



Uniting Church in Australia
SEACLIFF WEEKLY NEWS
Sunday 11 July 2021
PENTECOST 7



Praise for Spiritual Blessings in Christ

³ Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. ⁴ For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love ⁵ he predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will — ⁶ to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves. ⁷ In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace ⁸ that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and understanding, ⁹ he made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ, ¹⁰ to be put into effect when the times reach their fulfillment—to bring unity to all things in heaven and on earth under Christ.

What's News

From the Minister

Dear friends, I will be on leave from today until Tuesday 27th July. Please direct any pastoral matters to the Church Council.

Quiet Day - For your diary

The next Quiet Day in our series of "Praying with the Mystics" will be on Tuesday August 3rd. The day will run from 9:30am to 3:00pm. Our guide for this day will be John of Cross a sixteenth century Spanish mystic. These days are an opportunity to draw aside for a time to relax, pray, ponder and listen for the promptings of the Spirit.

Gary

Men's Dinner

The next Men's Dinner will be held on **Wednesday, 21st July at the Holdfast Hotel, 83 Brighton Rd, Glenelg**. Meet at 6.30 pm for 7.00. For further information, or if you need a ride, please contact Ray on 0434 825 038.

Cogs n Coffee

After having to cancel the Wall Art ride, we decided to go to Plant 4 for a coffee and then home down the Torrens and around the airport to Glenelg.

The Wall Art ride will be in a couple of weeks time.

Next weeks ride is to Willunga, catching the 9.06am train from Seacliff.

Brian

Hot Issues - Reminder

"Hot Issues" is a series of four discussion groups on important (to you) issues planned to take place in August

If you haven't as yet completed a "Hot Issues" survey form and would like to do so, please complete it and place it in the survey box. During the worship service the box will be at the back of the church. During SoapBox it will be on the cold water table.

Jim W.

LATEST COVID-19 UPDATES - From UC e-news

July 5th 2021: Update to COVID-19 Restrictions in SA

The Premier and Police Commissioner announced on July 5th, 2021, a relaxation of the COVID-19 restrictions applicable to churches which were enacted last week. Restrictions have now been revised back (effective immediately) to the following:

Density requirements for churches:

- where worshippers are in fixed seating - the requirement that worshippers wear masks when more than 75% of the seats are occupied
- 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.

In addition, the following restrictions apply:

- Reasonable steps must be taken to maintain 1.5m physical distancing
- COVID-Safe Plans, QR codes (contact tracing) and COVID Marshals required
- Residential gatherings limited to a maximum of 50 people unrestricted (51-200 requires a COVID-Safe Plan)
- Private gatherings (such as wakes and receptions) 3 person per 4sqm, limited to a maximum of 200 people
- Food and beverages may be consumed whilst standing (no communal service areas such as buffets).

Prayer Points *This week we pray for:*

- For all nations continuing to cope with the impacts of COVID-19, in particular for India and Cambodia
- For all First Peoples as they celebrate their history, culture and achievements during NAIDOC Week
- For all health workers and medical staff as they continue to work on the frontline of the pandemic.

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Worship Leader for Today: Rev Jim Winn

Lectionary for Today: **11 July 2021: 2 Sm 6: 1 – 5, 12b - 19; Ps 24; Eph 1: 3 - 14; Mk 6: 14 - 29.**

Reminder for Stewards: 18 July 2021

Margaret Tucker Von 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 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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