



**Uniting Church in Australia**  
**SEACLIFF WEEKLY NEWS**  
**Sunday 5 December 2021**  
**ADVENT 2**



**SECOND CANDLE OF ADVENT**

**John the Baptist Prepares the Way**

**Luke 3: 3 - 6**

<sup>3</sup> He went into all the country around the Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>4</sup> As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet:

“A voice of one calling in the wilderness,  
‘Prepare the way for the Lord,  
make straight paths for him.

<sup>5</sup> Every valley shall be filled in,  
every mountain and hill made low.

The crooked roads shall become straight,  
the rough ways smooth.

<sup>6</sup> And all people will see God’s salvation.”

## This Week

**Advent Reflection 10.30am Tues. 7<sup>th</sup> December**  
**Adult Fellowship 1.30pm Wed. 8<sup>th</sup> December**  
**Advent Reflection 2.00pm Thurs. 9<sup>th</sup> December**

## What's News

**Second Sunday of Advent**

### Bringing Peace to children in Gaza



The recent bombing of Gaza and the escalation of tensions between Israel and Palestine can make peace feel more distant than ever, especially for children. Through the Christmas Bowl, you are helping our local partner run three health clinics across Gaza. They provide medical care and psychosocial support, including counselling and a place where children can play and feel safe. Your support gives children in Gaza a chance at the childhood they deserve. **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**

## SEACLIFF SPIRITUALTY PROGRAMME

### Advent Reflection Groups

Advent reflection sessions continue on either a Tuesday morning at 10:30am (Dec 7 & 14) or Thursday afternoon at 2:00pm (Dec 9 & 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](mailto:gstu@internode.on.net)

### Christmas Gift Table

Next Sunday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, 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

## Working Bee

We are trying to organise a pre-Christmas tidy up by holding a working Bee at 9am on **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> 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

A very pleasant ride about National Park was had by ten riders who eventually found their way to Joan's Pantry for refreshments. For next weeks ride, meet 8.30am at Wattle Reserve for a ride North along the coast.

Brian





### **Adult Day Fellowship**

Our final meeting for 2021 will be on **Wed, 8th December**.

We will meet in the Church at 1.30pm for a Christmas devotion, followed by afternoon tea in the hall.

Members are invited to bring a Christmas bauble which is special to them...if you have one. Social committee and executive are on duty.

Chris

### **Carols for a Cause - Reminder**

For a community carols event that's a bit different, you might like to go to Carols for a Cause, presented by Brougham Place Uniting Church and Lincoln College, and held on the grounds of Lincoln College, Brougham Place, North Adelaide.

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> December, 5pm**, BYO picnic chair or rug, sausage sizzle and drinks for sale. Gold Coin entry to support Eastern Adelaide Domestic Violence Service and UnitingCare North Adelaide Emergency Relief Centre.

Choirs singing include Brougham Place UC, Illumina, MiniM and Woodville Concert Choir.

Talk to Max if you would like directions to Lincoln College.

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Worship Leader for Today: Rev. Jim Winn **HC**  
Lectionary for Today: **5 December 2021: Mal 3: 1 - 4;**  
**Lk 1: 68 - 79; Phil 1: 3 - 11; Lk 3: 1 - 6.**  
Reminder for Stewards: 12 December 2021  
Dennis Wood                      Ruth 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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