



Uniting Church in Australia
SEACLIFF WEEKLY NEWS
Sunday 10 September 2023
PENTECOST 15

Rules of Engagement

Matthew 18:15-20

Dealing With Sin in the Church

¹⁵ “If your brother or sister sins, go and point out their fault, just between the two of you. If they listen to you, you have won them over. ¹⁶ But if they will not listen, take one or two others along, so that ‘every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses.’

¹⁷ If they still refuse to listen, tell it to the church; and if they refuse to listen even to the church, treat them as you would a pagan or a tax collector.

¹⁸ “Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.

¹⁹ “Again, truly I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything they ask for, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. ²⁰ For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them.”

This Week.

Adult Fellowship **1.30pm Wed. 13th September**
M&Ms **10am Friday 15th September**

What's News

Christmas is Coming!

In case you hadn't heard Christmas is fast approaching. Whilst each of the services is special there are two services/events that involve many people, namely Carols Under the Pine and the Lessons and Carols.

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 in the middle hall. 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.

If you can't be there and you have any ideas to pass along or are willing to offer any help, please speak to Mary Greig, Maureen Howland or Gary Stuckey.

Adult Fellowship

This weeks meeting is on **Wed, 13th Sept at 1.30pm** in the hall. Members, and any friends or visitors, are invited to bring and/or talk about "*a special childhood toy, game or whatever comes to mind*".

Blue group will be on duty and there will be a TRADING TABLE. Please give some thought to volunteering for the positions of Minute Secretary and Programme Secretary for 2024. We will discuss the vacant positions ready for our AGM on 25th October.

Chris

Men's Dinner for September

The September Men's Dinner is set for **Wednesday 20th** with the venue **Marion Sports Club, 262 Sturt road, Marion**. Meet at 6.30pm for a 7pm start. For transport or information, contact Dene Goldsack on 8296 1046.

Dene

Creation and Corinthians

I quite enjoyed the Message from *Rev. Prof. Vicki Balbanski* last Sunday and have ordered a copy of her book which I intend to read, anyone interested in borrowing it please let me know and we can circulate it. *David*

Rev Philip Gardner's Induction as Synod Secretary

Max and I will be going this Tuesday evening and if you would like a lift please let me know this morning. *David*

Cogs n Coffee

Thirteen of us tackled on a not very nice day for riding due to a strong Northerly the Coast to Vines track, between Seaford and Seacliff. Coffee was at Old Reynella, which gave us a chance to recuperate.

For next weeks ride, meet at 8.30am at Wattle Reserve for a trip to Grange/Semaphore. *Brian*

Abstract landscape/seascape

Workshop in acrylics Saturday 7 October 2023 1- 4pm

Location:

Seacliff private residence

Max 8 participants \$55. All materials provided. BYO own materials \$70 Contact *Debbie Cerone*

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 12th 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 speak to David or Max today, if you wish to attend.

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

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 and various ecumenical groups; the Oration is named for Jill and Rev Brian Polkinghorne. Max

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Worship Leader for Today: Rev. Gary Stuckey
Lectionary for Today: **10 September 2023: Ex 12: 1 - 14;
Ps 149; Rom 13: 8 - 14; Mt 18: 15 - 20.**
Reminder for Stewards: 17 September 2023
Pauline Galliford 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
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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