



Uniting Church in Australia
SEACLIFF WEEKLY NEWS
Sunday 6 March 2022

Lent 1



LUKE 4: 1 – 13

4 Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, ² where for forty days he was tempted^[a] by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and at the end of them he was hungry.

³ The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to become bread.”

⁴ Jesus answered, “**It is written: ‘Man shall not live on bread alone.’**”

⁵ The devil led him up to a high place and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. ⁶ And he said to him, “I will give you all their authority and splendor; it has been given to me, and I can give it to anyone I want to. ⁷ If you worship me, it will all be yours.”

⁸ Jesus answered, “It is written: **‘Worship the Lord your God and serve him only.’**”

This Week

Lent Reflection **10.30am Tuesday 8th March**
2 pm Thursday 10th March
Adult Fellowship **1.30pm Wednesday 9th March**
What's News

Lent Reflection

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 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 like fasting, prayer, the role of Scripture and others, which have nurtured people through the ages.

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

Update on our Mission Projects

- **Bangladesh ('We Dream')** stands at \$2255 (after I have paid the \$1080 instalment for Feb) so well on the way for 2023 and/or to help them buy the land as decided.
- **COFA** stands at \$435 which I will pay asap.
- **UCCP Philippines** stands at \$124 to be paid asap. NOW CLOSED
- **Oodnadatta** stands at \$1057, to be paid asap.
Total payments since 2018 are \$4,012. NOW CLOSED
- **Christmas Bowl** is \$380.20 (excluding cards and cheques which I don't handle), will pay asap. NOW CLOSED for 2021.

David

From the AGM

A big thank you to all the people who were able to get to the AGM two weeks ago. Please be assured that the matters still needing attention are being followed through.

Support for Mission Projects

A reminder that :

1. We decided to support just the 2 projects for this year: *We Dream* and *Circle of Friends* (COFA). Of these, *COFA* is the one in more urgent need just at the moment, so I would encourage us to support that project for the near future, while remembering to include *We Dream* later in the year.

2. As today is the first Sunday in the month, today is the day we give a particular reminder about our Projects. If you are able to contribute today, that would be wonderful; or if you prefer, please take an envelope today and return it next week with your contribution. (Or you can make a donation any time via any envelope – just label it clearly.)

Act for Peace – Ukraine

Act for Peace – that's the people who organise *Christmas Bowl* – has opened an appeal for assistance for the people of Ukraine. Treasurer David has indicated that he will receive donations if you wish to contribute via our normal weekly process, and will pass them on to *Act for Peace*. Alternatively, you can go to www.actforpeace.org.au and select the Ukraine tab. Max



Notes from the Treasurer

State Election Day (March 19th)

The allocation of nett profits from stalls is a matter for the stallholder(s) and Church Council (Annette) to decide, however I need to say that any contribution that can be made to our budget will help us recover from the huge costs of property maintenance and development last year as I reported to the AGM recently. We do receive a payment from the Electoral Commission that covers 'running costs' and more. David

Men's Dinner for March

Men's Dinner will return for 2022 on **Wednesday 16th March**, and will meet at the Esplanade Hotel 135 Esplanade, Brighton, at the usual time of 6.30pm for 7. A welcome return of the group to a great time of talk and food. For transport or further information, contact Dene Goldsack on 8296 1046. Dene

Adult Fellowship

The first meeting for March is set for 1.30pm on March 9 in the Church hall. The programme is a Getting to Know Members. A Trading Table will also be part of the activities. Duty Group is Green.

Cogs n Coffee

We had fifteen out riding last Wed, and we made our way to Mitsubishi for refreshments, it was nice to meet up with Jan and Buzz who joined us for coffee. Our ride then took us to Glenelg and home along the beach, always good value.

Next weeks ride, will be the Onkaparinga Nature Reserve with coffee at Moana. Catching the 9.06am train to Noarlunga Centre. Brian

Hear Our Voices



Hear our Voices!
2022 Lenten Reflections from Palestinian Christians
Register at - www.trybooking.com/BXMSI
Lenten Series hosted by Babel Australia, Palestine Israel Ecumenical Network (PIEN), & Palestinian Christians in Australia (PCIA)

Wed. 16th March, 7.30-8.30pm AEDT
Salwa Duaibis – Theme: Children in Israeli military detention.

Wed. 23rd March, 7.30-8.30pm AEDT
Daniel Munayer – Theme: the lived experience of Palestinians within Israeli society.

Wed. 30th March, 7.30-8.30pm AEDT
Jason Damouni & Faten Qunqar – Theme: Young Palestinian Australians' perspective on Palestine and the Diaspora
Each session a 30 minute talk followed by a 30 minute Q&A

Sat. 9th April, 7.30-8.30pm AEDT
'Voices of Hope...journeying toward Easter'
Join us on the eve of Palm Sunday for a joint Palestine/Australia service.

For further information, contact Andrew Telfer

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Worship Leader for Today: Rev. Gary Stuckey **HC**
Lectionary for Today: **6 th March: Dt. 26: 1 - 11;**
Ps 91: 1 - 2, 9 - 16; Rom 10: 8b - 13; Lk 4 : 1 - 13.
Reminder for Stewards: 13 March 2022
Geoff Craven Pauline Galliford

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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