

# Uniting Church in Australia SEACLIFF WEEKLY NEWS Sunday 13 February 2022 Epiphany 6



#### Luke 6:17-22 Blessings

<sup>17</sup> Jesus went down with them and stood on a level place. A large crowd of his disciples was there and a great number of people from all over Judea, from Jerusalem, and from the coastal region around Tyre and Sidon, <sup>18</sup> who had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases. Those troubled by impure spirits were cured, <sup>19</sup> and the people all tried to touch him, because power was coming from him and healing them all.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>20</sup> Looking at his disciples, he said:

<sup>&</sup>quot;Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>21</sup> Blessed are you who hunger now, for you will be satisfied. Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>22</sup> Blessed are you when people hate you, when they exclude you and insult you and reject your name as evil, because of the Son of Man."

#### This Week

Harvest / Environment Service 9.30am Today
Quiet Day 9 am 15th February
MovieMates Time TBA 15th February
What's News

#### **Quiet Days at Seacliff**

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 15**<sup>th</sup> running 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.

Gary

#### **Lent Reflection**

Believe it or not, Lent is not too far away. Many of us did probably not know too much about Lent as we grew up; I certainly didn't. What we did know, or at least the message we picked up, was that Lent is a time for giving up things; things like chocolate and so forth. Whilst that may have a place it is something of a trivialization of Lent.

Lent is a time in the Church's life, a sacred season, during which we are invited to reflect on those things that keep us feeling separated from God. It is kind of an annual check-up where we ponder our spiritual health and give thoughtful attention to our lives.

One of the ways that the Church has done that from the earliest days is to introduce people to spiritual practices which aid our spiritual health and growth.

At Seacliff UC, for our Lent Reflection groups this year, we will explore some of the spiritual practices which have nurtured people through the ages. We will explore things like fasting, prayer, the role of Scripture and others.

Two groups will meet; on Tuesday at 10:30am and Thursday at 2:00pm. (If you can't come to one in any week you can come to the other.) They commence on Tuesday 8 and Thursday 10 of March and run through Lent. We will meet in the middle hall at Seacliff.

If you have any questions or reservations about participating please feel free to speak with me.

Gary Stuckey (Rev)

#### **MovieMates**

Movie mates is on the march again! The first outing for MovieMates this year is next **Tuesday the 15th February**. The movie has not been selected yet but Heather knows which one it is! (see below) Details of time, place and movie will be announced on Sunday after soap box. See Heather if you wish to go on the list of email recipients with the details. PS . So do I (I think!!!)

#### **TAKEUS2**

TakeUs2 Travel Program for 2022 will begin on **Sunday March 27 at 6 pm.** Rosemary will have the pleasure of taking you on an amazing journey through some of the most beautiful and historical parts of Ireland.

The evening will begin at 6pm with a simple meal. The presentation will start at 6:30pm. There will be a break for supper at 7:30pm and the evening will conclude at 8:45pm. There will be an invitation to make a gold coin donation on the night to cover costs. If you are interested in sharing a power point presentation of your favorite trip please contact

Annette and Geoff Craven.

#### **Congregation events**

**AGM** – **reminder** that the AGM to receive reports will be conducted next Sunday, commencing at about 11 am. As previously advised, there are a couple of other matters we have to deal with as well.

**Election to Church Council** – the election will be conducted as the first item of business of the AGM. We have two nominees – Rosemary Thomson and Geoff Lister – both for terms of 3 years. Each needs the endorsement of the majority of voting members in order to be elected.

**National Church Life Survey** is being conducted this month. It seemed to me that the best way to fit this into our busy month is to provide the <u>paper copy</u> forms on <u>Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> February</u>, 2 weeks' time, and ask people who wish to complete the survey this way to remain for a few minutes after worship that day to fill in the form. We have about 30 forms available.

However, we are all invited to fill in the on-line form instead: Rosemary has the necessary codes to identify you as a member of Seacliff Uniting Church – we encourage everyone who is able to complete the survey this way. Please do that before the end of this month.

Many thanks for your attention to all these matters Max.

#### Men's Dinner returns for 2022.

Advance notice for the return of the popular Men's Dinner which will be back on the 16<sup>th</sup> **March** at a venue to be advised. Dene



#### Cogs n Coffee

Sixteen riders and two walkers had a great experience of tackling a couple of the Happy Valley reservoir tracks. Their efforts were well rewarded with great scenery, kangaroos who now seem accustomed to humans and of course the necessary coffee from a popup van. The group would encourage all to pay the area a visit. Next week ride the 9.06am train from Seacliff for a ride to Willunga.

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Worship Leader for Today: Andrew Telfer

Lectionary for Today: 13 February 2022: Jer 17: 5 – 10;

Ps 1; 1 Cor 15: 12 - 20; Lk 6: 17 - 26. Reminder for Stewards: 20 February 2022 Brian Gepp Colin Theakstone

#### 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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