



Uniting Church in Australia
SEACLIFF WEEKLY NEWS
Sunday 9 May 2021
EASTER 6



⁹“As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commands and remain in his love.

¹¹ I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete.

¹² My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. ¹³ Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.

¹⁶ You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you. ¹⁷ This is my command: **Love each other.**

This Week at Seacliff

Adult fellowship

1.30.pm Thursday 12th 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 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

Choir practice for the "Centenary Choir"

There will be a practice for the "Centenary Choir" on Wednesday, May 12th, 7pm to approximately 8pm, in the church. All singers welcome!

Viv W.

DISCOVERING MEDITATION

Meditation is an ancient art that has been, and still is, practised by people from many different religious and even non-religious backgrounds. It is an ancient tradition which brings a timeless wisdom to our contemporary situation.

Perhaps you have thought you might like to try meditation but haven't known where to begin.

Over three weeks I will be offering an introduction which will give you the opportunity to learn about, practise and experience the art of meditation.

During these three weeks you will :-

..discover how meditation enhances our wellbeing; body, mind and spirit

..learn different ways of meditating and how to discover a way that helps you.

..explore how to begin meditating and nurture your practise of meditation

..discover ways to overcome obstacles in our meditating, eg. how to deal with distractions.

The sessions are largely practical, giving you the opportunity to experience, reflect on, and grow in your practise of meditation.

Where? Seacliff Uniting Church, Wheatland St., Seacliff.

When? There will be three sessions each week:

Tuesday morning, June 1, 8, & 15 at 10:30am.

Wednesday evening, June 2, 9 & 16 at 7:30pm

Thursday afternoon, June 3, 10 & 17 at 2:00pm

For More Information:

Rev Gary Stuckey Ph. 0488 017 187 or gstu@internode.on.net

Men's Dinner

The May Men's dinner is arranged for Wednesday May 19th with the venue **Fasta Pasta, 430 Brighton Road, Brighton**. Meet at 6.30pm for a 7pm start. For transport or information, contact Dene Goldsack 8296 1046.

Dene

Centenary Celebrations

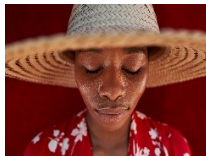


Two weeks to go! Final preparations are now in process.

Thank you to the many people who have contributed wonderful and precious memories, photos and stories of family and friends from the past for our history booklet.

Our numbers are over the century for both the Sunday lunch and Worship and just less than half century for Saturday night dinner. Thank you for your enthusiastic support of our special events that are planned for the [Centenary Celebrations, May 22nd and 23rd](#).

Final numbers are required today for seating arrangements to be planned. 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**. Nunyara Dinner tickets for Saturday night 22nd will be available **today**. Annette Craven Centenary Celebrations Planning Committee.



WANTED - HATS

Remember when you wouldn't come to church without a hat? As part of our centenary celebration, we would like to include a display of hats – old and new- and would appreciate if you could lend us some of your hats for that purpose.

Please bring your hats – with your name inside to assist in returning them to you – to church on Sunday 16th May. They will be collected from you either before the service and during Soapbox. They will be returned to you after the celebration.

Many thanks for your support for and participation in this part of our celebration.

Marg Davidson Centenary Planning Committee

Cogs n' Coffee Riders

On Wednesday, the group rode to good coffee at Port Adelaide, with eleven riders involved.

Next Wednesday, Brian will be back to lead the group. We will meet at Wattle Reserve, Hove for the 8-30am ride. Bruce

Table Cloths Needed

About a dozen large white or cream lace rectangular table cloths are required for the Centenary lunch. If you have one we can borrow, please contact Annette (0438664100).

Day Fellowship

Our meeting this week is on Wednesday, 12th May at 1.30pm.

Our speaker will be Jane Hamilton, who is Sylvia Peart's daughter. Jane is a nurse at Flinders Medical Centre and will talk to us about Nursing in the 21st century.

All welcome. Blue group will be on duty.

Chris

TAKE US 2

Change of date and time - **SUNDAY, 30th 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

Prayer Points – UC e-News

This week we pray for:

- For India as it responds to the COVID-19 crisis, for those who are mourning loss of life, those responding on the frontline, and those delivering urgent aid and support
- For people seeking asylum and safety in Australia who remain trapped in an unjust system
- For all people, as we continue to come to terms with the on-going impacts of the worldwide pandemic.

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Worship Leader for Today: Rev Gary Stuckey

Lectionary for Today: **9 May 2021: Acts 10: 44 - 48; Ps 98; 1 Jn 5: 1 - 6; Jn 15: 9 - 17.**

Reminder for Stewards: 16 May 2021

G. Craven

M. Tucker

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.

Our Minister is Rev. Gary Stuckey.

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