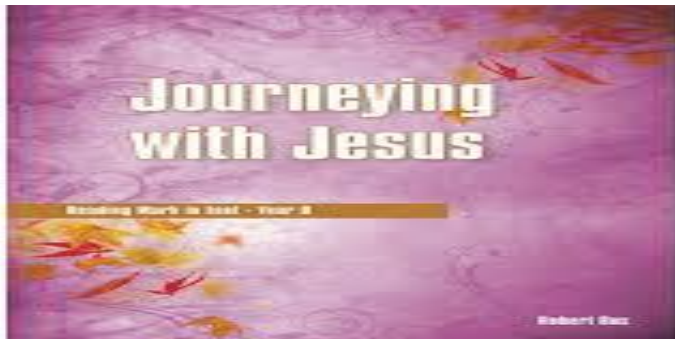
SEACLIFF CHURCH CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS –

22/23 MAY 2021 Theme - PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE

On behalf of the **Centenary Celebration Planning Committee** we would like to thank everyone for their support and fantastic historical contributions as we move closer to the church centenary celebrations. The committee members are – Rosemary, Max, Marg, David, Gary, Viv and Annette. We would like to share the progress made so far:-

- Advertising throughout the wider church has begun.
- Invitations will be printed in the next few weeks and special guests are being contacted.
- Saturday night's celebratory dinner will be at Seacliff Surf Life Saving Club.
- Sunday Worship will be a very special time of celebration to begin at 9:30am. The Moderator will be present.
- A catered light lunch, including historical displays, will be after Worship.
- Unfortunately, bookings will be essential for all events to be COVID safe.
- A plaque and a celebration cake are being arranged.

- An historical booklet of our 100 years on the site is being produced. Annette



Lenten Studies

A six week series meeting on Tuesday mornings at 10:30am and Thursday Afternoons at 2:00pm commenced last Tuesday 23rd Feb. The Series continues next Tuesday 2nd and Thursday 4th of March.

We will be guided in our reflection by the Rev Rob Bos' Lenten studies from Mark's Gospel entitled "[Journeying with Jesus](#)".

Working Bee

A working Bee has been set for **Thursday 11th March 9:00am**. Fortunately, John Bolinger has offered his expertise, and chain saw, to enable us to remove the oleander by Yacca Street gate and trim other trees. Whilst we will have a trailer available, we hope to finish the pruning in the Wheatland Street Garden at the same time.

Other tasks that have been suggested to me, are removal of rubbish from behind the shed, sweep around the front, weeding of the Car Park and moving some lino and the Air conditioner from Wheatland House.

If you are aware of other things, please let me know. The success, or otherwise of the morning will depend upon the availability of people. If you can help for some of the morning, please put your name on the sheet of paper in the middle hall.

Geoff L

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Worship Leader for Today: Rev. Gary Stuckey
Lectionary for Today: **28th February Gn 17: 1 – 7, 15-16;
Ps 22: 23- 31; Rom 4: 13 – 25; Mk 8 : 31 – 38.**
Reminder for Stewards: 7 March 2021
Dave Rickard Brian 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.

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