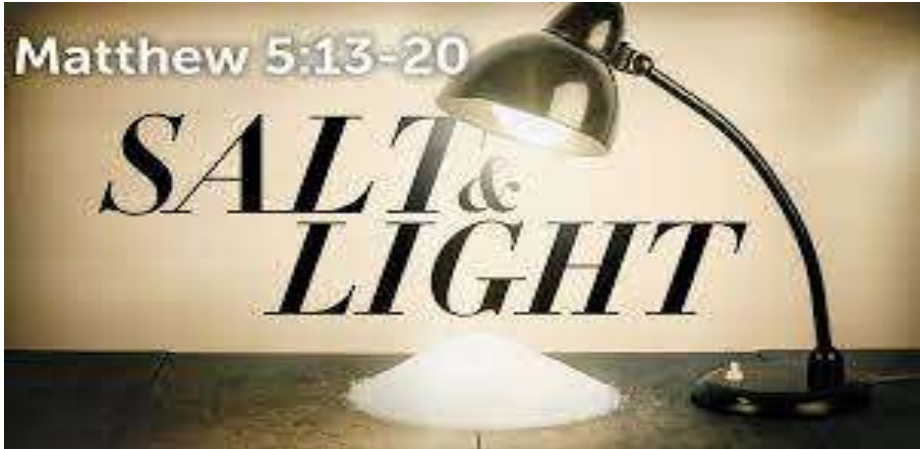




Uniting Church in Australia
SEACLIFF WEEKLY NEWS
Sunday 5 February 2022
Epiphany 5



Salt and Light

¹³ “You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot.

¹⁴ “You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden.

¹⁵ Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house.

¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

This Week.

Covenant Service 9.30am Today 5th February

Contemplative Worship 7pm Tonight 5th Feb.

Adult Fellowship 1.30pm Wed. 8th February

Harvest Service 9.30am Next Sunday 12th 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 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**. We will meet in the middle hall.

Next Week's service

On **Feb 12th**, we will be having a **Harvest service**. On this occasion, you are invited to bring along grocery items as 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 to tell us a little about their work. Gary

Election to Church Council

Final reminder that nominations for election to Church Council close **today**: nominations need to be with Rosemary by 10.45 am (before worship would be better!!). the names of nominees will be announced during Soapbox / morning tea.

Nomination is open to people who are Confirmed Members or Members-in-Association of this congregation. As Council is part of the formal structures of the Uniting Church, this is one of those occasions where we need to be careful to follow the procedures that limit nomination to these two groups of people.

AGM – reports

A reminder also that the AGM will be conducted on **Sunday 19th February, from about 11.00 am**. The Council election mentioned above will be take place within the context of the AGM, and normally the result of the election is able to be announced before the meeting is finished.

Annual reports and the agenda will be distributed beforehand: please read them and be ready for their discussion and reception on the day. There will be a proposal about our annual **Special Mission Projects**.

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* – if it's "something we need to talk about", we'll work with you to form it up into a proposal. Max

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, please contact Dene Goldsack on 8296 1046.

Dene



Adult Fellowship

Our first meeting, this Wednesday **8th February at 1.30pm** in the Church Hall will be centred around "*THE YEAR OF THE RABBIT*".

Members are invited to bring a "rabbit" memento.....a card, poem, book, a story (or a family pet rabbit if you have one!!) etc to share. If you don't have one, you will surely enjoy listening and joining in.

We also look forward to catching up on each others Christmas, Holliday, COVID etc news.

Executive and social members will be on duty.

We meet on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month, usually in the Hall at 1.30pm **NEW MEMBERS OR VISITORS** are very welcome.



Waiting to be told to leave.

Cogs n Coffee

Seventeen of us took to the trail and rode to Grange for the mandatory coffee. Good to see Ian out again after a long layoff due to knee replacement.

The group also welcomed Frazer Murray for his first ride.

For next weeks ride, meet at Warradale shops.

Brian

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Worship Leaders for Today: Rev. Gary Stuckey **HC**
Lectionary for Today: **5 February 2023: Is 58: 1 - 9a;**
Ps 112: 1 - 9; 1 Cor 2: 1 - 12; Mt 5: 13 - 20.
Reminder for Stewards: 12 February 2023
Colin Theakstone Richard Lane

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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