



Uniting Church in Australia
SEACLIFF WEEKLY NEWS
Sunday 12 December 2021
ADVENT 3



THIRD CANDLE OF ADVENT

Final Exhortations

Philippians 4: 4 - 7

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!

⁵ Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near.

⁶ Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.

⁷ And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

This Week

Advent Reflection 10.30am Tues. 14th December


Advent Reflection 2.00pm Thurs. 16th December

Lessons and Carols 9.30am Sunday 19th Dec.

What's News

Third Sunday of Advent

Finding Joy in times of COVID-19



Richard Wainwright / Act for Peace

Many families who have been living in crowded refugee camps in India for decades want to return home to Sri Lanka. Sadly, the COVID-19 crisis has meant that many are unable to travel. Through the Christmas Bowl, you are helping our local partner keep refugees safe by providing medicine and protective clothing and equipment. Once the emergency is over, they will continue helping families experience the joy of returning to their homeland in Sri Lanka. **Please give today.**

CALL: 1800 025 101 VISIT: actforpeace.org.au/christmasbowl

The Christmas appeal of Act for Peace, the international aid agency of the National Council of Churches in Australia. ABN 86 619 970 188



SEACLIFF SPIRITUALTY PROGRAMME

Advent Reflection Groups

Advent reflection sessions conclude next week on either a Tuesday morning at 10:30am (Dec 14) or Thursday afternoon at 2:00pm (Dec 16). You are welcome to come to the remaining sessions, changing between Tuesday and Thursday if needed. Any queries call or email Gary: 0488 017 187 or gstu@internode.on.net

GREETINGS FROM CHICAGO

When John and Susan Rogers received "Outlook", they sent a message saying:

"Merry Christmas to all at Seacliff."

Rosemary

Christmas Gift Table

Today, Sunday December 12th, a Christmas Gift Table in the middle hall has items for those last minute gifts, Proceeds towards our *We Dream* mission project. Chris



Notes from the Treasurer

Mission contributions

I am able to report that the balance of our (liability) Mission Accounts are currently:

C.O.F.A.	\$305
UCA Philippines	\$124
Oodnadatta Appeal	\$1,007
Bangladesh (Tarcisius)	\$940

It is my intention to forward the balances of the first 3 Accounts at the end of this year and hope that we can raise another \$140 for 'We Dream' by February so that we can forward \$1080 (i.e. as per Agreement) to Tarcisius then.

Christmas Bowl Appeal

Envelopes are now available from the small shelf near the entrance and may be returned via the Offertory Bowl from now until the end of January. Again, this is a 'liability' Account where we simply collect and forward all monies received.

To avoid double handling and to make this simpler for all, I suggest:

1. If you want to donate **cash** please do not post it but put it in the (unsealed) envelope and in the Offertory Bowl on any Sunday and we will collate, bank and forward it in due course. If you would like a receipt for tax purposes please see me.
2. If you want to donate as a **cheque** (to them please) or via **Credit Card** (also to them) please fill in the paper work (including 'Home Church'), enclose the gift, seal the envelope and either post it yourself or put it in the Bowl and we will post it for you in due course. Similarly, if you would like a receipt for tax purposes please indicate this on the form and deal directly with them.

Thank you again for your generosity to these very worthy causes. If you have any questions about any of these matters please ask me.

David

Working Bee - Reminder

We are trying to organise a pre-Christmas tidy up by holding a working Bee at 9am on **Friday 17th December**.

A number of jobs, such as repainting the lines in the Car Park need only a couple of people and these have been organised for a time suitable to these people. However, a spring clean of the Church would be better with a larger number of people.

Similarly, there are few jobs in the kitchen and some weeding and pruning of the Wheatland Street Garden.

I realise this is a busy time and whether we are able to do this will depend upon the number of helpers. It does provide the opportunity for everyone to be involved and I encourage you to sign up on the sheet in the middle Hall. "Many hands make light work."
Geoff

Cogs n Coffee

Twelve of us did the ride to Grange for a most enjoyable chat and coffee. Next week will be our last ride for the year, meeting at the Warradale shops at 8.30 am. Our ride will be to the Velo for a brunch.
Brian



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Worship Leader for Today: Rev. Gary Stuckey
Lectionary for Today: **12 December 2021: Zep 3: 14 - 20;
Is 12: 2 - 6; Phil 4: 4 - 7; Lk 3: 7 - 18.**
Reminder for Stewards: 19 December 2021
Colin Theakstone Dave Rickard

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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