



Uniting Church in Australia
SEACLIFF WEEKLY NEWS
Sunday 19 February 2022

Transfiguration



Mat 17: 1 – 9

1 After six days Jesus took with him Peter, James and John the brother of James, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. **2** There he was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as the light. **3** Just then there appeared before them Moses and Elijah, talking with Jesus. **4** Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here. If you wish, I will put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.”

5 While he was still speaking, a bright cloud covered them, and a voice from the cloud said, “**This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him!**” **6** When the disciples heard this, they fell facedown to the ground, terrified. **7** But Jesus came and touched them. “Get up,” he said. “Don’t be afraid.” **8** When they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus.

9 As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus instructed them, “Don’t tell anyone what you have seen, until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.”

This Week.

Uniting Conversations 7pm Tonight 19th Feb.

Quiet Day 9am Tuesday 21st February

MovieMates 6pm Tuesday 21st February

Adult Fellowship 1.30pm Wednesday 22nd Feb.

Meditation Session 2pm Thursday 23rd Feb.

What's News

SEACLIFF SPIRITUALITY PROGRAM - WHAT'S COMING UP?

Quiet Day

There will be four Quiet Days (or Quiet half days really) in 2023. The first will be next **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?

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.

Lenten Reflections

Take time on our journey through Lent to reflect together using Rob Bos' little booklet, "*With You Always*", Lenten studies in Matthew's Gospel. I have a number of copies available if you do not wish to purchase your own. The five sessions commence on **Tuesday Feb 28th at 10:30am** and **Thursday March 2nd at 2:00pm**. meeting in the middle hall. Gary

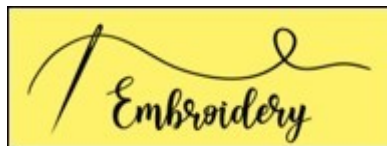
AGM and Church Council

A final reminder that the AGM (Reception of reports) will be held this **morning, 19th February**, beginning at **11.00 am**, a little earlier if time allows. The first item of business is the election for membership of Church Council: ballot papers will be available as you enter. Nominations have been received from **Annette Craven, Maureen Howland, Denise Phillips and Judy Shaw**. Alongside the reports to be received, we have some decisions 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.

Proposals on this or any other matter may be brought to the meeting: please make sure that anything you bring is *in the form of a definitive proposal that you want to see adopted*. The agenda item "Confirmation of the agenda" is the point at which proposals are added to the agenda.

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Adult Fellowship



Adult Fellowship will meet on WEDNESDAY, 22nd FEBRUARY at 1.30 p.m. in the hall. The Guest Speaker, Judy Szekeres, will tell us about her "*Life with the Needle*" particularly embroidery. Duty Group is **GREEN**. Everybody is welcome to attend.

Movie Mates!

Yes! Its on again next Tuesday, and we're starting the year with a romantic comedy "*What's love got to do with it*". The session commences at **6.00pm** so there will be time to catch up afterwards with a coffee and chat. See you there!!!! *Heather*



Notes from the Treasurer

For general information:

1. The money generously donated after the Service to “**Grocer with a Heart**” last week was \$147.50 which I have forwarded to *Cheryle Pinkess* and the Organisation. She was also very grateful for the many boxes and bags of groceries given during the Service. The Charity is located at 65 Sturt Road, Brighton and their hours are Tuesday to Friday 10 -12.30 and 1.30 - 3.30. *Cheryle* may be contacted directly on 0415 442 645.

2. A total of \$593 was donated in cash to the **Christmas Bowl Appeal** and this amount has been forwarded on your behalf. Thank you also to those who donated directly to the Appeal electronically, we usually get acknowledgement of the total in due course.

3. People wishing to donate directly to the *Australian Council of Churches* **Syria/Turkiye Earthquake Appeal** may do so electronically via [www/actforpeace.org.au/Syria-](http://www.actforpeace.org.au/Syria-) . If you prefer to give cash please put it in a labelled envelope in the Offering Bowl and I will collate and forward it all asap.

4. A reminder that I will be absent for the next few weeks and that Geoff Lister (former Treasurer) has kindly offered to take care of the **Offerings** each week until I return, so Stewards please pass them to him directly asap after each service. Today is the last opportunity for a while to give me Blue (Claim) or Yellow (other Income) forms please. *David*

Cogs n Coffee

This week the group rode via Goodwood Rail Station to Beckman Street Deli. The seventeen riders included visitors Bert and Nel from Italy. This coming Wednesday, the group will ride from the Warradale shops at 8-30am. *Bruce*

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Worship Leaders for Today: Rev. Gary Stuckey
Lectionary for Today: **19 February 2023: Ex 24: 12 - 18;**
Ps 2; 2 Pt 1: 16 - 21; Mt 17: 1 - 9.
Reminder for Stewards: 26 February 2023
Pauline Galliford Brian Gepp

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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