



Uniting Church in Australia
SEACLIFF WEEKLY NEWS
Sunday 18 June 2023
PENTECOST 3



Jesus Sends Out the Twelve

Mat 10: 1 - 8

10 Jesus called his twelve disciples to him and gave them authority to drive out impure spirits and to heal every disease and sickness.

² These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon (who is called Peter) and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; ³ Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; ⁴ Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him.

⁵ These twelve, Jesus sent out with the following instructions: “Do not go among the Gentiles or enter any town of the Samaritans. ⁶ Go rather to the lost sheep of Israel. ⁷ As you go, proclaim this message: ‘The kingdom of heaven has come near.’ ⁸ Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy,^[a] drive out demons. Freely you have received; freely give.

This Week.

**MovieMates
Men's Dinner**

**Time TBA Tuesday 20th June
6.30pm Wednesday 21st June**

What's News

WHAT'S COMING UP?

I don't often announce my sermon titles too far in advance, mainly because I'm not entirely sure which way I'll go with the readings in the lectionary. And I usually change my mind about half a dozen times!

However, we are coming up to a section in the lectionary which is one of my favourites. The Old Testament readings will take us through the book of Genesis, exploring the lives of some of our spiritual ancestors. So, I'm planning a series of six messages that look at these people. I do so, however, not only because they are significant individuals in our faith tradition, but because we learn about our lives through their lives. They faced the same human conditions as do we, and the way they faced them has something helpful to say to us.

So, what's coming up?

June 18: *"God of the Impossible"*. The story of Abraham and Sarah, and how a seemingly impossible future became possible.

July 2: *"Dynamic Security"*. Further lessons from Abraham's life. None of us has to be perfect for God to use.

July 9: *"Breaking the Mould"*. In a series of stories focused on men, we explore the role and faith of a courageous woman, Rebekah.

(A break while I am on leave and for a baptism on August 6)

Aug 13: *"Never Too Late"*. The first of two messages on Jacob and what God can do with unpromising material.

Aug 20: *"How to Win by Losing"*. More wisdom from Jacob's life; dealing with our past, embracing our future.

Aug 27: *"Failing Forward"*. Looking at the last major figure in the book of Genesis, Joseph, and how life's difficulties can shape us for a better life.

Well, at least that's the plan!

Gary

Arriving at Iona



TakeUs2 for June – next Sunday, June 25th, from 6pm. Maureen and Max invite us to join them on their Expedition [it was made clear to us that it was not a cruise!!] from Portsmouth to Aberdeen via islands – the Isles of Scilly, Anglesey, The Isle of Man, Iona and several others – off the west and north coasts of the British mainland. “Mentally stimulating and physically active”, not the usual “consumer” cruise. 6pm for a light meal.

Uniting Church – new Moderator for SA

This coming **Wednesday, 21st June**, Rev Peter Morel will be installed as Moderator for SA. **Adelaide West Uniting Church, starting at 7pm**. Everybody is most welcome. Some of us will remember Peter from his time as a student minister on field placement at Seacliff in 1995: he will make a return visit to Seacliff, as Moderator!!, on October 8th. Max

Men’s Dinner

The next *Men’s Dinner* will be held on **Wednesday, 21st June** at the **Flagstaff Hotel**, Main South Rd. Darlington. Meet at 6.30 pm for 7.00. For further information, or if you need a ride, please contact Ray on 0434 825 038.

Day Fellowship - Advance Notice

The last meeting for June will be the Mid-year Luncheon on **Wednesday 28th June** with the venue the Marion Club, Sturt Road, Marion. Meeting at **12 noon**, members or friends are asked to book with Chris to confirm numbers.

Book and Produce Sale

The proceeds from our long weekend sales are as follows:

Produce (Middle Hall) **\$989.20**

Books (Big Hall) **\$4,850.70**

It has been agreed by Church Council that:

- the proceeds from the Produce Sales will pay off our remaining liabilities to '**We Dream**' (~\$500) and the balance held for another 'worthy cause' in due course.
- the nett proceeds of the Book Sale will go to support the work of the **School Chaplains** in the local area and furthermore a representative of this Group will be invited to speak to our Congregation about their work in schools when convenient later this year. We will run it again next year which will be the 20th anniversary!

Our sincere **thanks** go to the ladies who ran the Morning tea and Produce stalls and to Bob Tuck for his continued enthusiasm and expert help with the Book sale. Thanks also to all of you who helped in one way or another: setting up on Friday, during the sale itself and cleaning up on Monday. These activities are all part of our 'Mission and Outreach' and were (generally) a lot of fun!

David

Cogs n Coffee

The group did a ride last Wed to a coffee shop not visited previously. The ride included the Anna Meares bike way running alongside Sir Donald Bradman drive and then winding our way to the coffee destination which is at the front of the West Beach caravan park. No grizzles about the coffee, so one can only assume it was appreciated.

Meet at the Warradale shops at 8.30am next week for Pt. Adelaide weather permitting.

Brian

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Worship Leader for Today: Rev. Gary Stuckey
Lectionary for Today: **18 June 2023: Gn 18: 1 - 15;**
Ps 116, 1 – 2, 12 - 19; Rom 5: 1 - 8; Mt 9: 35 – 10: 8.
Reminder for Stewards: 25 June 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.au
by 5pm on Wednesdays.
If you do not have access to email, please phone the church office and it will be forwarded for you.

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