

Uniting Church in Australia SEACLIFF WEEKLY NEWS Sunday 3 July 2022 PENTECOST 4



Jesus Sends Out the Seventy-Two

LUKE 10 1 -11

10 After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them two by two ahead of him to every town and place where he was about to go. ² He told them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field. ³ Go! I am sending you out like lambs among wolves. ⁴ Do not take a purse or bag or sandals; and do not greet anyone on the road.

⁵ "When you enter a house, first say, 'Peace to this house.' ⁶ If someone who promotes peace is there, your peace will rest on them; if not, it will return to you. ⁷ Stay there, eating and drinking whatever they give you, for the worker deserves his wages. Do not move around from house to house.

⁸ "When you enter a town and are welcomed, eat what is offered to you. ⁹ Heal the sick who are there and tell them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' ¹⁰ But when you enter a town and are not welcomed, go into its streets and say, ¹¹ 'Even the dust of your town we wipe from our feet as a warning to you. Yet be sure of this: The kingdom of God has come near.'

This Week

Uniting Conversations7pm Sunday 3rd JulyBook Club1.30pm Wednesday 6th JulyYarn Sisters10am Thursday 7th JulyMeditation Session2pm Thursday 7th July

What's News

Minister's Leave

As most of you probably know by now, I am to have surgery for my back problem on July 11th. I will be on 'sick' leave for that week and the following two weeks will be planned annual leave. So, I will be on leave from July 11 returning to work (and hopefully moving around better) on August 2nd.

I would like to thank those who have stepped in to cover the unexpected sick leave, especially Max for taking on the service on July 18.

Meditation - July 7

Following a review of the spirituality program it was decided that the monthly meditation sessions will be on the first Thursday of the month at **2:00 pm** in the middle hall. The session will go for one hour and be followed by afternoon tea if you wish to stay. The next meditation will be on **July 7th**. The focus will be on "The Fruits of Meditation". That is, how does the practice of meditation nurture the fruits of love, joy, peace etc. in our lives? All are welcome- you do not need to have been to previous sessions to take part.

If you have a question or need more information, please speak with Gary.

Contemplative Worship - August 7

It seems that we are living in an increasingly busy, noisy, and fast paced world. Where and how can we find some peace and quiet? One way is in Contemplative Worship, a service of stillness, silence, and reflection. The next service will be on August 7th at **5:00pm.** Please not the earlier time for winter.

The service will include quiet music, often from the Taizé community, readings, a short reflection followed by a period for personal reflection in silence, Holy Communion, and prayer. This is an opportunity to come into the quiet and find grace and peace to restore your soul.

If you have any questions, please ask Gary

Quiet Day- August 16th

Also, as part of the above-mentioned review, it was decided that the Quiet Days would be Quiet Half Days. Instead of running form 9:30am-3:00pm they will now be from 9:30am -12:30pm. If you would like to stay and share a meal with others please BYO lunch. (There is no program in the afternoon.) The next Quiet Day will be on Tuesday August 16th.

The reflection for the day will focus on Henri Nouwen's book, "The Return of the Prodigal", in particular, the figure of the younger son. The parable we know as the Parable of the Prodigal Son is one of Jesus' best known and powerful stories. As the notes on Nouwen's book say, "The themes of homecoming, affirmation and reconciliation will be newly discovered by all who have known loneliness, dejection, jealousy, or anger."

There is no cost for the day, but offerings are gratefully received. If you have any questions about the Quiet Day, please speak with Gary.

The First Wednesday Book Club

The Book club will meet on Wednesday 6th July at 1:30pm, at Annette Craven's home, 22 Downing St, Hove. The book we are discussing is *'The Ripping Tree'* by Nikki Gemmell. New members welcome. Annette

Cogs n Coffee

Last Wednesdays a ride took in parts of the parklands we hadn't ridden for a while ending with Coffee at Beckman St., where we were able to great Bruce's sister from Sydney.

Next week, we explore the new trail from McClaren Vale to McClaren Flat. Meet at the Seacliff Station for the 9.06am train. Brian



Bob's Diet starts tomorrow!!



UNITING CONVERSATIONS

... bringing together our local community to better understand and respond to issues that matter...

SUNDAY, 3rd JULY at 7 p.m. At SEACLIFF UNITING CHURCH

There is an obvious and widely recognised need for people to change the manner in which they care for our world. You may well think that there is nothing that you can do to play a part in this.

At **'Uniting Conversations'** at the church on Sunday July 3rd, you will be able to listen to, and ask questions of, a panel of experts talking about various aspects of climate change and its impacts – and what we **can** do to mitigate these impacts and adapt to them'. The speakers will be:

Ariella Helfgott who lives in Marino and is the Director of Strategic Foresight in the Department of the Premier and Cabinet. She has expertise in scenario analysis, strategic thinking and resilience.

Nina Keath who is responsible for climate resilience at City of Onkaparinga. Her early career at Monash University was spent researching the ingredients required for transitioning towards more sustainable practices.

Holger Maier who lives in Seacliff and is a Professor of Environmental Engineering at the University of Adelaide. He teaches courses and works with industry and government on climate impact modelling, natural hazard risk management, the renewable energy transition and smart storm water systems.

EVERBODY WELCOME FEEL FREE TO JUST COME ALONG ON THE NIGHT.

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Worship Leader for Today: Rev. Gary Stuckey **HC** Lectionary for Today: **3 July 2022: 2 Kgs 5: 1 - 14; Ps 30; Gal 6: 7 - 16; Lk 10: 1 - 11, 16 - 20.** Reminder for Stewards: 10 July 2022 Pauline Galliford Bob Heywood

Welcome to our Church.

Things you need to know, especially if you are a visitor. <u>Fire exits</u> are marked. Please take note. In the case of an emergency evacuation please gather on the Western Lawns under the Pine Tree. <u>St John First Aid Kit</u> - on top of the pigeon holes up from the ramp. <u>Toilets</u> are available through the door front right of the Worship Area or out through the turn around point on the ramp. <u>Morning tea</u> 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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