



Uniting Church in Australia  
*SEACLIFF WEEKLY NEWS*  
Sunday 24 September 2023  
**PENTECOST 17**



### **The Parable of the Workers in the Vineyard**

**20** “For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire workers for his vineyard. <sup>2</sup> He agreed to pay them a denarius for the day and sent them into his vineyard. <sup>8</sup> “When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, ‘Call the workers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last ones hired and going on to the first.’

<sup>9</sup> “The workers who were hired about five in the afternoon came and each received a denarius. <sup>10</sup> So when those came who were hired first, they expected to receive more. But each one of them also received a denarius. <sup>11</sup> When they received it, they began to grumble against the landowner. <sup>12</sup> ‘These who were hired last worked only one hour,’ they said, ‘and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the work and the heat of the day.’ <sup>13</sup> “But he answered one of them, ‘I am not being unfair to you, friend. Didn’t you agree to work for a denarius? <sup>14</sup> Take your pay and go. I want to give the one who was hired last the same as I gave you. <sup>15</sup> Don’t I have the right to do what I want with it? <sup>16</sup> “So, the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

## **This Week.**

**Adult Fellowship 1.30pm Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> Sept.  
Contemplative Worship 7pm Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> October  
What's News**

### **Contemplative Worship**

The next Contemplative Worship will be held next Sunday, **Oct 1<sup>st</sup>**. As this is the first day of daylight saving, please note the changed time. We will meet at **7:00pm** in the middle hall and as usual, there is the opportunity to join in fellowship over light refreshments after. As this service is near the feast day of St. Francis, our reflections will be guided by his life. *Gary (Rev.)*

### **Adult Fellowship**

Our meeting this week is on **Wed 27th Sept at 1.30pm**, in the Hall, when **Yellow** group will be on duty.

We will have a guest speaker, Mandy Perry, who will talk to us about "*The Life of Sister Vivienne Bullwinkle*" who was a nurse in WW11. Visitors and new members are very welcome.

A Reminder that there will no meeting on 11th October because it is school hollidays. *Chris*

### **Change-your-clock Day**

Just remember also that **next Sunday, Oct 1<sup>st</sup>**, is that annual day – loved by some and loathed by others – when we put our clocks forward an hour for the start of **Daylight Saving** (or whatever other name you give that part of the year!!!). *Max*

### **Congregation Profile**

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

## 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 5<sup>th</sup>, 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

## Cogs n Coffee

Eleven of us on a mild day that threatened rain but did not deliver rode the Amy Gillett bikeway from Oakbank to Mt Torrens. Some bandaging was required along the way to ensure we all completed the ride successfully, avoidance skills from a hostile maggie were also necessary.

A great bakery lunch was enjoyed by all at Woodside. For next Wednesday ride meet at Warradale shops. 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*

## **Butterfly News**

Following on from Garry's sermon last Sunday here's a little information about the plight of one of our own blue butterflies.

### **Bitter-bush Blue Butterfly**



This beautiful butterfly is now rare as the caterpillar food plants for the species have disappeared from the coastal strip near Adelaide. It feeds on the leaves and sometimes the fruit and male flowers of the food plant which is Coast Bitter-bush (*Adriana quadripartita*). Landcare groups are working to replant Bitter-bush along parts of our northern coast in an effort to assist this butterfly. \*Information from Butterfly Conservation South Australia Inc., book called 'Attracting Butterflies to Your Garden' *James*

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Worship Leader for Today: Rev. Gary Stuckey  
Lectionary for Today: **24 September 2023: Ex 16: 2 - 16;  
Ps 105, 1 - 6, 37 - 45; Phil 1: 21 - 30; Mt 20: 1 - 16.**  
Reminder for Stewards: 1 October 2023  
Dennis Wood                      Bob 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  
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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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