



**Uniting Church in Australia**  
**SEACLIFF WEEKLY NEWS**  
**Sunday 5 September 2021**  
**PENTECOST 15**



**Jesus Heals a Deaf and Mute Man**

**Mark 7: 32 - 37**

<sup>32</sup> There some people brought to him a man who was deaf and could hardly talk, and they begged Jesus to place his hand on him.

<sup>33</sup> After he took him aside, away from the crowd, Jesus put his fingers into the man's ears. Then he spit and touched the man's tongue.

<sup>34</sup> He looked up to heaven and with a deep sigh said to him, "*Ephphatha!*" (which means "Be opened!").

<sup>35</sup> At this, the man's ears were opened, his tongue was loosened and he began to speak plainly.<sup>36</sup> Jesus commanded them not to tell anyone. But the more he did so, the more they kept talking about it.

<sup>37</sup> People were overwhelmed with amazement. "He has done everything well," they said. "He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak."

## **This Week**

**Meditation Group 10.30am Tues. 7th September**  
**Day Fellowship 1.30pm Wed. 8th September**

## **What's News**

### **Meditation Group**

In order to assist people in maintaining a practice in meditation, I will be offering once a month sessions that will provide the opportunity for people to ask questions, share experiences, learn a little more about meditation and most importantly practise meditation.

Held on the first Tuesday (10.30am), and Thursday (2.00pm) of the month, we will gather in the middle hall at the Seacliff UC.

Any queries contact Gary: 0488 017 187 or

[gstu@internode.on.net](mailto:gstu@internode.on.net)

### **Adult Fellowship**

The next meeting of the Adult Fellowship on the **8th September** at 1.30pm will feature a *speaker from Minda*. It is always good to hear more of what Minda is doing in our community. All welcome.

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– From UC e-news

## **LATEST COVID-19 UPDATES**

### **August 23 2021: Update to COVID-19 Restrictions in SA**

Following the release of the Activities-Associated Direction (No 10) that came into effect on Saturday 21 August the current level of restrictions impacting churches are as follows:

### **Singing**

Attendees at indoor religious services may sing during worship and members of choirs or chorus groups may perform or rehearse indoors, if they wear masks while doing so.

The following exemptions from mask wearing during singing apply if:

the singer is performing or the singers are members of a group of performers and they are performing or rehearsing in the indoor premises.

### **Density requirements and additional directions:**

- Density requirement for seated activities is now 3 per 4 square metres. This applies to churches services.
- Density requirement for standing activities remains at 1 per 2 square metres.
- Weddings, funerals and birthdays are capped at 50 people (at non-residential premises).
- Wearing of masks remains mandatory in high risk settings, personal care and health care services, passenger and public transport, secondary schools, and indoor public places – this includes churches.

**Prayer Points** – From UC e-news

### ***This week we pray for:***

- For all communities coming to terms with COVID-19 and for those that have become isolated and separated from family and friends during on-going lockdowns
- We pray for the Australian Government that it acts urgently, swiftly and compassionately and with leadership in responding to the crisis in Afghanistan
- We continue to pray for the people of Afghanistan and for the safety of all in the region at this time.

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Worship Leader for Today: Rev. Gary Stuckey **HC**  
Lectionary for Today: **5 September 2021: Prv 22: 1 - 2, 8 - 9, 22 - 23; Ps 125; Jas 2: 1 - 10, 14 - 17; Mk 7: 24 - 37.**  
Reminder for Stewards: 12<sup>th</sup> September 2021  
Dennis Wood                      Bob 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.

### **Our Minister is Rev. Gary Stuckey.**

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