



Uniting Church in Australia  
**SEACLIFF WEEKLY NEWS**  
Sunday 22 October 2023  
**PENTECOST 21**



### **Paying the Imperial Tax to Caesar**

<sup>15</sup> Then the Pharisees went out and laid plans to trap him in his words. <sup>16</sup> They sent their disciples to him along with the Herodians.

“Teacher,” they said, “we know that you are a man of integrity and that you teach the way of God in accordance with the truth. You aren’t swayed by others, because you pay no attention to who they are. <sup>17</sup> Tell us then, what is your opinion? Is it right to pay the imperial tax to Caesar or not?”

<sup>18</sup> But Jesus, knowing their evil intent, said, “You hypocrites, why are you trying to trap me? <sup>19</sup> Show me the coin used for paying the tax.” They brought him a denarius, <sup>20</sup> and he asked them, “Whose image is this? And whose inscription?” <sup>21</sup> “Caesar’s,” they replied.

Then he said to them, “So give back to Caesar what is Caesar’s, and to God what is God’s.” <sup>22</sup> When they heard this, they were amazed. So, they left him and went away.

## **This Week**

**Adult Fellowship 1.30pm Wed. 25<sup>th</sup> October**

**Open Garden Day 10am Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> October**

**TakeUs2 Next Sunday 6pm 29<sup>th</sup> October**

## **What's News**

### **Minister's Leave**

Gary will be on leave from **Oct 9** returning on **Oct 24**. *Gary (Rev.)*

### **Congregation Profile forms**

Thank you to all the people who have taken forms: please remember to bring them back asap – we are now working on compiling responses.

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

### **Annual General Meeting**

Early warning (not all that early really!!) – the first part of our AGM will be conducted on **Sunday Nov 12<sup>th</sup>**, 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 this week.

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

*Max*

### **Christmas is coming! – Reminder!**

Bookings are now being taken for the **Church Christmas Dinner** on **Wednesday, December 6<sup>th</sup> 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



### **TakeUs2 Travel Program**

The next TakeUs2 evening will be on **Sunday October 29** commencing at **6pm** with a light meal in the Church Hall. Debbie Cerone will share her travels in Canada, Alaska and New York. It is always exciting to see new places which often brings back happy memories of our own holidays. Everyone welcome. Bring family and friends to this enjoyable evening.

*Annette*

### **Gift - Val Phillips**

Mark Phillips has generously made a \$5000 gift to Seacliff UC in memory of his mother Val Phillips. The donation will be for three areas. New curtains for the stage in the main hall, a seat with a plaque remembering Val Phillips located in the new Community Garden and the balance left to be put in the Mission Project fund to earn interest for Mission projects.

The Seacliff congregation is very grateful to Mark and his family for this generous gift.

*Annette*

### **Adult Fellowship**

Our meeting this Wednesday, **25th October at 1.30pm** is our **AGM** to be followed by Carmen's presentation with her puppets. **Green** group is on duty.

*Chris*



## **Notes from the Treasurer**

*A few points FYI*

- The nett profit from the Referendum BBQ was \$132, thanks to those who helped.
- The A/C in the Middle Hall is scheduled for installation on Friday October 27<sup>th</sup>. The door on the Freezer part of the Fridge in Wheatland House needs to be properly closed please to avoid defrosting and water on the floor which is a slip hazard and needs to be mopped up.
- A4 and A5 Flyers for the next **Uniting Conversations** on **Nov 19<sup>th</sup>** will be distributed at Soapbox today and the next few Sundays for Noticeboards and Letter Boxes pls. PDF versions are also available from our website. *David*

## **Cogs N Coffee**

Wednesdays ride went well, including the now open Torrens track between Tapleys Hill Rd and the coastal track.

For next weeks ride, we will head to Plant 4, meeting at the Warradale shops at 8.30am. *Brian*

**Community Garden**  
**OPEN DAY**  
**Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> October**

Well, the time has arrived, its only 6 days until our Open Day! We've put our request in for a lovely spring day so it will be a delightful event to attend!

If you have items for the trading tables, they can be dropped off at Wheatland House this Friday from 10am or delivered there early Saturday morning. Also, it would be appreciated if people with strong muscles could help with the setting up of the tables at about 8.00am Saturday.

**Cake & Preserves Table: Convenor – Rosemary**

If you are baking for the cake table, don't forget to list the ingredients on the cakes and jams/preserves.

**Plant & Produce Table: Convenors - Libby Dixon and Ruth Peck**

Plants can be taken to Wheatland House also, however, they are to be put outside in the area between the house and hall, facing the wicking beds. Name tags on pop sticks identifying the plants would be very helpful. If you have fresh produce from your garden, please deliver it Friday afternoon or Saturday morning.

**Stash Buster Table: Convenors - Alison Smith & Pauline Galliford**

This also can be brought to Wheatland House on Friday so it can be sorted.

**Gift Table: Convener - Denise Phillips**

Once again Friday would be an ideal time for delivery however Saturday morning is ok too.

The day will commence officially at **10am** however I imagine people will arrive a bit earlier. At approx 11.45am, Claire Lindop, our local Holdfast Bay Councillor, will officially open the day..

There will be a BBQ (**convenor Annette Craven**), tea and coffee available plus cakes/muffins for sale to make a nice morning tea and lunch. We're planning to make the premises look bright and cheery, so people will have a happy time at the event. **Come along and enjoy a lovely day celebrating our Community Garden!** *Heather*

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Worship Leader for Today: Max Howland  
Lectionary for Today: **22 October 2023: Ex 33: 12 - 33;**  
**Ps 99; 1 Thes 1: 1 - 10; Mt 22: 15 - 22.**  
Reminder for Stewards: 29 October 2023  
Bob Heywood                      Heather Gepp

### **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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