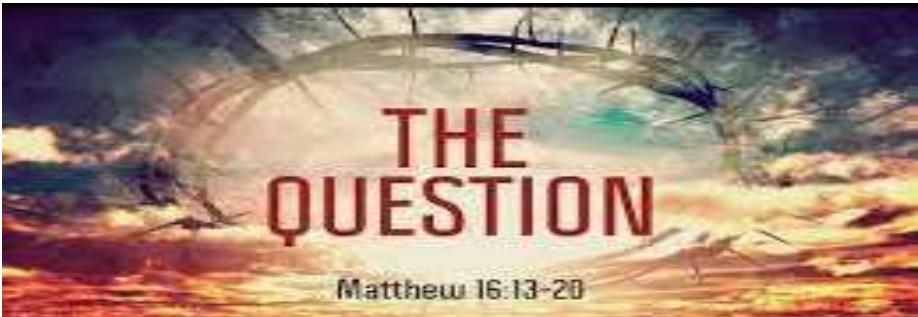




**Uniting Church in Australia**  
**SEACLIFF WEEKLY NEWS**  
**Sunday 27 August 2023**  
**PENTECOST 13**



### **Peter Declares That Jesus Is the Messiah**

<sup>13</sup> When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say the Son of Man is?”

<sup>14</sup> They replied, “Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets.”

<sup>15</sup> “But what about you?” he asked. “Who do you say I am?”

<sup>16</sup> Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.”

<sup>17</sup> Jesus replied, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven. <sup>18</sup> And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it. <sup>19</sup> I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be <sup>[c]</sup> bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” <sup>20</sup> Then he ordered his disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

## **This Week.**

**TakeUs2**

**6.pm Tonight 27<sup>th</sup> August**

**Yarn Sisters**

**10am Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September**

**Fathers Day Breakfast**

**7.30am Sat. 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept.**

## **What's News**

### **This mornings message**

**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.

### **Service Next Week**

Next Sunday, we are looking forward to welcoming Rev Prof. Vicki Balabanski, Principal of Uniting College and Leader and Theology as our preacher. On both the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> of September we will be focusing on the **Season of Creation**.

### **Meditation**

The next meditation session will be on **Sept 7<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm** in the middle hall. All are welcome.

### **Christmas is Coming!**

In case you hadn't heard Christmas is fast approaching. Each year Seacliff celebrates in a number of ways from our usual Sunday services to Carols Under the Pine among other things. Those who plan for these events have often been involved for many, many years and we are grateful for all they do. This year we are seeking to expand the planning, preparation and presentation of our Christmas events to include more people. To this end there will be a gathering of those willing to be involved on **Thursday Sept 14 at 1:30pm** at Seacliff. We are seeking ideas for themes, music, prayers, readings, plays, just anything. We are also seeking people to be involved in practical ways such as setting up etc.

More details will come in the weeks ahead, but for now, if you are willing to contribute your ideas and/or yourself, please reserve this date and come along. If you can't be there and you have any ideas to pass along please speak to Mary Greig, Maureen Howland or Gary Stuckey.

## Take Us 2

**Tonight - Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> August, 6pm** for a light meal.

James and Ruth Peck will present an evening of overland travel starting from Nuriootpa, SA, and arriving in London over two months later. Through Vietnam, China, Mongolia, Siberia, Russia, Lithuania, Poland, Czech Republic, Germany, Austria, Lichtenstein and Switzerland they travelled mostly by train with only one piece of luggage each and a day pack.

Their major tour guide was 'Lonely Planet', an invaluable resource. Their aim was to travel as much as possible using local transport and making their own arrangements.

Join us as together we share this adventure.

*James*

## Cogs n Coffee

On Wednesday, the group rode into Adelaide via the eastern/northern parklands and Torrens River. The twelve riders then enjoyed coffee and company at Adelaide Oval cafe.

Next week, Brian will return to lead, with details per sms to members on Monday.

*Bruce*



## Brighton Uniting Church – Father's Day Breakfast

Inviting fathers, Sons, Brothers and any other men to a breakfast for Fathers Day.

**When:** Saturday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 7.30 – 9.30am.

**Where:** **Seacliff Uniting Church**, 5 - 9 Wheatland St., Seacliff.

**Speaker:** David Greig – Topic : Recent Antarctic expedition by David with a Douglas Mawson historical aspect.

**Gold coin** donation for hall hire. Please contact Sue on 0433 112 143 or [sue@pearce.com.au](mailto:sue@pearce.com.au) for catering purposes. *Annette*

## **Presbytery of Southern SA**

### ***Spring Retreat @ The Monastery, Urrbrae - September 14 & 15 2023***

Take time to rest, reflect and learn how the rich practice of solitude can nourish your life and ministry. Led by Mandy Harvey, the retreat will commence with a dinner on Thursday evening and conclude with communion on Friday afternoon.

\$100 for overnight retreat, accommodation and meals, excluding Thursday evening meal at own cost. Arrival Thursday 4pm.

\$19 for day retreat option, includes food. 9am - 4pm.

**Bookings are now open.** This is an important event where PoSSA is providing an opportunity for our leaders to take some time out and reflect on your ministry. To book, click or type in this link <https://www.trybooking.com/CHQBI> or contact the Presbytery secretary, Jenny Esots, at [southern.secretary@sa.uca.org.au](mailto:southern.secretary@sa.uca.org.au)

### **Carole Rundle's funeral**

Carole's funeral was held last Wednesday: the church space was full with family and friends. Carole's family have asked me to thank the Seacliff UC for their support for the day, including those who did the background work to make it all happen. They were most appreciative of our ability to accommodate them given the short notice imposed by other commitments in their family.

### **Induction of General Secretary**

Rev Philip Gardner will be formally inducted into his role as General Secretary for the UCA Synod of SA on **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> Sept.** Philip is a former minister of this congregation; there is a general invitation to people across SA. The service will be at Westbourne Park UC and will begin at 7.30 pm. Refreshments will follow: please RSVP for catering purposes.

*Max*

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Worship Leader for Today: Rev. Gary Stuckey  
Lectionary for Today: **27 August 2023: Ex 1: 8 – 2:10;**  
**Ps 124; Rom 12: 1 - 8; Mt 16: 13 - 20.**  
Reminder for Stewards: 3 September 2023  
Heather Gepp                      Dennis Wood

### **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 church office and it will be forwarded for you.

### **Our Minister is Rev. Gary Stuckey.**

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