



Uniting Church in Australia
SEACLIFF WEEKLY NEWS
Sunday 6 August 2023
PENTECOST 10



Jesus Feeds the Five Thousand

Mat 14: 14- 21

¹⁴ When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them and healed their sick. ¹⁵ As evening approached, the disciples came to him and said, “This is a remote place, and it’s already getting late. Send the crowds away, so they can go to the villages and buy themselves some food.”

¹⁶ Jesus replied, “They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat.” ¹⁷ “We have here only five loaves of bread and two fish,” they answered.

¹⁸ “Bring them here to me,” he said. ¹⁹ And he directed the people to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke the loaves. Then he gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the people. ²⁰ They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over. ²¹ The number of those who ate was about five thousand men, besides women and children.

This Week.

Uniting Conversations 7pm Sunday 6th August
Adult Fellowship 1.30 pm Wed. 9th August
What's News

BAPTISM THIS MORNING

We are delighted to welcome Emily and James Markham who, with their son Evan, bring their daughter Esme Lorna for baptism. And welcome also to family and friends who have come to support them in this time.

We pray you will find ease and peace in your visit today.

QUIET DAY

The third Quiet Day in the Seacliff Uniting Church Spirituality Program will be on **Tuesday August 22nd** 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.

For those who wish to, you can stay and share fellowship over a BYO lunch with other retreatants.

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 offering several Contemplative Services. The next of these will be **on Sunday August 20th**. The focus of this service will be '*Freedom*'. It will commence at 5:00pm and run for about an hour. Quiet music, silence, a meditative reflection, and a contemplative communion offer the grace and peace to restore our soul. For those who wish to stay, there will be light refreshments after.

SOUTH WESTERN SCHOOLS MINISTRY GROUP

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

Seaview Downs Primary School has started a breakfast club this term. It's run by Chris Crabb, the wellbeing teacher and Travis Parker the chaplain. It will be run on a Friday morning and they are looking for helpers from the local churches. Volunteers will need a working with children check and they will need to contact the school for more information on Ph: 82981327.

Dianne Schroeder, the area coordinator, will be part of our worship at Seacliff on **August 20th** where she will tell us more about this work in our schools. *Gary (Rev.)*

Don Gill

Some Seacliff people will remember Don Gill, a member at Seacombe when it was newly established, and more latterly at All Saints Plympton. Don died just over a week ago: his funeral is being planned for the afternoon of next Wed, 9th August, at The Corner Uniting Church. At the time of writing the exact time is not known. Please keep an eye out for a public notice if you plan to attend.

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 on these two essentials of life in the Australian context. Bethany Hall is part of Willunga Uniting Church, at the corner of St Andrew's and St Jude's streets. *Max*

A Thank You Note

Many thanks for all the texts, emails, cards and gifts given to me for my **80th birthday**. I feel truly blessed to be part of this Special Church Family. *Josie*

Cogs n Coffee

Thirteen of us had a great ride through the vineyards on our way to Willunga. One person forgot to charge their battery and had to work hard on their way back.

Next weeks ride is to McClaren Flat.

Brian



Coffee at Willunga

Adult Fellowship

The next Fellowship meeting on **9th August** at the usual time 1.30pm, will feature a guest speaker, Mr.Gerry McGinley.

Mr.McGinley is from the “*At the toss of a coin*” Fine Quality Collectibles Store, Brighton. Bring old coins, collectible cards, stamps etc. to have valued. Duty group is **Green**.

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, hear about Mr Pearson's journey leading up to this referendum and what he thinks a Voice to Parliament would mean for Australia. 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*

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Worship Leader for Today: Rev. Gary Stuckey **HC**
Lectionary for Today: **6 August 2023: Gn 32: 22 - 31;**
Ps 17 : 1 - 7, 15, 45b; Rom 9: 1 - 5; Mt 14: 13 - 21.
Reminder for Stewards: 13 August 2023
Colin Theakstone Geoff Craven

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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