



Uniting Church in Australia
SEACLIFF WEEKLY NEWS
Sunday 21 November 2021
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John 18 33 - 37

³³ Pilate then went back inside the palace, summoned Jesus and asked him, “Are you the king of the Jews?”

³⁴ **“Is that your own idea,”** Jesus asked, **“or did others talk to you about me?”**

³⁵ “Am I a Jew?” Pilate replied. “Your own people and chief priests handed you over to me. What is it you have done?”

³⁶ Jesus said, **“My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, my servants would fight to prevent my arrest by the Jewish leaders. But now my kingdom is from another place.”**

³⁷ “You are a king, then!” said Pilate.

Jesus answered, **“You say that I am a king. In fact, the reason I was born and came into the world is to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me.”**

This Week

TakeUs2 6pm Tonight 21st November
Adult Fellowship 1.30pm Wed. 24th November
Contemplative Worship 6pm Sun. 28th Novem.

What's News

Today'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

Contemplative Worship

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

An opportunity to come into the quiet and find grace and peace to restore your soul.

Advent Reflection Groups

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

Day fellowship

Our next meeting is next Wednesday, **24th Nov at 1.30pm**, in the hall, when Bev Manthy from Basketry Australia, will tell us about basket making from Leaves etc. Blue group will be on duty.

Members are invited to bring items for Brighton Church of Christ. Community Care Christmas food collection.

Suitable donations...jams, spreads, tea, coffee, tuna, pasta, cereals, tins veggies or fruit, toiletries or any other Non-perishable items or Christmas fare.

Chris

The 'Seacliff Screen'

As I explained last week the screen is operating on a 18/7 (i.e. 6am-10pm) cycle and the content will be amended every Sunday for the following week. The idea is to enable us a Church community to advertise our many and varied activities to passers-by. It will usually have 10-15 screens on a 10 second display, allowing enough time to read the content by people who are stationary.

It is quite a different idea to large static signs that we have seen on other Churches that are intended to be read by passing motorists.

It is a step of faith and a 'work in progress' and I welcome comments from anyone about:

- Similar digital signs you may have seen elsewhere; I have seen some in Shopping Centres but am not aware of any other Churches.
- Any ideas about **content**, it will also run videos and can be connected to the internet.
- Any ideas about **format**, I have tried 'black print on a blue background', this week will try 'white on black' and next week 'black on white' and will welcome comments about what you think please. I think rotating a variety of formats will add interest.

David

Updates on 'We Dream'

Following the discussion at the AGM and in response to a suggestion I have prepared a Chart showing how much money we have in the 'Bangladesh Project' Account. It is on the 'Mission Noticeboard' and will be updated on the second Sunday of each month, following the contributions that come in on the 'first Sunday'. Happy to provide more details if/when required. David

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.

Cogs n Coffee

14 of us rode the Amy Gillett bikeway from Oakbank to Mt. Torrens. A lovely calm day with lush green country side to be seen everywhere. A nice lunch in the Woodside bakery. For next weeks ride, meet at 8.30am at the Warradale shops, for a cruise to Pt. Adelaide. Brian





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

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.

Christmas Gift Table

On Sunday December 12th, there will be a Christmas Gift Table in the middle hall with items for all those last minute gifts for family, neighbours, teachers etc. Proceeds will go towards our We Dream mission project.

You may like to contribute Christmas items, produce, and baked goodies to the table. It will be nice to have a lovely selection of locally handmade items available! For further information please speak to Maureen or Heather.

Chris

Last week's AGM – a follow-up and a big Thank You

My grateful thanks to the people who were able to be present for the AGM last Sunday. It was a longish meeting, but a lot was accomplished.

News / a reminder, as appropriate, re the meeting:

Elections

A huge Thank You to all the people who agreed to be elected to the various service roles. We look forward with confidence to the congregation growing as a community of the people of God. *We do need to appoint a secretarial assistant though.*

We agreed to a draft Budget, which set out our expenditure priorities for 2022; the updated formal document will come to the next part of the AGM for assent.

Mission Projects

This item took up most of our time – and I was pleased that we gave this amount of time to working out the best way to support people beyond our own gathered community.

We agreed as a congregation to continue to support Circle of Friends.

Re *Oodnadatta UAICC Faith Community*: the Oodnadatta building fund stands at just over \$40 000 (our contributions by the end of this year will be \$3842); Congress is allocating \$300 000 from its reserves, and detailed planning is well under way. Because of the extra expense of remote-area building, the plan is to use refurbished shipping containers: they form the structural elements, but can also be partly fitted out in Adelaide and transported to the site by truck, with only the final installation needing to be done on site. This is a considerable cost saving. Congress was quite excited to learn that Seacliff people are interested to find out how things are going, and very grateful for our support. They want us to know also that Pastor Julia Lennon is doing a wonderful job with the Congress Community there.

Concerning Tarcisius and the *We Dream* project:

- We committed ourselves to continuing support for 2022, and will make a decision for 2023 early next year;
- A payment of \$1080 is due to be made in mid-February next year – since last week, some further amounts have been given by Seacliff people, and the balance to be found now stands at \$383. If you are thinking to support *We Dream* for 2022, it will be very helpful if you can make at least a part of that contribution by the end of January, so that this payment can go ahead.

Continuing support for projects

We still need to find a practical way to maintain ongoing support of our projects: your thoughts and ideas about how we might achieve this will be most welcome. We have the present set of envelopes; we have a number of stalls that are run from time to time, but we may not presume on the decisions of any of the people who run them – our procedure here is that it's the people who run the stalls who have the primary call on who the beneficiaries of their activities will be.

And we were presented with this challenge: to continue our financial support for ourselves and our congregation at its present level, and at the same time increase our support for the Mission Projects to at least that same level. We did not discuss the suggestion further – so it remains before us.

Membership of Synod (our state-level gathering)

A reminder that we are able to nominate up to two *confirmed members* to a pool of people from whom the Presbytery will select its reps. If you would like to have the opportunity to be involved in the wider church, please let Rosemary know.

The second part of the AGM – receiving reports – will be conducted on **Feb 20th, 2022**, starting at 11.00 am approx.
Max.

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Worship Leader for Today: Rev. Gary Stuckey
Lectionary for Today: **21 November 2021: 2 Sm 23: 1 - 7;**
Ps 132: 1 - 12; Rv 1: 4b - 8; Jn 18: 33 - 37.
Reminder for Stewards: 28 November 2021
Brian Gepp 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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