



Uniting Church in Australia
SEACLIFF WEEKLY NEWS
Sunday 1 October 2023
PENTECOST 18



The Parable of the Two Sons

²⁸ “What do you think? There was a man who had two sons. He went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work today in the vineyard.’

²⁹ “‘I will not,’ he answered, but later he changed his mind and went.

³⁰ “Then the father went to the other son and said the same thing. He answered, ‘I will, sir,’ but he did not go.

³¹ “Which of the two did what his father wanted?”

“The first,” they answered.

Jesus said to them, “Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God ahead of you. ³² For John came to you to show you the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes did. And even after you saw this, you did not repent and believe him.

This Week.

Contemplative Worship 7pm Sunday 1st October
Book Club 1.30pm Wednesday 4th October
Meditation Session 2pm Thursday 5th October
Yarn Sisters 10am Friday 6th October

What's News

Contemplative Worship

Seacliff Spirituality program continues with **Contemplative Worship** this evening, Sunday 1st October at **7.00 p.m.** This will be in the middle hall as we will 'worship in the round'.

For those who would like to stay after there will be a chance to catch up over a cup of tea or coffee and light refreshments.

Meditation

The next Meditation session will be on Thursday, **October 5th at 2:00pm** in the middle hall. All are welcome. *Gary (Rev.)*

Congregation Profile

Today, Sunday 1st October, copies of a few of the pages of the Congregation Profile document will again be available; everyone who is part of our Seacliff community is invited to contribute to preparing these pages. After today, copies can still be made available: talk to Max. Please remember that Moderator Rev Peter Morel will be visiting us next Sunday, on **Oct 8th**.

Polkinghorne Oration

Rev James Bhagwan, General Secretary of the Pacific Conference of Churches, will speak on the topic *Oceans of justice and rivers of fairness – a Pacific Voice in the wilderness.*

Pollution, rising sea levels, the threat to marine ecology and to the people of the Pacific. **Thurs Oct 5th, 7pm, Concordia College chapel.** Tickets \$15 concession / \$20, available through Humanitix. Sponsored by UC Fellowship and Mission Support.

Max

Cogs n Coffee

We rode a circuit of the Parklands with coffee at Park 4. Where we were able to help Sue celebrate another birthday.

For next weeks ride, we will catch the 8.40am train to Noarlunga and ride the Onkaparinga wetlands with coffee at Moana.

Brian

Community Open Day

Well October is upon us so planning and creating for the **Community Open Day** starts in earnest. Have you been propagating and planting for this day? Hope so!!!

Have you been sorting through your craft cupboards and deciding what you can contribute to the **Stash Buster Table?** Unwanted material, yarn, cottons, magazines, braids etc. etc., Alison Smith will be only too happy to display them on her table. If you have any queries, have a chat with Alison, or you may wish to assist on the table during the day.

Heather Gepp 0417641098

Christmas is coming!

Bookings are now being taken for the **Church Christmas Dinner** on **Wednesday, December 6th at 6pm**. The cost will be \$55 for 2 courses. It will be held at the Seacliff Surf Life Saving Club Bistro. The entertainment on the night will be amazing. Come and enjoy a great night of fun, fellowship and food. All are welcome. Please see Annette for your booking and payment.
Mobile 0438664100

Referendum Sausage Sizzle

On **Saturday, October 14**, Referendum Voting day, Seacliff Uniting Church Hall will be a designated Polling Booth. Previously, Seacliff congregation held a sausage sizzle during the lunchtime period of the day, from **11am to 2pm**. We require helpers and an organiser for this much appreciated community event.

Please contact Annette, 0438664100, if you can help on the day.

Congregation Profile forms

Thank you to all the people who took forms: please remember to bring them back, today or next week is preferred. If you're unsure about some of the information questions, just answer as best you know.

For today, 1st October, please return forms to Council Chair Annette or Secretary Rosemary.

If you have missed out on collecting a form and would like to respond, please contact Max, and a form will be provided.

Moderator's visit next week

A reminder – Rev Peter Morel, UCA Moderator for SA, is visiting us next week. Please be here if at all possible and make him welcome. Remember too that a light lunch / extended morning tea is being organised by Church Council: everyone is invited; please bring a plate of finger food to share.

Annual General Meeting

Early warning (not all that early really!!) – the first part of our AGM will be conducted on **Sunday Nov 12th**, beginning at around 11.00 am. This is the meeting at which we elect people for positions of service and leadership for 2024 – nomination forms will appear in early October.

The AGM Part 2 – annual reports – is currently scheduled for Feb 11th, 2024.

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Worship Leader for Today: Rev. Gary Stuckey **HC**
Lectionary for Today: **1 October 2023: Ex 17: 1 - 7;**
Ps 78, 1 - 4, 12 - 16; Phil 2: 1 - 13; Mt 21: 23 - 32.
Reminder for Stewards: 8 October 2023
Margaret Tucker Ruth Heywood

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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