



Uniting Church in Australia
SEACLIFF WEEKLY NEWS
Sunday 12 March 2023

LENT 3



The Samaritan Woman at the well **John 4: 7 - 26**

⁷When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, “Will you give me a drink?” ⁹The Samaritan woman said to him, “You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink?” (For Jews do not associate with Samaritans).

¹⁰Jesus answered her, “If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water.” ¹⁹“Sir,” the woman said, “I can see that you are a prophet. ²⁰Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you Jews claim that the place where we must worship is in Jerusalem.”

²¹“Woman,” Jesus replied, “believe me, a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. ²²You Samaritans worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. ²⁴God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth.”

²⁵The woman said, “I know that Messiah” (called Christ) “is coming. When he comes, he will explain everything to us.”

²⁶Then Jesus declared, “I, the one speaking to you — I am he.”

This Week.

Lent Reflections 10.30am Tuesday 14th March
2.00 pm Thursday 16th March
Men's Dinner 6.30pm Wednesday 15th March
M&M's 10.00am Friday 17th March

What's News

SEACLIFF SPIRITUALITY PROGRAM - WHAT'S COMING UP?

Lenten Reflections

Take time to reflect together using Rob Bos' little booklet, "*With You Always*", Lenten studies in Matthew's Gospel. The sessions continue **next Tuesday March 14th at 10:30am** and **Thursday March 16th at 2:00pm**. We will meet in the middle hall.

Contemplative Worship

The next quiet service will be on **April 2nd at 7:00pm**. This happens to be Palm Sunday. We will reflect, through a guided meditation, on the events of that day and the day that followed.

Meditation

The next gathering for meditation will be **Thursday April 6th at 2:00pm** in the middle hall. The theme will be '*The Work of Silence.*'

Quiet Day

Continuing the theme of "*The Seasons of Life*", we will reflect on *winter*. What do we learn from this season which slows down and rests? The session on **16th May** will run **from 9:30am - 12:30 pm**. You may like to bring your lunch and stay and share more time with other retreatants.

MAUNDY THURSDAY - APRIL 6TH

As we have over the last couple of years, we will share this day with Brighton Uniting Church, this year at Brighton. You are invited, should you choose to do so, to gather for refreshments (tea, coffee etc.) at 6:30pm. The service will start at **7:30pm**. This is a very significant day, as we gather to recall the last meal Jesus shared with his followers, the day before he was crucified.

Book Sale Preparation

The Book Sale is slowly approaching and boxes of books are appearing at the church ready for this great event. However, could the books please be stored in the shed and not on the stage in the hall.

We are currently organising the hall ready for the time when the Marino Community hall tenants join us while their hall is rebuilt, and they need this area to store the gear. Thanks very much for your assistance.

Heather

Men's Dinner for March

The March Dinner is booked at the **Victoria Hotel**, South Road, O'Halloran Hill on **Wed. 15th March**. Meet at 6.30pm for 7.00. For transport or information contact Dene Goldsack 8296 1046.

Dene

Items for Newsletter 19th March

The office is preparing the **19th March** issue, so please advise of any content for that week only, direct to the email address

office@seacliff.org as Libby and I will be away.

Dean

Travel blog from David (Last week)

We are surrounded by icebergs but have been off the boat today looking at a large penguin colony. Am taking plenty of pics and notes.

I think the boat turns around tomorrow and we head back towards civilisation - unfortunately! Regards to all.

David

Cogs n Coffee

Seven of us braved the very occasional shower and rode to Brompton where two went for coffee at Plant 4 and the rest of us went to Pt. Adelaide for a coffee and to help Howard purchase his orange bamboo socks, great buy.

Coming home was a good tryout for Myrtleford with a Southerly blowing. Next weeks ride is to McLaren Flat catching the 8.40am train at Seacliff Station.

Brian

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Worship Leaders for Today: Rev. Gary Stuckey
Lectionary for Today: **12 March 2023: Ex 17: 1 - 7; Ps 95;
Rom 5: 1 - 11; Jn 4: 5 - 42.**

Reminder for Stewards: 19 March 2023

Pauline Galliford

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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