

Uniting Church in Australia SEACLIFF WEEKLY NEWS Sunday 25 June 2023 PENTECOST 4



Mat 25: 35 - 40

³⁵ For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, ³⁶ I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.'

³⁷ "Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? ³⁸ When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? ³⁹ When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?'

⁴⁰ "The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'

This Week.

TakeUs2Tonight 6pm. 25th JuneAdult Fellowship 12 noon Wednesday 28th June
What's News

SCHOOL CHAPLAINS COMMISSIONING SERVICE

All are invited to the Commissioning Service of the School Chaplains from our local schools.

Come and hear what the Chaplains are doing in our schools. Come to support and encourage them.

When: Sunday June 25th at 2:00pm

Where: Warradale Lutheran Church 2 Ailsa Ave., Warradale Refreshments will be provided following the service.

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*

NEXT WEEK'S WORSHIP

In continuing our series on key figures in the Old Testament, next week 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. *Gary*

TakeUs2 for June – tonight, from 6pm.

Maureen and Max invite us to join them on their "Expedition" [their word, not ours, but accurate enough!!] from Portsmouth to Aberdeen via various islands – the Isles of Scilly, Anglesey, The Isle of Man, Iona and several others – off the west and north coasts of the British mainland. Join us at 6 for a light meal and find out about an expedition that was pretty active, even more than we were expecting!!

Uniting Church – Synod (State Council) event

Last Wednesday *Rev Peter Morel* was installed as Moderator for SA. Synod meeting followed for the next 3 days. Reports re matters particularly related to us will be made over the next week or two.

Hope for the earth. Hope for the poor.

A seminar will be conducted **next Sunday, July 2nd,** at Unley UC (almost opposite Unley Shopping Centre) on the topic of <u>Laudato</u> <u>Si</u>, the encyclical published recently by Pope Francis, and what it means for churches and individual Christians. There's a \$15 entry cost. Speaker is *Rev Dr Michael Trainor*, event sponsored by the SA Dialogue of the Roman Catholic and Uniting Churches, and Churches Together. *Max*

Day Fellowship

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.

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

On a very cold morning, eight of us did a 25km ride with a warm coffee at INC.

For next weeks ride, meet at 8.30am at Wattle Reserve for a ride to Grange. At Victor yesterday, caught up with Judy and Brian Arnold, they pass on their greetings. Brian

How we can support refugees

We already support Circle of Friends, but the Uniting Church has many other ways to offer help and support, as listed below. Uniting Church congregations and faith groups have long been at the forefront of welcoming refugees to Australia. The Community Refugee Sponsorship Australia (CRSA) allows us to do just that. The CRSA are looking for volunteers, individuals and groups, to be a part of their Group Mentorship and the Community Refugee Integration and Settlement Pilot (CRISP) Programs.

How to Get Involved

Read more about the Group Mentorship Program on the <u>CRSA</u> website

- Contact Nicole (<u>watkins@refugeesponsorship.org.au</u>) for a copy of the Group Mentorship Program application form.
- Share information about the CRISP program at the link <u>CRISP: Community Refugee Integration and</u> <u>Settlement Pilot - Community Refugee Sponsorship</u> <u>Australia</u>. Attend an <u>online public information</u> <u>session</u> or watch <u>the video</u> to find out more. <u>A two-page guide for individuals/groups</u>

Offer to help Refugees from Afghanistan and Ukraine through <u>Afghan Culture Association of SA</u> and <u>Association of Ukrainians in SA</u>

Contact <u>SA Justice for Refugees</u> to help deliberate advocacy.

Support a <u>Circle of Friends</u> group in your area or start your own

Join Synod Refugee Advocacy Group (Contact Convenor: Rev Paul Turley, <u>paulturley@icloud.com</u> or Synod Justice Officer: Rev Dr Paul Goh, <u>pgoh@sa.uca.org.au</u>) Maureen

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Worship Leader for Today: Maureen Howland Lectionary for Today: **25 June 2023: Gn 21: 8 - 21; Ps 86, 1 - 10, 16 - 17; Rom 6: 1b - 11; Mt 10: 24 - 39.** Reminder for Stewards: 2 July 2023 Dennis Wood Bob Heywood

Welcome to our Church.

Things you need to know, especially if you are a visitor. <u>Fire exits</u> are marked. Please take note. In the case of an emergency evacuation please gather on the Western Lawns under the Pine Tree. <u>St John First Aid Kit</u> - on top of the pigeon holes up from the ramp. <u>Toilets</u> are available through the door front right of the Worship Area or out through the turn around point on the ramp. <u>Morning tea</u> 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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