



**Uniting Church in Australia**  
**SEACLIFF WEEKLY NEWS**  
**Sunday 13 August 2023**  
**PENTECOST 11**



### **Jesus Walks on the Water**

<sup>22</sup> Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowd. <sup>23</sup> After he had dismissed them, he went up on a mountainside by himself to pray. Later that night, he was there alone, <sup>24</sup> and the boat was already a considerable distance from land, buffeted by the waves because the wind was against it.

<sup>25</sup> Shortly before dawn Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake. <sup>26</sup> When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified. "It's a ghost," they said, and cried out in fear.

<sup>27</sup> But Jesus immediately said to them: "Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid." <sup>28</sup> "Lord, if it's you," Peter replied, "tell me to come to you on the water." <sup>29</sup> "Come," he said.

Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus. <sup>30</sup> But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, "Lord, save me!" <sup>31</sup> Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. "You of little faith," he said, "why did you doubt?" <sup>32</sup> And when they climbed into the boat, the wind died down. <sup>33</sup> Then those who were in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

## **This Week.**

**MovieMates**

**6pm Tuesday 15th August**

**Men's Dinner**

**6.30 pm Wed. 16th August**

**M&Ms**

**10am Friday 18<sup>th</sup> August**

## **What's News**

### **CONTEMPLATIVE WORSHIP**

It seems that we are living in an increasingly busy, noisy and fast paced world. Where and how can we find some peace and quiet? One way is in **Contemplative Worship**, a service of stillness, silence and reflection. Throughout 2023, Seacliff Uniting Church is offering several Contemplative Services. The next will be on **Sunday August 20<sup>th</sup>**. with the focus '*Freedom*' commencing at **5:00pm** and run about an hour. Quiet music, silence, a meditative reflection, and a contemplative communion offer the grace and peace to restore our soul. There will be light refreshments after.

### **QUIET DAY**

The third Quiet Day in the Seacliff Uniting Church Spirituality Program will be on **Tuesday August 22<sup>nd</sup>** commencing at 9:30am and concluding at 12:30pm. The theme for this year is **"The Seasons of Life"** and in August we will be focussing on Spring, the season of new beginnings. Spring is a time to refresh, renew and often to clear out clutter from lives. This day will focus on inner refreshment, renewal and decluttering. If you wish to, you can stay and share fellowship over a BYO lunch.

### **SOUTH WESTERN SCHOOLS MINISTRY GROUP**

We now have a Chaplain (Pastoral Care Worker) at Seaview Downs Primary School, his name is Travis Parker.

The School has started a breakfast club this term. It's run by Chris Crabb, the wellbeing teacher and Travis Parker, on a Friday morning and they are seeking helpers from the local churches.

Volunteers need a *working with children* check. Contact the school for more information on Ph: 82981327. Dianne Schroeder, the area coordinator, will be part of our worship at Seacliff on **August 20<sup>th</sup>** where she will tell us more about this work in our schools.  

Gary (Rev.)

## Men's Dinner for August

The dinner for this month is booked for the **Fasta Pasta** restaurant at 430 Brighton Road, Brighton, on **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> August** . Meet at 6.30pm for a 7pm start. For inquiries or transport, contact Dene Goldsack on 8296 1046, *Dene*

## Cogs n Coffee

Fourteen of us enjoyed a sunny but breezy ride through the vineyards to the Home Grown Bakery at McClaren Flat. It has been refurbished very nicely, and most riders agree the cakes were very nice. Meet at the Warradale shops at 8.30am for next weeks ride. *Brian*



## Movie Mates

Movie Mates is on again next **Tuesday 15th August**, and the movie will be ***Oppenheimer***. This is a story around the development of the atom bomb therefore its drama with tense and challenging issues. It's a true story with fictional pieces being developed around the many characters, with good cinematography and sound track. Should be a good evening's viewing. Meet at the theatre at **6.00pm** for a 6.20 start. *Heather*

## Community Art Project Workshop

The Centre for Music, Liturgy and the Arts, is holding a **Community Art Project Workshop** for individuals and congregations keen on using community art to build relationships, explore scripture and share the journey. Sunday, 27 August 2023; 2pm - 5 pm at Burnside City Uniting Church. Cost: \$20/person or \$50/ congregation for 3 or more people. For more information and registrations, please visit [cmla.org](http://cmla.org). Max



### *Notes from the Treasurer*

This brief report to the congregation is basically a summary of what I presented at the recent Church Council meeting. There are a number of matters which I think members will find interesting:

I have analysed the **Income** and **Expenditure** figures to the end of June and from that I have estimated what those figures might be at the end of this year and compared them to our 2023 budget. I found that our Sunday offerings are about 10% above the figure that was budgeted, due to very largely to your continued generosity as a congregation.

I also found that the Expenditure (excluding recent toilet renovations) should be very close to the Budget figure. This is due largely to Geoff's faithful stewardship of our property which will ensure that major expenditure should not be required for at least 5 years; more likely 10 years.

Taking all of these factors into account *I have recommended to Church Council that we will be in a position to pay a **full-time Minister** (or equivalent) if required for at least 5 years after Gary's departure at about this time next year.*

You may recall that earlier we invited people to make donations to the Emergency Appeal for the **Ukraine** crisis which is an initiative of "Act for Peace" and endorsed by the National Council of Churches in Australia. These envelopes are available from the shelf near the main doors and if these are all taken, more are

available in the pigeonholes. Cashless donations should be made independently of the Treasurer but if you wish to donate cash, please put it in the envelope and in the Offering Bowl and I will forward the money via our Bank Account in due course.

I'm pleased to report that due to the fundraising efforts during the Booksale, we now have sufficient money to honour our Congregational obligations to Tarcisius and '**We Dream**' which will conclude at the end of July next year. Private donations will still be received after that date and I will forward them in due course.

We have recently given permission for 2 large vehicles to park on the asphalt near **Wheatland House** and they pay a weekly fee, any issues to me please.

On a personal note, Mary and I will be interstate for the next three Sundays (Aug 13, 20 and 27) and I remind stewards to leave the **Offerings** for those Services with any one of the people listed towards the bottom of the Weekly Offerings Summary Sheet please for safe-keeping until I return. *David*

### **Q&A Webinar**

Thinking about your vote in the referendum? Hear directly from Indigenous leader Noel Pearson about what a Voice to Parliament would mean for Australia in this special Q&A webinar. In conversation with Uniting Church in Australia President Rev Sharon Hollis. Join this online Webinar Wednesday 16 August, 7.30pm, AEST, 7pm ACST, 5.30pm AWST. Register at <https://uniting.church/qa-with-noel-pearson/> *Warick*

### **Salt + Light**

A reminder that the art show under the title **Salt + Light** is being presented every weekend in August at Bethany Hall, Willunga. A number of local artists are presenting their reflections. Bethany Hall is part of Willunga Uniting Church, at the corner of St Andrew's and St Jude's streets. *Max*

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Worship Leader for Today: Rev. Gary Stuckey

Lectionary for Today: **13 August 2023: Gn 37: 1 - 4, 12 - 28;**

**Ps 105 : 1 - 6, 16 - 22, 45b; Rom 10: 5 - 15; Mt 14: 22 - 43.**

Reminder for Stewards: 20 August 2023

Pauline Galliford

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](mailto:newsletter@seacliffuc.org.au)  
by 5pm on Wednesdays.  
If you do not have access to  
email, please phone the  
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