



Uniting Church in Australia
SEACLIFF WEEKLY NEWS
Sunday 16 July 2023
PENTECOST 7



Matthew 13:18-23

¹⁸ "Listen then to what the parable of the sower means: ¹⁹ When anyone hears the message about the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what was sown in their heart. This is the seed sown along the path. ²⁰ The seed falling on rocky ground refers to someone who hears the word and at once receives it with joy.

²¹ But since they have no root, they last only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, they quickly fall away. ²² The seed falling among the thorns refers to someone who hears the word, but the worries of this life and the deceitfulness of wealth choke the word, making it unfruitful.

²³ But the seed falling on good soil refers to someone who hears the word and understands it. This is the one who produces a crop, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown."

This Week.

Movie Mates
Men's Dinner
M&Ms

Time TBA Tuesday 18th July
6.30pm Wednesday 19th July
10am Friday 21st July

What's News

'Minister's Leave'

Please note, Gary will be on leave from 10 - 31 July. '

Gary

Men's Dinner for July

The Men's Dinner for July is booked for a 6.30pm start at the **Esplanade Hotel**, 135 Esplanade, Brighton on Wednesday 19th July. Anyone requiring transport or information please contact Dene Goldsack on 8296 1046.

Dene

Church Rubbish Bins

For many years John Bollinger has done a wonderful job organizing the Church rubbish bins but has now decided to retire from this position. Thank you John, for your generous spirit and tireless effort. There has been a request that bins be filled up in numerical order to avoid waste. Numbers are on front of bins.

Geoff Craven

Cogs n Coffee

Finally, we made the journey to Pt. Adelaide with 14 of us enjoying a great morning for cycling along with excellent company.

For next weeks ride, meet at Wattle Reserve at 8.30am and we will venture to Semaphore.

Brian

Adult Fellowship – Advance Notice

Meetings recommence for the next school term on Wednesday 26 July with a **Dutch Auction** on the programme. Meet at 1.30pm in the church hall. More information next newsletter.



Come along and share Christmas traditions from far and wide, enjoy Christmas fare, sing a few carols and enjoy a Christmas quiz on Friday, 21st July at 6.30 pm at Prospect Road Uniting Church. To register please go to: [CHRISTMAS IN JULY 6:30pm, Friday 21 July 2023 \(office.com\)](https://www.office.com). Entry is free, limited capacity. A fundraiser for the Samaritan Purse: Operation Christmas Child project. For details phone (08) 8359 4758 or email prospectroad.uc@gmail.com. *UC E-News*

Prayer Points – UC E-News

We pray:

- For all children and families who are currently enjoying their school holidays – may they enjoy time for rest and recuperation.
- For those affected by the Robodebt scheme as the Royal Commission Report is released, may they know God's comfort in this distressing time.
- For the people in our church community who volunteer their time whether to deliver Sunday services, hospitality, friendship and support, we thank God for their gifts to us.

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Worship Leader for Today: Andrew Telfer

Lectionary for Today: **16 July 2023: Gn 25: 19 - 34; Ps 119: 105 - 112; Rom 8: 1 - 11; Mt 13: 1 - 9, 18 - 23.**

Reminder for Stewards: 23 July 2023

Coggs and Coffee Group

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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