



Uniting Church in Australia
SEACLIFF WEEKLY NEWS
Sunday 12 February 2022
Epiphany 6



The Church and Its Leaders

1 Cor 3: 1 - 9

3 Brothers and sisters, I could not address you as people who live by the Spirit but as people who are still worldly—mere infants in Christ. ²I gave you milk, not solid food, for you were not yet ready for it. Indeed, you are still not ready. ³You are still worldly. For since there is jealousy and quarrelling among you, are you not worldly? Are you not acting like mere humans? ⁴For when one says, “I follow Paul,” and another, “I follow Apollos,” are you not mere human beings?

⁵What, after all, is Apollos? And what is Paul? Only servants, through whom you came to believe—as the Lord has assigned to each his task. ⁶I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God has been making it grow. ⁷So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow. ⁸The one who plants and the one who waters have one purpose, and they will each be rewarded according to their own labour. ⁹For we are co-workers in God’s service; you are God’s field, God’s building.

This Week.

Harvest Service 9.30am Today 12th February
Men's Dinner 6.30pm Wed. 15th February
M&M's 10am Friday 18th February
Uniting Conversations 7pm Sunday 19th Feb.

What's News

SEACLIFF SPIRITUALITY PROGRAM - WHAT'S COMING UP?

This morning we will be having a **Harvest service**. Grocery items will form an expression of our gratitude to God for the fruit of the earth. These items will be given to "Grocer with a Heart" which is operated by Brighton Church of Christ Community Care. Cheryl Pinkess from that organisation, will be part of our service this morning to tell us a little about their work.

Quiet Day

There will be four Quiet Days (or Quiet half days really) in 2023. The first will be on **Tuesday February 21st** commencing at **9:30am** and concluding at 12:30pm. For those who wish to, you can stay and share fellowship over a BYO lunch with other retreatants.

The theme for this year will be "*The Seasons of Life*". Every year we observe the cycle of the seasons, watching life germinate, sprout, blossom and grow, and then retreat into the waiting time before the cycle begins again. As the earth is transformed, so too can our lives be.

The first session, as it will nearly be Autumn, will focus on that season, the season of surrender and shedding. What can we learn about how to move forward in our lives from Autumn?

Lenten Reflections

As we have done for a number of years now, there will be the opportunity to take time on our journey through Lent to reflect together on this sacred season. As a resource, we will be using Rob Bos' little booklet, "*With You Always*", Lenten studies in Matthew's Gospel. For those with good memories, this is the resource we were using three years ago but did not complete because of COVID. If you would like to have your own copy of

this resource let Gary know over the next couple of weeks. I also have a number of copies available that people can use if you do not wish to purchase your own. There will be five sessions, commencing on **Tuesday Feb 28th at 10:30am** and **Thursday March 2nd at 2:00pm**. meeting in the middle hall.

Meditation

To avoid clashing with the Lenten Reflection in March, there will be no meditation session on March 2nd, instead it will move to the week before, **Thursday February 23rd at 2:00pm** in middle hall.

Gary

Election to Church Council

As advised at morning tea last week, nominations for election to Church Council have been received from Annette Craven, Maureen Howland, Denise Phillips and Judy Shaw. The election will be conducted as the first item at the **AGM next Sunday, 19th February**.

The meeting will commence at about **11.00 am**: I hope to have it concluded by 12.30 pm. Alongside the reports to be received, we have a decision to make about the Mission Projects we will support this year. In particular, as has been the case for some years now, we will be making a decision about our continuing support for *We Dream* in Bangla Desh.

If you wish to bring a proposal to the meeting, on any matter, please advise either Max or Rosemary. Please make sure that anything you bring is *in the form of a definitive proposal that you want to see adopted*.

Max



Notes from the Treasurer

I will be overseas on Feb 26 and March 5 at least, and also on March 12. I will be unavailable to do any financial transactions. **Stewards** please follow instructions on the Record Sheet to ensure the safe keeping of the Offerings and anyone with an Invoice, a **Blue Form** (claiming reimbursement) or a **Yellow Form** (for other income) please see me before I go. *David*

Men's Dinner for February 2023

The first Men's dinner for this year is set for **Wednesday 15th February** with the venue the Seacliff Hotel, 221 Esplanade, Seacliff. Meet at 6.30pm for a 7pm start. For further information or transport, contact Dene Goldsack on 8296 1046. *Dene*

Cogs n Coffee

We had 17 riders do the trip to Mitsubishi for a coffee and then down to Glenelg via Sturt Creek. We welcomed Maxine's Italian friends who joined us for the ride. A member had a puncture, the first in a long, long, time.

Next week, Bruce is leading from the Warradale shops *Brian*

Community Garden Open Day 2023

At the end of October this year the church will be hosting an Open Day celebrating the creation of our Community Garden. A theme for the day is gradually being developed, however one decision has been made - there will be a stall with preserves, pickles, jams, chutneys etc for sale. With a lot of the ingredients now available in our gardens, now is the time to start chopping, cooking and bottling! Can we encourage you to start making and storing delicious items ready for sale in October? Please remember to list the ingredients used on the jar.

A plant stall is also planned, so if propagating is your thing, you may like to start potting so we can present a table of lovely well established plants.



UNITING CONVERSATIONS

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

TOPIC 4: What is 'Well-being'?

When: Sunday February 19th from 7-9pm

Where: Seacliff Uniting Church,
5 Wheatland St., Seacliff.

but what does it really mean to “**be well**”? Join us in our first *Uniting Conversation* of 2023 to consider how to connect to choices that enable us all to thrive rather than simply survive.

Our conversations will be informed by people in our local community who work to support well-being, including a **General Practitioner**, *Krista Maier*, **Psychologist**, *Sue Davidson* and *Leighton Boyd*, Director of **MarionLIFE Community Services**.

This first *Conversation* for 2023 will set the scene, and we are curious to know how you might like this Topic to unfold. Join with your community to explore what “**being well**” looks like for you and those you love.

A gold coin donation will be appreciated to help cover catering and other costs.

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Worship Leaders for Today: Rev. Gary Stuckey
Lectionary for Today: **12 February 2023: Deut 30: 15 - 30;**
Ps 119: 1 - 8; 1 Cor 3: 1 - 9; Mt 5: 21 - 37.
Reminder for Stewards: 19 February 2023
Bob Heywood Margaret Tucker

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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