



Uniting Church in Australia
SEACLIFF WEEKLY NEWS
Sunday 30 January 2022

Epiphany 4



1 Cor. 13: 4 - 13

⁴ Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. ⁵ It does not dishonour others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. ⁶ Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. ⁷ It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

⁸ Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away. ⁹ For we know in part and we prophesy in part, ¹⁰ but when completeness comes, what is in part disappears. ¹¹ When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put the ways of childhood behind me. ¹² For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known.

¹³ And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

This Week

Yarn Sisters **10 am Thursday 3rd February**
Quiet Service **7 pm Next Sunday 6th February**

What's News

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 to refresh our inner lives?

One way is in Contemplative Worship, a service of stillness, silence and reflection.

Seacliff Uniting Church will again be offering the opportunity for this quiet worship. The first for 2022 will be on **February 6th commencing at 7:00pm**. (Please note change of time from last year.) The service will run for about an hour, followed by light refreshments for those who wish to stay and mingle.

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

Hall Roof replacement

We have now received confirmation of dates for replacing the asbestos roof and associated work over the large Hall.

Work will commence on Monday 31st January and continue through to Friday 4th February. If necessary work will continue to Monday 7th February and Tuesday 8th February. Of course, rain or high winds or other disruptions could cause changes to the above.

During this time the area will be a 'Work Site' and Church members will need to keep away from the property please.

In my absence for the next few weeks David (0418 895 560) will liaise with the Contractors and act as the Contact person for the congregation. Geoff

Quiet Day

Seacliff Uniting Church will be offering **four** Quiet Days in 2022 focusing on the works of Henri Nouwen.

The first of these days will be on **Tuesday, February 15th from 9:30am - 3:00pm.**

On this day we will be guided by Nouwen's work, 'Life of the Beloved.' We will reflect on what it means to know ourselves as God's beloved children. The day commences with Centring Worship, followed by three sessions, each introduced by a short reflection, a time alone to reflect, pray and ponder, with a short group time to conclude. At the end of the day we will share in Holy Communion.

Most of us find it difficult to make space for ourselves in which we can relax, pray, ponder and listen for the promptings of the Spirit. These days are the chance to do that.

There is no cost for the day but any offerings will be gratefully received.

Please bring your own lunch. Other refreshments will be supplied.

Seacliff Screen

As we get organised for a New Year I invite information about forthcoming events, preferably in writing/email (screen@seacliffuc.org) please . I usually rely on the Newsletter and Outlook, so no need to duplicate info but expect I will miss some things. I would like to do something special for the crowds at the forthcoming elections, any ideas!?

I experimented a bit last year with content and format and learned a few things, I will always appreciate feedback and offers of help with this venture.

David

State Election 2022

The State Election has been called for March 19. Alan and Flora Botting and their daughter, Jessica, all manage polling booths in The Croydon Electorate. If anyone is interested in working on a booth please contact Alan or Flora for the details. It is a long day so stamina and patience is a pre-requisite and the money is useful.

Alan

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Worship Leader for Today: Rev. Gary Stuckey
Lectionary for Today: **30 January 2022: Jer 1: 4 - 10;**
Ps 71: 1 - 6; 1 Cor 13: 1 - 13; Lk 4: 21 - 30.
Reminder for Stewards: 6 February 2022
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
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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