



**Uniting Church in Australia**  
**SEACLIFF WEEKLY NEWS**  
**Sunday 26 June 2022**  
**PENTECOST 3**



**The Cost of Following Jesus**

**Luke 9: 57 – 62**

<sup>57</sup> As they were walking along the road, a man said to him, “I will follow you wherever you go.”

<sup>58</sup> Jesus replied, “Foxes have dens and birds have nests, but the Son of Man has no place to lay his head.”

<sup>59</sup> He said to another man, “Follow me.” But he replied, “Lord, first let me go and bury my father.”

<sup>60</sup> Jesus said to him, “Let the dead bury their own dead, but you go and proclaim the kingdom of God.” <sup>61</sup> Still another said, “I will follow you, Lord; but first let me go back and say goodbye to my family.”

<sup>62</sup> Jesus replied, “No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God.”

# What's News

## Steps on the Spiritual Journey

Throughout the human journey, we mark various steps along the way. Birthdays mark our journey through time. Anniversaries recall significant life events. Our transitions from one phase of life to another, such as in retirement, are celebrated.

The journey of faith is also marked and celebrated in various ways. In baptism, we are brought into the community of faith, and it expresses the desire of those, usually parents, who care for us that we embrace this faith tradition and community. If we were not baptised as children, baptism acknowledges our own embracing of faith and commitment to the faith community.

Many of us were baptised as children and at some point, acknowledged that faith as our own through confirmation. Still others, having been both baptised and confirmed, having had a significant experience of renewing or deepening faith, have publicly expressed that in a reaffirmation of baptism.

Which is all a long introduction to say that if, in your spiritual journey, you have experienced the awakening or deepening of faith and would like to explore that further I would be very happy to do this with you. Or you may feel more comfortable doing this with another member of the congregation.

This does not necessarily mean that a public profession of that faith step has to happen; it may simply mean that we have the opportunity to explore this together. Often these celebrations (i.e. baptism and confirmation) are associated with children of teenagers. But deepening steps in the faith journey can happen and be celebrated at any age.

If you would like to talk further about your own faith journey and/or the possibility of publicly expressing that in some way, please feel free to talk with me or someone else about it.

Gary Stuckey (Rev)



## **Notes from the Treasurer**

Following our recent fundraising efforts, your Sunday donations and *Sister Meredith's* visit last week I thought you might appreciate a '**Mission**' Update:

- With *Circle of Friends* (*Sr Meredith Evans*), we have given them \$644 in 2021 and \$3,522 this year making a total of **\$4,166** so far.
- With *We Dream* (Bangladesh), we have **\$3,270** in the Account which is enough money to cover the remainder of this year, all of 2023 and we have made a start on 2024 (*check the wall chart*).
- With the *School Chaplains*, I am in the process of forwarding **\$4,608** from the Booksale to support them in their work.
- In total for this year so far, we have raised and I have forwarded **\$11,437** which I think is truly amazing and inspirational!

*David*

## **A personal note**

Mary and I plan to be caravanning interstate between **July 14 and August 3**. There are a few points:

- I would appreciate any further offers to update the '**Advertising Screen**' during this time asap please. It just involves using *PowerPoint* and I will be happy to help you learn what to do.
- Geoff Lister has kindly offered to take care of the **Offerings** and do the weekly Banking in my absence, otherwise Stewards should follow the instructions on the bottom of the Summary Sheet please. *David and Mary*

## **Cogs n Coffee**

For our ride to Mitsubishi last Wed, 13 of us had to ride in the steady drizzle all the way. This put a dampner on the rest of the ride which we finished earlier than normal.

For next weeks ride, meet at the Warradale shops and we will have coffee back at the new coffee shop that's been established there.

Brian

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Worship Leader for Today: Rev. Gary Stuckey  
Lectionary for Today: **26 June 2022: 2 Kgs 2: 1 - 2, 6 - 14;**  
**Ps 77: 1 - 2, 11 - 20; Gal 5: 1, 13 - 25; Lk 9: 51 - 62.**  
Reminder for Stewards: 3 July 2022  
Von Bollinger                      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](mailto: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.

### **Our Minister is Rev. Gary Stuckey.**

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