



Uniting Church in Australia
SEACLIFF WEEKLY NEWS
Sunday 19 March 2023

LENT 4

I WAS BLIND BUT NOW

I SEE

Jesus Heals a Man Born Blind

John 9: 9 - 12

9 As he went along, he saw a man blind from birth. ² His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?”

³ “Neither this man nor his parents sinned,” said Jesus, “but this happened so that the works of God might be displayed in him. ⁴ As long as it is day, we must do the works of him who sent me. Night is coming, when no one can work. ⁵ While I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” ⁶ After saying this, he spits on the ground, made some mud with the saliva, and put it on the man’s eyes.

⁷ “Go,” he told him, “wash in the Pool of Siloam” (this word means “Sent”).

So, the man went and washed, and came home seeing. ⁸ His neighbors and those who had formerly seen him begging asked, “Isn’t this the same man who used to sit and beg?” ⁹ Some claimed that he was. Others said, “No, he only looks like him.” But he himself insisted, “I am the man.”

¹⁰ “How then were your eyes opened?” they asked.

¹¹ He replied, “The man they call Jesus made some mud and put it on my eyes. He told me to go to Siloam and wash. So, I went and washed, and then I could see.” ¹² “Where is this man?” they asked him.

“I don’t know,” he said.

This Week.

Lent Reflections **10.30am Tuesday 21st March**
2.00 pm Thursday 23rd March
MovieMates **Time TBA Tuesday 21st March**
Adult Fellowship **1.30pm Wed. 22nd 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 21st at 10:30am** and **Thursday March 23rd 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 on this day will be '*The Work of Silence.*'
Gary

Advance Notice – Cabaret in May

The City of Holdfast Concert Band will join with the Monteverde Singers for a Cabaret performance in the Seacliff Uniting Church hall on Saturday 20th May at 7pm. Tickets \$25 per person. Proceeds from the event will support the Marion City Lions Club. For information and bookings please contact Alan Botting on 04418 849 101.
Alan

Act2

The Uniting Church national Assembly is inviting **all** its members – as individuals, Church Councils and through other bodies – the opportunity to take part in **Act2** – a project arising from the realisation that now is a critical time for the Uniting Church in Australia.

Since it was established in 1977, the Church has changed, the nature of the wider society within which we find ourselves has changed. Through this project, we are discerning God's call for our future as a Uniting Church – and everyone's voice is needed.

The current stage of Act2 is asking 6 questions of its members and Church Councils; they are seeking responses by the end of April.

At Seacliff we are giving our people the opportunity to help frame our responses to those questions: over 3 weeks – today March 19, then March 26 and April 2 – we will supply 2 of the questions each week and invite your responses. Response papers will be provided at the tables at morning tea.

Some starter ideas and information will be provided – you are warmly invited to add your further reflections.

Max, Annette, Church Council

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Worship Leaders for Today: Rev. Gary Stuckey
Lectionary for Today: **19 March 2023: 1 Sm 16: 1 - 13;**
Ps 23; Eph 5: 8 - 14; Jn 9: 1 - 41.
Reminder for Stewards: 26 March 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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