



**Uniting Church in Australia**  
**SEACLIFF WEEKLY NEWS**  
**Sunday 4 April 2021**  
**EASTER DAY**



**The Empty Tomb Jn 20: 1-9**

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance. <sup>2</sup> So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him!"

<sup>3</sup> So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. <sup>4</sup> Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. <sup>5</sup> He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in. <sup>6</sup> Then Simon Peter came along behind him and went straight into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there, <sup>7</sup> as well as the cloth that had been wrapped around Jesus' head. The cloth was still lying in its place, separate from the linen. <sup>8</sup> Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed. <sup>9</sup> (They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.)



## What's News

### COVID UPDATE

We recently reported that the South Australian Government updated its COVID-19 restrictions which come into effect today, 31st March 2021 as follows:

1. The density requirement will move from 1 person per 2 square metres to **3 people per 4 square metres (equivalent to 75%)**
2. The capacity for cinemas, live theatres, performance venues and places of worship **with fixed seating** will increase from 75% to 100% provided attendees are wearing a mask.

#### **Density requirements for churches:**

1. *Where worshippers are in fixed seating - the requirement that worshippers wear masks when more than 75% of the seats are occupied*
2. *Where worshippers are not in fixed seating - the requirement that worshippers wear masks if the total number of persons present at the place exceeds 3 persons per 4 square metres.*

**Churches must take reasonable steps to maintain 1.5m physical distancing. Contact tracing is required. Churches must continue to have a COVID Marshal. COVID Safe Plans will be updated and sent to churches automatically.** Felicity Amery - General Secretary - UCA Synod.

### **Cogs n Coffee**

14 of us eventually found ourselves at the new coffee outlet near the historic tram at Glenelg for a very nice break.

For next weeks ride, meet 9.06am train at Seacliff Station for a Willunga ride.

Brian



## **Notes from the Treasurer**

### **The Pew Cushions Project**

I can report that a total of \$800 has been donated for the Pew Cushions which are currently being made and we thank the donors for their generosity. May I remind you that the total cost will be about \$1,856, so the balance of \$1,056 will come from our budget.

### **Solar Panels**

Solar panels have been installed on the roof of the middle hall and are now in operation. The cost was \$11,105. This is an investment which should pay for itself over 5 years or so. Maureen can provide more information if you wish.

### **External painting and guttering**

Quotes for this work have been obtained, approved by Church Council and now been forwarded to Synod for their approval. Most of you will have heard Geoff Lister explain recently that this major maintenance project has now been deferred for several months over winter and is being planned for September. More information from Geoff if you wish.

### **e-Give**

I have had a few questions about 'e-giving' where your weekly Offering goes directly and confidentially from your account to Synod and then comes back to our Bank account on a monthly basis.

Feel free to speak to me about this if you wish, or simply take a form from the Treasurers Pigeon hole. The 2020 figures show that currently about 64% of our Offerings are received in this way and it is appreciated. Blessings,

David

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Worship Leader for Today: Rev. Gary Stuckey HC  
Lectionary for Today: **4 April 2021: Act 10: 34 - 43;**  
**Ps 118: 1-2, 14 - 24; 1 Cor 15: 1 - 11; Jn 20 : 1 - 18.**  
Reminder for Stewards: 11 April 2021  
G. Craven                      B. Heywood

### **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.

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