



Uniting Church in Australia
SEACLIFF WEEKLY NEWS
Sunday 3 April 2022
Lent 5



Jesus Anointed at Bethany

12 Six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus lived, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. ² Here a dinner was given in Jesus' honour. Martha served, while Lazarus was among those reclining at the table with him.

³ Then Mary took about a pint of pure nard, an expensive perfume; she poured it on Jesus' feet and wiped his feet with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume.

⁴ But one of his disciples, Judas Iscariot, who was later to betray him, objected, ⁵ "Why wasn't this perfume sold and the money given to the poor? It was worth a year's wages " ⁶ He did not say this because he cared about the poor but because he was a thief; as keeper of the money bag, he used to help himself to what was put into it.

⁷ "Leave her alone," Jesus replied. "It was intended that she should save this perfume for the day of my burial."⁸ You will always have the poor among you,^[c] but you will not always have me."

This Week

Contemplative Worship 7pm Sunday 3rd April
Lent Reflection 10.30am Tuesday 5th April
2 pm Thursday 7th April
Yarn Sisters 10am Thursday 7th April

What's News

Contemplative Worship

Where and how can we find some peace and quiet?

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

Contemplative Worship is at **Seacliff UC Tonight**, commencing at 7:00pm for about an hour, followed by light refreshments.

The service includes quiet music, readings, a short reflection followed by a period for personal reflection in silence, Holy Communion and prayer. Come into the quiet and find grace and peace to restore your soul. Any questions, contact Rev Gary Stuckey (0488 017 187) or gstu@internode.on.net

Lent Reflection

At Seacliff UC, for our Lent Reflection this year, **Two groups** will meet; on **Tuesday, 5th April** at 10:30am and **Thursday, 7th of April** at 2:00pm. running through Lent. Gary Stuckey (Rev)

Maundy Thursday Service

With Easter approaching there are a number of special services on the Church's calendar- Palm Sunday, Good Friday and Easter itself. Another service that churches may choose to celebrate is Maundy Thursday, the day before Good Friday. It is a service which particularly remembers the last meal Jesus shared with his disciples before his arrest and crucifixion. (The word 'Maundy' comes from the Latin 'mandatum' which means commandment and recalls that on this night Jesus gave his disciples the command to love one another.)

This will be a combined service with the Brighton Uniting Church.
Place: Seacliff UC Time: **7:00pm.** Gary

Men's Dinner for April

The Men's Dinner for this month will meet at the Brighton Metro Hotel, 466 Brighton Road, Brighton, at the usual time of 6.30pm for 7. This is an All you can Eat Buffet menu for one price. For information or transport, contact Dene Goldsack on 8296 1046.

Cogs n Coffee

13 of us did the ride to Grange for a coffee and then home via the Sturt Creek. Next weeks ride, meet at 8.30am at the Warradale shops for a ride down the Torrens and coffee at the Tram Stop, Glenelg. Brian



Plant Stall Fantastic!



We Dream

As reported at Soapbox last week: Tarcisius is not seeking to get *We Dream* registered – that matter arose only in response to a question from us about other sources of funding.

Tarcisius is asking us to continue to support these children – who have no access to education any other way – in the same way as we are at present.

The question we will have to address each year is – for how long can we sustain this contribution?

At present, we are committed to the end of 2023 – and we have funds on hand already for about half of next year. The oldest of the kids being looked after have another 5 years to go – the youngest is only just starting.

So, what if?? What if we were to work really hard at building up the capital fund for the next 2-3 years while we can, so that if – IF – it should happen that in, say, 4 or 5 years' time we discover that we cannot continue support at our present level, we will have already built up a fund that could last another 2 years.

Something to think about and aim for.

Max

Lent Event

A reminder that Lent Event, sponsored by the Assembly of the UCA, is with us this year. We are all invited to contribute to the work of UnitingWorld via www.lentevent.com.au or via an envelope, clearly labelled, placed in the offering bowl.

With the newsletter this week, is an image giving 3 examples of the big changes that can happen in people's lives through Lent Event.

Max



THE CHANGE YOU'LL BE CREATING:

- Equip a clean water worker like Tapaita (pictured left) in a community for three months, providing life-saving education about good hygiene and how to prevent the spread of diseases like COVID-19.
- Provide a child like Rosie with education support in overcrowded schools in India's settlements. Educated girls go on to support healthier families and give back to their communities.
- Help train disaster response workers, chaplains and climate advocates in Pacific countries where the impacts of climate change, increased storms, cyclones and droughts are all devastating communities.

LENT EVENT: *together* FOR A BETTER WORLD

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Worship Leader for Today Rev. Jim Winn **HC**
Lectionary for Today: **3 April: Is 43: 16 - 121; Ps 126;**
Phil 3: 4b - 14; Jn 12: 1 – 8.
Reminder for Stewards: 10 April 2022
Richard Lane Dennis wood

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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