



Uniting Church in Australia
SEACLIFF WEEKLY NEWS
Sunday 27 February 2022
Transfiguration



²⁸ About eight days after Jesus said this, he took Peter, John and James with him and went up onto a mountain to pray. ²⁹ As he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning. ³⁰ Two men, Moses and Elijah, appeared in glorious splendour, talking with Jesus. ³¹ They spoke about his departure, which he was about to bring to fulfillment at Jerusalem. ³² Peter and his companions were very sleepy, but when they became fully awake, they saw his glory and the two men standing with him. ³³ As the men were leaving Jesus, Peter said to him, “Master, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.” (He did not know what he was saying.) ³⁴ While he was speaking, a cloud appeared and covered them, and they were afraid as they entered the cloud.

³⁵ A voice came from the cloud, saying, **“This is my Son, whom I have chosen; listen to him.”** ³⁶ When the voice had spoken, they found that Jesus was alone. The disciples kept this to themselves and did not tell anyone at that time what they had seen.

This Week

Meditation Sessions

10.30am 1st March

2 pm 3rd March

Yarn Sisters

10 am Wednesday 3rd March

What's News

Meditation Sessions

The first meditation sessions for 2022 will be on March 1st at 10:30am and March 3rd at 2:00pm. (The dates I put in last week were incorrect- my apologies,) When we meet we spend a few minutes catching up and reviewing what we covered the previous month, this is followed by a short talk which explores meditation further, we then meditate for 20 minutes and we conclude with a short sharing and question time. The whole session lasts about an hour. We meet in the middle hall at Seacliff UC.

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. 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, 8th of March** at 10:30am and **Thursday, 10th of March** at 2:00pm. and run through Lent, meeting in the middle hall. (If you can't come to one in any week you can come to the other.) If you have any questions or reservations about participating please feel free to speak with me.

Gary Stuckey (Rev)



Notes from the Treasurer

For the benefit of those who were not able to attend the AGM and/or those who did not quite get to the bottom of the Spreadsheet I thought it might be helpful if I did a 'condensed' version of my Financial Report including the 2022 Budget.

LAST YEAR (2021)

We overspent the Budget by approximately \$55K (i.e. a 'deficit') due to the external painting and other maintenance work on all of our buildings. This money was available due to the savings in the interim period between Revs. Peter and Gary (2018/19) and the fact that Gary's Placement is 0.8.

THIS YEAR (2022)

I have estimated in the Budget that again we will have a deficit of \$9K, due largely to the replacement of the Hall roof and associated electrical upgrades (~\$31K) which have already been done. I suggest that we all need to appreciate that to achieve this target we will need to continue to be generous with our Offerings and fund-raising and conservative with our spending. I expect that occasionally I will have to say "Sorry, not this year, it's not in the Budget".

NEXT YEAR (2023)

I hope and pray that we can consolidate our finances this year so that I can present a 'balanced' Budget or maybe even a 'surplus' Budget for 2023, as we prepare for the years ahead.

We are "people of faith" and for me at least, that means not only faith in God but faith in each other and in the future of our Church.

David G

Yarn Sisters

Our next coffee date is next **Thursday, 3rd March, at 10am** at the SSLSC. Bring along an example of crocheted granny squares/blankets/clothing you may have to reminisce about. On looking through the internet, I get the feeling they've made a resurgence!!! Everyone is welcome.

Heather

Cogs n Coffee

Twelve of us followed various tracks in the Belair National Park and eventually rode up to the pole gate at the end of long gully. All downhill to Joan's Pantry for refreshments.

For next weeks ride, meet at 8.30am at the Warradale shops for a Mitsubishi and Sturt Creek ride.

Brian



Going through the avenue of gums in Belair National Park.

World Day of Prayer 2022

The World Day of Prayer is a global ecumenical movement led by Christian women who welcome you to join in prayer and action for peace and justice. The gathering for 2022 is set in our area at the Faith Lutheran Church, 2 Ailsa Street, Waradale on 4th March. The event opens at 1.30pm.

Ruth

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Worship Leader for Today: Rev Garry Stuckey
Lectionary for Today: **27 February 2022: Ex 34: 29 - 35;**
Ps 99; 2 Cor 3: 12 – 4: 2; Lk 9: 28 - 36.
Reminder for Stewards: 5 March 2022
Ruth Heywood Marg Davidson

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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