



Uniting Church in Australia
SEACLIFF WEEKLY NEWS
Sunday 21 March 2021
LENT 5



Jesus Predicts His Death

John 12: 20 -27

²⁰ Now there were some Greeks among those who went up to worship at the festival. ²¹ They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, with a request. "Sir," they said, "we would like to see Jesus." ²² Philip went to tell Andrew; Andrew and Philip in turn told Jesus.

²³ Jesus replied, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴ Very truly I tell you, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds.

²⁵ Anyone who loves their life will lose it, while anyone who hates their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶ Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honor the one who serves me.

²⁷ "Now my soul is troubled, and what shall I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it was for this very reason I came to this hour. ²⁸ Father, glorify your name!"

What's On this week

**Lenten Studies 10.30am Tues.23rd, 2pm Thurs.25th Mar.
Adult Fellowship 1.30pm Wednesday 24th March**

What's News

Maundy Thursday - Reminder

Easter is not too far away and I'm delighted that we can share part of it with Brighton Uniting Church on Maundy Thursday (April 1st). A service of quiet reflection will be held at 7:30pm. The Maundy Thursday service particularly recalls the Last Supper Jesus had with his disciples. Gary Stuckey (Rev)

Centenary Celebrations

As you know the date of the centenary celebrations is fast approaching. A small worship team has been formed to coordinate the worship celebration for the Sunday but we would like to have your input. Do you have any ideas you would like to see incorporated into the worship? Are there ways we could conduct the worship that you think would be a great way to celebrate? If so, we'd love to hear from you.

Please pass any of your ideas on to the worship coordinating team, Maureen Howland, Max Howland, Viv Winn or Gary Stuckey. We have another planning meeting on March 31 so if you have any thoughts before then please pass them along. (This is a process and it won't be too late if we don't have them by then but it would be helpful.)

Also, if you have any objects lying in a cupboard that have significance for Seacliff, especially any that were used in worship such as hymn books, Bibles, communion ware, etc., and would be willing to lend them, again please see one of the team.

Thank you, in anticipation of your wonderful ideas.

For the team, Gary Stuckey

TAKE US 2

TAKE US 2 returns on **Sunday 28th March at 6 pm**. Annette and Geoff taking us on a journey through Egypt, Jordan and Turkey, three of the world's most exciting and amazing destinations.

Beginning with a simple meal, the presentation starts at 6:30pm., supper at 7:30pm, concluding at 8:30pm Annette and Geoff

Adult Fellowship

Our meeting is this Wednesday, **24th March at 1.30pm** when Mrs. Aileen Scott who is the past president of the **Rose Society**, will speak to us. Yellow group is on duty. New members welcome.
Chris

International Day of Elimination of Racial Discrimination - 21st March 2021

Harmony Week celebrates Australia's cultural diversity. It's about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone.

This year, '**The International Day of Elimination of Racial Discrimination** **Harmony Week: 15 - 21 March 2021 & Worship Resources** **Discrimination**' falls on Sunday 21st March 2021.

Palm Sunday Peace Walk – March 28th, 1pm

The Palm Sunday March is held in the heart of the Adelaide CBC, and has been reflecting South Australia's voice on matters of Justice and Peace for nearly 40 years. The SA Council of Churches (SACC) has had a long association with this walk throughout this time.

Last year, the event was cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the restrictions at that time.

This year, it is fortunate for South Australia, that people will be able to Walk in Peace together, with representatives from across our communities.

This year, it has been named a **PEACE WALK** to recognise the sorrow, pain and continuing injustice that arises across many areas of our community. The Peace Walk is an **intergenerational event**, and all are welcome.

It is a gentle walk beginning at Tarntanyangga (Victoria Square), along King William Road to (Tarntanya Wama) Elder Park, where there will be three short presentations and an invitation for all to stroll in prayerful presence along the banks of the Karrawirra Pari (Torrens River).

More information is available at this link: <https://churchestogethersa.org.au/events/peace-walk-for-palm-sunday/>

Max

Results from last week's ballots.

Church Council

I'm pleased to advise that Josie Keavy was elected as a member of Church Council. We thank Josie for her continuing commitment to the Council and pray the blessing of God on her and all the Council as it proceeds with its range of tasks.

Mission Projects

Thank you for your participation in the selection process for the Mission Projects. By a very large majority, the vote was to support *officially* all three projects.

"Official support" has very little significance in practice: as individual people, we are of course free to support with our personal donations any we prefer, or none!! But it does mean that all 3 will be publicised, there will be envelope sets for them all, and if – IF – there is a decision late in the year that congregation funds be used to top up to, say, a multiple of \$100, all 3 will be eligible.

Thank you again. I look forward to our strong support for this aspect of our mission as a congregation. Max



Notes from the Treasurer

Update on the Pew Cushions Project

The materials have been purchased for the cushions and cutting and stitching has commenced. Although this project has been underwritten by Church Council, I have been authorized to accept donations from the congregation to help offset the costs which are **\$1856** to date.

I am pleased to report that to date (14/3) I have received **\$450** and I propose to close this opportunity off after the service next week (28/3) and will announce total donations to this project in the Newsletter on Easter Sunday. We anticipate that most, if not all of the cushions, will be completed for use on the Centenary weekend. *David*



Reminder from the Treasurer

As we continue to emerge from our 'COVID Cocoon' and get going again with our various activities and groups money will start to flow in and out of our accounts. You can help make my job a bit easier please as follows:

Income

- Please put any donation/income for banking in an envelope/bag clearly showing your name/amount/source/suggested destination as appropriate. Plastic coin bags are available from me if required.
- This envelope/bag(s) can be handed to me directly at any time or placed in the Offering Bowl, which is currently at the back of the church, as you enter a Worship Service.
- I will be prepared to provide a formal receipt for any such income if you wish.

Expenditure

- Any 'Tax Invoices' for payment can be handed/emailed to me directly please or placed in the Treasurer's pigeonhole which I check regularly.
- Any claims for reimbursement should include the receipt(s) attached to an 'Expenditure Reimbursement' Form which are available from me directly or from the Treasurer's pigeonhole (labelled top and centre).
- I prefer to use EFT rather than cheques please, so this Form also includes a place for your Bank details (i.e. BSB and Account numbers) if I do not already have them on record. Anything else, please see me anytime.

David

Joint Australia and Holy Land Ecumenical Service

'Hosanna in the Highest, Ecumenical Service' 'is to be screened via Zoom on **Saturday 27th March**, the day before Palm Sunday.

5:00 PM Adelaide time / 9.30 AM Jerusalem time

The [Palestine Israel Ecumenical Network](#) in Australia and [Sabeel Ecumenical Liberation Theology Centre](#) in Jerusalem are organizing a joint Ecumenical service.

As we mark the beginning of Passion Week, clergy and lay people from both countries will offer prayers, praise, readings and reflections proclaiming the liberation and presence of God even as we acknowledge the situation in the Holy Land today. This is a unique event providing the opportunity for Christians in Australia and Palestine to worship together at this significant time of the year.

Australian participants in the service include representatives of Anglican, Baptist and Uniting churches. From Palestine we will be joined by our friend, Areej Masoud, as well as a number of other Palestinian Christians from many denominations that you will delight in meeting and hearing from.

A very special element will be the Gospel reading from the Church of the Holy Sepulchre (the church that is purported to be the site where Jesus was crucified and the site of his empty tomb). Permission is rarely granted for filming to occur within this sacred church, so we are extremely honoured and grateful for this opportunity.

What a significant way for Christians in Australia to see inside this most holy of places at such a commemorative time, particularly as travel to the Holy land is currently unavailable.

Register to attend the hour long service [here](#) or enter the following link: <https://bit.ly/3qbnhzh>.

Andrew Telfer

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Worship Leader for Today: Rev. Gary Stuckey
Lectionary for Today: **21 March 2021: Jer 31: 31 - 34;**
Ps 51: 1-12; Heb 5: 5 - 10; Jn 12 : 20 - 33.
Reminder for Stewards: 28 March 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.

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