



**Uniting Church in Australia**  
**SEACLIFF WEEKLY NEWS**  
**Sunday 3 September 2023**  
**PENTECOST 14**



<sup>9</sup> Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. <sup>10</sup> Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. <sup>11</sup> Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. <sup>12</sup> Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. <sup>13</sup> Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality. <sup>14</sup> Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. <sup>15</sup> Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. <sup>16</sup> Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited.

<sup>17</sup> Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone. <sup>18</sup> If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. <sup>19</sup> Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: "It is mine to avenge; I will repay," says the Lord.

<sup>20</sup> On the contrary: "If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink.

In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head."

<sup>21</sup> Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

## **This Week.**

**Book Club 1.30pm Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September**  
**Meditation Session 2pm Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> September**  
**What's News**

### **Special Welcome**

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

### **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.

## **Cogs n Coffee**

Last weeks ride took in the flowering Wattle along Sturt Creek around the airport and down the Torrens to Henley Beach. Coffee was at the kiosk at the caravan pk. somewhere a bit different.

Next weeks ride, the 8.40am train to Seaford back to Old Reynella for coffee and home via cove rd. track. *Brian*

## **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)

## **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: it's hard to find a web link, so ring the Synod office on 8236 4200. *Max*

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Worship Leader for Today: Rev. Gary Stuckey **HC**  
Lectionary for Today: **3 September 2023: Ex 3: 1 - 15;**  
**Ps 105: 1 - 6, 23 - 26, 45b; Rom 12: 9 - 21; Mt 16: 21 - 28.**  
Reminder for Stewards: 8 September 2023  
Bob Heywood                      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](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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