



Uniting Church in Australia  
*SEACLIFF WEEKLY NEWS*  
Sunday 2 April 2023

**PALM SUNDAY**



**Jesus Comes to Jerusalem as King          Mathew 21: 1 - 11**

**21** As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples,<sup>2</sup> saying to them, “Go to the village ahead of you, and at once you will find a donkey tied there, with her colt by her. Untie them and bring them to me. <sup>3</sup>If anyone says anything to you, say that the Lord needs them, and he will send them right away.” <sup>4</sup>This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet: <sup>5</sup>“Say to Daughter Zion, ‘See, your king comes to you, gentle and riding on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.’”

<sup>6</sup>The disciples went and did as Jesus had instructed them. <sup>7</sup>They brought the donkey and the colt and placed their cloaks on them for Jesus to sit on. <sup>8</sup>A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. <sup>9</sup>The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted, **“Hosanna to the Son of David!” “Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!” “Hosanna in the highest heaven!”**

<sup>10</sup>When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked, “Who is this?” <sup>11</sup>The crowds answered, **“This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee.”**

## **This Week.**

**Contemplative Worship** 7 pm Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April

**Book Club** 1.30pm Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April

**Yarn Sisters** 10am Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April

## **What's News**

### **SEACLIFF SPIRITUALITY PROGRAM - WHAT'S COMING UP?**

#### **contemplative Worship**

The next quiet service will be tonight at **7:00pm**. As it is **Palm Sunday**, we will reflect, through a guided meditation, on the events of that day and the day that followed. For those who wish to, you are invited to stay for tea/coffee afterwards.

#### **Meditation**

The next gathering for meditation will be next Thursday, April 6<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm in the middle hall. The theme on this day will be *'The Work of Silence.'*

#### **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.

Parking is available and allowable in the Woolworths car park next door to the Brighton UCA. To find the refreshment area, walk down the north side of the Brighton church (the side nearest Woolworths) and you will find the hall at the rear of the church.

#### **EASTER DAY- SUNRISE SERVICE**

Easter is not too far away (April 9<sup>th</sup>) and once again there will be an Ecumenical Sunrise Service. It will be held on the Angus Neill reserve on the Esplanade between Young and Portland Streets in Seacliff. It will commence at **6:30am** and will be followed by sharing hot cross buns. If you would like a hot drink after the service, please bring your own cup and hot water. Tea/coffee etc. will be provided.

Gary

## Act2

Today is the last of our 3 weeks when we invite you to reflect on the life of the Uniting Church, our place in it and the church's place in wider society.

The national Assembly is inviting **all** its members – as individuals, Church Councils and through other bodies – to take part in the project it has named **Act2**.

Today's questions invite us to think about our working relationship with the wider Uniting Church:

^ which people in ***this congregation*** do you know are engaged at regional, state or national level?

^ which national bodies do you know about, and what work do they do?

We invite you to make your written responses over morning tea, in just the same as the last 2 weeks.

*Max, Annette, Church Council*

## Our congregation's mission projects

A reminder that, today being the first Sunday of the month, we give some extra attention to our mission projects – Tarcisius and the *We Dream* project, and *Circle of Friends*. Please support this aspect of our congregation life as you are able. *Max*

## **Internet Addresses**

After some recent problems we have changed our website and email address domain names from seacliffuc.org to seacliffuc.org.au.

The new website address is [www.seacliffuc.org.au](http://www.seacliffuc.org.au) and all of the previous email addresses, such as office@, newsletter@ etc now end in seacliffuc.org.au.

Although the old addresses are still active at present they will shortly disappear so please start using the new addresses now.

*Ray*



## **Easter Services at Seacliff UC**

Good Friday 9.30am

Easter Day 9.30am

### **Cogs n Coffee**

Those riders still in Adelaide did the ride to Grange ably led by Gordon.

Those away doing the M2M ride have now completed 4 days of riding and on their way home. The camp was again a success with rides from Myrtleford to Bright, Harietville to Bright, Beechworth to Myrtleford and Everton to Wangaratta.

All up, some of us clocked up more than 200km.

There were no accidents, the weather was not brilliant with everyone getting very wet on Wednesday, but other days were ok. Pictures to come later, not organised just yet.

*Brian*



M2M group at Bright

Pic courtesy Seacliff Outlook.

