



Uniting Church in Australia
SEACLIFF WEEKLY NEWS
Sunday 14 November 2021
PENTECOST 25



The Little Children and Jesus

Mark 10: 13 - 16

¹³ People were bringing little children to Jesus for him to place his hands on them, but the disciples rebuked them. ¹⁴ When Jesus saw this, he was indignant.

He said to them, **“Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. ¹⁵ Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.”**

¹⁶ And he took the children in his arms, placed his hands on them and blessed them.

This Week

AGM Meeting

11am today 14th November

Quiet day

9.30am Tuesday 16th November

Men's Dinner

6.30pm Wed. 17th November

What's News

Today's Service: "A Place for Everyone"

A few weeks ago, I was speaking on the passage from Mark where Jesus welcomes the children but also has some seemingly harsh words about divorce. Those who were there will remember the service wasn't able to be completed. I had a few requests from people to hear the end of the message so that is what will be happening today. The message is about Jesus' radical inclusion of people in the new community he inaugurated.

Next Week's Service: "The Power of Love or the Love of Power"

Next week is the last Sunday in the current lectionary year and as such is the Festival of Christ the King. We all have power in our lives and our choice is whether we are going to use it in life enhancing ways or life denying ways. Will we pursue the love of power or the power of love?
Gary

SEACLIFF SPIRITUALTY PROGRAMME

Quiet Day

The final Quiet Day for 2021 will be **on Tuesday Nov 16 from 9:30am-3:00pm**. On this day, we will be guided by the wisdom of Anthony of Egypt also known as Anthony the Great.

Contemplative Worship

It seems that we are living in an increasingly busy, noisy and fast paced world. Where and how can we find some peace and quiet? One way is in Contemplative Worship, a service of stillness, silence and reflection.

The final Contemplative Worship at Seacliff UC for 2021 will be on **November 28th**. Commencing at **6:00pm** running for about an hour. Light refreshments follow for those who wish to stay and mingle.

The service will include quiet Taize music, readings, and a short reflection followed by a period for personal reflection in silence, Holy Communion and prayer. An opportunity to come into the quiet and find grace and peace to restore your soul.

Advent Reflection Groups

Christmas is fast approaching. To guide us on our journey towards Christmas, we will again be offering **three** Advent reflection sessions on either a Tuesday morning at 10:30am (Nov 30, Dec 7 & 14) or Thursday afternoon at 2:00pm (Dec 2, 9 & 16). To know how many copies of the material I need to copy, could you please indicate on the sheet in the middle hall of your intention to come.

If you are unable to come to all the sessions, you are welcome to come to those you can. If you need to change between Tuesday and Thursday on any week you can do that too. Any queries call or email Gary: 0488 017 187 or gstu@internode.on.net

AGM - Election of office bearers

A reminder that Part 1 (Election) of the AGM is being conducted today, Sunday 14th, starting at around 11 am. A small number of paper copies of the agenda will be available for those unable to access the electronic version distributed beforehand, and there will be a PowerPoint version as well.

Business will include the election, conversation about Mission Projects for 2022, a draft budget, and a couple of notices. Max

Christmas Dinner 2021

Seacliff Uniting Church Christmas Dinner will be held on Wednesday, **December 1 at 6pm.** at the Seacliff Surf Life Saving Club, 248 Esplanade, Seacliff. Tickets are \$55, available from Annette Craven every Sunday for the next few weeks. Any queries please contact Annette on 0438664100.

RFDS Receipt

I have received a receipt from the Flying Doctor for \$200 but I have not paid it so, if you have, please see me.

David

Property

All of the work, required to repaint and re-gutter the Church buildings and repaint and replace the eaves of Wheatland House, has been completed and we are very happy with the work done. We have also been fortunate in obtaining a Heritage Grant of \$6,000 from the City of Holdfast Bay Council. This and the GST rebates has reduced the total cost significantly. Annie Elliott from the council has been particularly helpful and we have very much appreciated this. Geoff

Men's Dinner Christmas Special

The final Men's Dinner for 2021 will be at the Seacliff UC hall on November 17th at 6.30pm. for 7. The catering will be an in-house menu with a 3-course meal for \$25 per head. Please advise Dene Goldsack on 8296 1046 for attendance to assist catering arrangements and transport needs. Dene

Installation of the Seacliff Screen

You will notice that the front window has been modified and the Digital Screen is installed and operating. I will have a bit more to say at the AGM. We still have to tidy up the curtains etc. which will happen soon. Comments welcome at any time. David

Cogs n Coffee

14 of us did the easy ride to the Beckman St coffee shop via Goodwood and then home along the beach. Next weeks ride is the Amy Gillett track, meeting at the car park at the beginning of the track at 9.15am. Lunch at the Woodside bakery. Brian

Lions Christmas Cakes and Puddings

Order your cakes and puddings for Christmas. 1.5kg cakes \$17, 1kg cakes and puddings \$13 and mini cakes \$2. Please see Alan or Flora Botting or ring Alan on 0418 849101.



Cologne

TAKE US 2- NOVEMBER 21

Join Alan and Flora and experience the sights, tastes and sound of Germany, Austria and Switzerland. **Sunday 21 November.**

Light German dinner starts at **6pm**. Gold coin donation.

See Heidelberg, Dresden, Berlin, Munich, Stuttgart, Cologne, Hamburg, Salzburg, Vienna, Lucerne, Geneva, Zurich and more.

Alan

Brighton Community Care Christmas food collection

Our Fellowship is organising a collection of food etc to be donated to Brighton Community Care for their Christmas distribution. If any other Church members would like to make a contribution, a box will be in the small hall next weekend for donations. Suggestions for such donations are, Jam/spreads/honey, tea, coffee, tuna, pasta, Christmas fare, breakfast cereal, Tinned veggies or fruit, toiletries or any other non-perishable items.

Chris

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Worship Leader for Today: Rev. Gary Stuckey
Lectionary for Today: **14 November 2021: 1 Sm 1: 4 - 20;
1 Sm 2: 1 - 10; Heb 10: 11 - 14; Mk 13: 1 - 8.**
Reminder for Stewards: 21 November 2021
Richard Lane Pauline Galliford

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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