



Uniting Church in Australia  
**SEACLIFF WEEKLY NEWS**  
Sunday 2 May 2021  
**EASTER 5**



## **The Vine and the Branches**

15 “I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. <sup>2</sup> He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. <sup>3</sup> You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. <sup>4</sup> Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.”

<sup>5</sup> “I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. <sup>6</sup> If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. <sup>7</sup> If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. <sup>8</sup> This is to my Father’s glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.”

## **This Week at Seacliff**

**Book Club**  
**Yarn Sisters**

**1.30pm Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> May**  
**10.am Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May**

### **What's News**

#### **Centenary Prayers**

It is hard to believe that our centenary celebration is only a few weeks away. A small group has been meeting to prepare the worship for the day and we would like to enlist your help, specifically for the prayers. At a time such as this, I think we recognise how much we, as a church community, have to be grateful for, perhaps things that we are sorry for or that we regret and also an awareness of those beyond our congregation for whom we can pray.

Perhaps you would like to contribute to the prayers of the day. If so, please send your thoughts through to me (Gary). If you need a bit of a starter you might like to consider how you would finish these sentences:

*God, we thank you for...*

*We are sorry for...*

*We pray for...*

If you can you can send them to my email address, [gstu@internode.on.net](mailto:gstu@internode.on.net) or you may like to write them out and hand me your ideas. I look forward to contributions. Thank you.

Gary Stuckey for the Centenary Worship Team

#### **TAKE US 2**

Change of date and time - **SUNDAY, 30<sup>th</sup> MAY at 6.30 pm.**

Travel to the United Kingdom with Flora and Alan Botting. A light meal and supper will be provided. More details next week.

Annette and Geoff Craven

#### **Seat Cushion Project**

Mary, with a little help from David, has completed the pew cushions. We bought the recommended foam and at first the congregation may find the cushions firm but the more they are used the softer they will become. Small cushions to be used for the back of the pew have also been provided.

Geoff L.

# Centenary Celebrations



## ***Three weeks to go!***

Our numbers are nearly to the century for both the Sunday lunch and Worship and half century for Saturday night dinner. Thank you for your support of our special events that are planned for the Centenary Celebrations, May 22<sup>nd</sup> and May 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Please let Rosemary know if you, your family or friends will be attending the **Walk Around, Saturday Night Dinner at Nunyara, Sunday Worship and Sunday Lunch**. Our caterers and Centenary Planning Committee will need final numbers by early May.

Thank you to those who have already indicated their attendance. If attending the Worship service please wear something **red** as it is also Pentecost Sunday. Nunyara Dinner tickets for Saturday night will be available from Annette each Sunday.

**Voluntary guides** are still required between 1:00pm and 4:00pm for the Saturday afternoon **Walk Around**.

We would love to have your personal stories of Seacliff UC Memories for our **Centenary History Booklet**. Please forward by email to Rosemary [secretary@seacliffuc.org](mailto:secretary@seacliffuc.org)

Annette Craven Centenary Celebrations Planning Committee.

## **Yarn Sisters**

The May meeting for 2021 will be on **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May** at the Seacliff SLC at 10am. Craft activities and helpful hints are welcome, please bring them along to share! See you there!

Heather

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Worship Leader for Today: Rev Gary Stuckey **HC**  
Lectionary for Today: **2 May 2021: Acts 8: 26 - 40;**  
**Ps 22: 25 - 31; 1 Jn 4: 17 - 21; Jn 15: 1 - 8.**  
Reminder for Stewards: 9 May 2021  
R. Lane                      V. Bollinger

### **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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