



Uniting Church in Australia
SEACLIFF WEEKLY NEWS
Sunday 2 July 2023
PENTECOST 5



⁶ Abraham took the wood for the burnt offering and placed it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. As the two of them went on together, ⁷ Isaac spoke up and said to his father Abraham, “Father?” “Yes, my son?” Abraham replied. “The fire and wood are here,” Isaac said, “but where is the lamb for the burnt offering?” ⁸ Abraham answered, “God himself will provide the lamb for the burnt offering, my son.”

And the two of them went on together. ⁹ When they reached the place God had told him about, Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood on it. He bound his son Isaac and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. ¹⁰ Then he reached out his hand and took the knife to slay his son. ¹¹ But the angel of the Lord called out to him from heaven, “Abraham! Abraham!” “Here I am,” he replied. ¹² “Do not lay a hand on the boy,” he said. “Do not do anything to him. Now I know that you fear God, because you have not withheld from me your son, your only son.” ¹³ Abraham looked up and there in a thicket he saw a ram caught by its horns. He went over and took the ram and sacrificed it as a burnt offering instead of his son. ¹⁴ So Abraham called that place The Lord Will Provide.

This Week.

Book Club 1.30pm Wednesday 5th July
Meditation Session 2pm Thursday 6th July
Yarn Sisters 10am Friday 7th July

What's News

THIS MORNINGS WORSHIP

Continuing our series on key figures in the Old Testament, this morning we look further at Abraham, as we explore what his life has to say to ours. The message title is, "**Dynamic Security**" where we learn that God is with us through all the changes of life, none of us has to be perfect for God to use, and that life, ultimately, is a gift from God.

MEDITATION

The next meditation session will be on **July 6th at 2:00pm**. Even if you haven't been before you are welcome to come along and discover the benefits of meditation. We meet in the middle hall. This session is on '**Care and Attention**'. Meditation shares the same prefix as medicine, i.e., 'med', implying care and attention. Meditation is a part of caring attention to ourselves. *Gary*

Christmas Dinner 2023

The Seacliff Uniting Church Christmas Dinner will be held on Wednesday **December 6th at 6pm** at the Seacliff Surf Lifesaving Club. Please put the date of this popular and fun night in your diary now. More details, including cost, to come! If you would like to make an early booking please contact **Annette and Geoff Craven, Mobile 0438664100**. All are welcome.

Cogs n Coffee

Eight of us braved the cold weather but no rain, for a ride to Henley Beach, shortened due to early rain.

Next week, meet at the Warradale Shops at 8.30am and we will head to plant four. *Brian*

St Judes Community Pantry

Have just done a delivery run to St Jude's Community Pantry, with a large bag of oranges from my overloaded tree and the pantry food staples I've collected by adding an item or two to my shopping list each week. By chance I met the lovely lady who runs their community food program (which includes a free community meal once a week) and the pastoral care worker who looks after the kids at Brighton Primary next door. My small contribution was welcomed with a blessing - there is great need at the moment, as they are feeding hundreds of people every week. We live in a relatively comfortably off area, so it is easy to think that there is no need - but nearly every time I make a drop off the cupboard is almost like Mother Hubbard's, not much left. My heart went out to the young man sat on the ground in the car park, eating some of the buns that were part of what was on offer today, with a loaf of bread in his lap.

We used to have a collection box in the middle hall for pantry staples - if I remember correctly the contributions were delivered to the Church of Christ on Sturt Road. I'm going to re-instate a box and am happy to be the delivery person. We could support both Grocer with a Heart and St Judes.

Please give some thought to adding just one item to your shopping list and bringing it to church on Sunday. We are people with two coats...
Shalom Maureen

Looking for a house and cat sitter for 3 weeks in September.

Sue and Dean Davidson are heading overseas for 3 weeks in September and need a responsible person to stay at their house and look after their 18yo Burmese cat while they are away.

He is an "indoor" cat (we have an enclosed back patio for him to access) and he is very friendly: loves lots of cuddles!

If you know anyone who loves cats and would like free accommodation in Seacliff for 3 weeks (plus a negotiable amount for their trouble) can you please let us know asap.

Our house is just over the road from the Seacliff Railway Station, and 300m from the beach. Please call Sue: 0405 628 109 or Dean: 0413 039 477.
Dean

MARION CITY LIONS

On behalf of the Marion City Lions I would like to thank those who attended and/or assisted with our cabaret in May. More than \$2400 was raised with all proceeds being distributed between Gwen's Pantry, Marion Life, St Andrew's By the Sea, Picket Fence, Hutt Street Centre and Baptist Care Winter Blanket Appeal. In the last 12 months, we have raised more than \$15,000 to help Adelaide's hungry and homeless people. We have also donated funds to The Lions Hearing Dogs, The Children's Cancer Foundation and Marion Food Bank. We have provided 14 packs of kitchen and laundry products to Bramwell House for abused women and children. Our knitting group has donated 365 knitted beanies, rugs, shawls and toys to vulnerable women and children and we have donated nearly 1400 track suits to The Flinders Medical Centre Emergency Department. The Club has recycled 710 pairs of prescription glasses, sunglasses and hearing aids and the Sewing Group has made and distributed 600 sensory mats for those in aged care facilities.

We are always seeking new members to assist with barbecues at Bunnings, The Blackwood Lions Bargain Centre, knitting, sewing and helping in general. We meet the third Wednesday of the month at Club Marion at 11.30am. If you are unable to become a member, you can help out by donating glasses and hearing aids, stamps and stamp collections, bottles and cans and buying our cakes and puddings.

Please see me if you need more information. *Alan Botting.*

Mega Fabric Sale

The Blackwood Uniting Church, 266 Main Road, Blackwood, is holding a Mega Fabric Sale on **Friday 14th July at 10am to 2pm.** Fabric collections of unused or remnant materials will be offered for sale. Proceeds are to support Coolock House and the BUC Community Program. *Libby*

Hi Seacliff Uniting Church!

My name is Bethany Seyfang. I am a Youth Worker at Seaview High School (and part of our Wellbeing Team).

We provide emergency food for students and we are quickly running out of supplies. We usually source our food from Foodbank, but unfortunately in these really tough times, Foodbank's supply is also limited in foods that we can provide. I'm here to ask if you might be willing to put a call out to your congregation to see if anyone is able to add something to their shop for us so that we can continue to feed our food-poor students.

Last week alone we fed over 30 students. It might not sound like many, but these students represent 30 families in our school, and in your local community - and they are just the students who felt able to approach us! Food shame is really prevalent among young people, and in these tough times our families are struggling even more - as we all are. Helping to feed our students helps them to concentrate, engage in school, refuels them throughout the day, and lightens the worry and stress on them and their families.

We're looking for individually wrapped or packet foods you might put in a lunch box - like chips/shapes/popcorn/crackers, biscuits, muesli bars, even bread rolls and fruit - or anything else you might think is suitable! If even just 10 people provide one item, we would have another week worth of food to be able to provide our students.

I'm happy to get in contact to organise a pick-up time, or explain how people can drop food off to us. We're hoping to have a supply of food at the ready in the beginning of next term, so about 3 weeks away, but can pick up or accept donations at any time. You can contact me bethany.seyfang136@schools.sa.edu.au ; phone: 0418584345 ; or via the school phone: 83778000 and ask for Bethany Seyfang. Thank you so much for your consideration.

Bethany Seyfang | Youth Worker.

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Worship Leader for Today: Rev. Gary Stuckey **HC**
Lectionary for Today: **2 July 2023: Gn 22: 1 - 14; Ps 13;**
Rom 6: 12 - 23; Mt 10: 40 – 42.
Reminder for Stewards: 9 July 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.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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