



**Uniting Church in Australia**  
**SEACLIFF WEEKLY NEWS**  
**Sunday 19 December 2021**  
**ADVENT 4**



**Mary Visits Elizabeth**

**Luke 1: 40 – 45**

<sup>40</sup> Mary entered Zechariah's home and greeted Elizabeth.

<sup>41</sup> When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit.

<sup>42</sup> In a loud voice she exclaimed: "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the child you will bear!

<sup>43</sup> But why am I so favoured, that the mother of my Lord should come to me?

<sup>44</sup> As soon as the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy.

<sup>45</sup> Blessed is she who has believed that the Lord would fulfil his promises to her!"

# This Week

## Lessons and Carols 9.30am Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> Dec.

### What's News

Fourth Sunday of Advent



### Sharing God's love this Christmas

It's been 10 years since the civil war broke out in Syria with thousands of families still living in neighbouring countries like Jordan. The challenges refugees face no longer make front page news, and now COVID-19 has made life even harder. Through the Christmas Bowl, you are helping our local partner provide support for families, including food rations and hygiene kits, along with psychosocial care. **Please give today.**

**CALL: 1800 025 101 VISIT: [actforpeace.org.au/christmasbowl](http://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



Christmas Bowl

### Christmas crafts

A huge Thank You to all the people involved with the Christmas Gift stall last Sunday – organisers, suppliers, and not forgetting – the purchasers!! Every one of these was an essential element in the overall event. Your care for and support of Tarcisius and *We Dream* produced a stunning financial result, reflecting and in turn further growing the community of Seacliff congregation. Max.

### Election for membership of Church Council

Please do remember that the 2022 election for membership of Church Council will be conducted as part of the AGM (Reports) on Feb 20<sup>th</sup> next year. That means nominations need to be with Rosemary by February 6<sup>th</sup>, 10.45 am, so that they can be announced to Soapbox that day with the required 2 weeks' notice. Nomination is open to anyone who is a Confirmed Member or a Member in Association of this congregation. There will be 3 places able to be filled due to the expiry of the terms of current members (who are able to nominate for re-election).

Please consider thoughtfully whether this Council of the Church might be an avenue of service for you. Max.

## COVID-19 Vaccinations

From UC e-news 14 December: We continue to encourage all those attending worship and other groups on church sites to be vaccinated. This shows our care and concern for our community. It is putting Jesus' command to love our neighbour into practice. Your Church Council, at its meeting this week, strongly supported the above statement from the Synod of SA. Andrew



### **Notes from the Treasurer**

- As a result of the Christmas Stall last Sunday, a total of \$605 was banked on Monday. This was directed to 'We Dream' by the organisers and will meet our commitment of \$1080 which will be paid in February according to our Agreement with Tarcisius. This arrangement will be reviewed at the AGM in February.
- Church Council have decided to proceed with the Hall roof replacement at a cost of approximately \$25K and this work has been scheduled for January. A full Financial Report and revised 2022 Budget will be presented to CC and then the AGM in February. David G

## Final Newsletter for 2021

*The Weekly Newsletter returns on **Sunday 6 February 2022.** Many thanks to all who have contributed to this weekly record of advice and events both past and future, at Seacliff Uniting Church in 2021. My job is a delight when I can share the Church life news on your behalf. New deadline for 2022 is 5pm Wed. 3<sup>rd</sup> February. Your Newsletter Editor, Dean Dixon.*

## **JOIN US TO CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS 2021**

### **CAROLS UNDER THE PINE TREE**

**SATURDAY, 24th DECEMBER – 6 pm**

**Commencing with sausage sizzle then Carols, Kids' activities and supper**

**CHRISTMAS DAY CELEBRATION – 9.00 a.m.**

**SUNDAY WORSHIP 26th DECEMBER – 9.30 am**

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Worship Leader for Today: Rev. Gary Stuckey  
Lectionary for Today: **19 December 2021: Mic 5: 2 – 5a;**  
**Lk 1: 46b - 55; Heb 10: 5 - 10; Lk 1: 39 - 45.**  
Reminder for Stewards: 26 December 2021  
Bob Heywood                      Margaret Tucker

### **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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