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Worship Leader for Today: Rev. Gary Stuckey  
Lectionary for Today: **12 November 2023: Jos 24: 1- 3a, 14 - 25; Ps 78: 1 - 7; 1 Thes 4: 13 - 18; Mt 25: 1 - 13.**  
Reminder for Stewards: 19 November 2023  
Pauline Galliford                      Richard Lane

### **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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Sunday 12 November 2023  
**PENTECOST 24**



### **The Parable of the Ten Virgins**

25 “At that time the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. <sup>2</sup> Five of them were foolish and five were wise. <sup>3</sup> The foolish ones took their lamps but did not take any oil with them. <sup>4</sup> The wise ones, however, took oil in jars along with their lamps. <sup>5</sup> The bridegroom was a long time in coming, and they all became drowsy and fell asleep. <sup>6</sup> “At midnight the cry rang out: ‘Here’s the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!’ <sup>7</sup> “Then all the virgins woke up and trimmed their lamps. <sup>8</sup> The foolish ones said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil; our lamps are going out.’ <sup>9</sup> “‘No,’ they replied, ‘there may not be enough for both us and you. Instead, go to those who sell oil and buy some for yourselves.’ <sup>10</sup> “But while they were on their way to buy the oil, the bridegroom arrived. The virgins who were ready went in with him to the wedding banquet. And the door was shut. <sup>11</sup> “Later the others also came. ‘Lord, Lord,’ they said, ‘open the door for us!’ <sup>12</sup> “But he replied, **‘Truly I tell you, I don’t know you.’** <sup>13</sup> **“Therefore keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour.**

## **This Week**

**Men's Dinner**      **6.30pm. Wed. 15<sup>th</sup> November**  
**M&Ms**                      **10am. Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November**  
**Uniting Conversations**    **7.00 pm Next Sunday**  
**What's News**

### **QUIET DAY**

Continuing the theme of 2023, "The Seasons of Life", we will reflect on summer at our final quiet day for 2023 on Nov 21st. (PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE.) With summer, we celebrate the season of fruitfulness, new life and new beginnings. The session will run from 9:30am-12:30 pm. You may like to bring your lunch and stay and share more time with other retreatants.

### **ADVENT REFLECTION**

Each Advent we, at Seacliff, have offered a three-week reflection exploring the events we have celebrated many times, Advent, and Christmas. In the invariable busyness of the season, we can perhaps feel a bit disconnected from the story of Jesus' birth and its meaning for us in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.

Sessions will be held on Tuesday 28/11, 5/12 and 12/12 at 10:30am and Thursday 30/11, 7/12 and 14/12 at 2:00pm.

If you are intending to come, could you please indicate from today on a 'sign up' sheet your intention. This is simply so I know how many copies of the reflection materials I need to run off.

### **THE LAST DAUGHTER**

*The Last Daughter* is a powerful film that invites us on a journey of deep self-reflection. As we witness Brenda's quest for understanding and reconciliation, we are prompted to explore our own identities and histories and embark on our own journeys of healing from past wounds.

**On behalf of Churches Together in the Warradale / Brighton / Marion areas Faith Lutheran Church invites you to share in this experience on Sunday 19 November 2023.**

Gather from 3.00pm for afternoon tea: **Movie starts at 4.00pm** at 2 Ailsa Avenue Warradale **RSVP: Call 08 8377 1731 Gary**

## **Annual General Meeting**

Reminder that the first part of our AGM will be conducted **today, 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. A draft agenda has been circulated earlier this week: business will include a draft budget for 2024, an update on the Placements process and the Congregation Profile, and a first conversation about our Special Mission Projects Appeals for 2024. Aiming to finish by 12.30.

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

## **Men's Dinner – Last one for 2023**

The last gathering for this year has been booked for **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November** to meet at the **Holdy Hotel**, 83 Brighton Rd, South Glenelg. Start time is 6.30pm for a 7pm meal. For information or transport contact Dene on 8296 1046. *Dene*

## **Lions Club Christmas Cakes and Puddings- On Sale Now!**

The City of Marion Lions Club has asked the Church to act as an agent for the sale of their famous cakes and puddings. Church members will receive a \$1 discount on each cake and pudding and an additional \$2 will be donated to the church to go towards a community project.

The 1.5kg cakes will cost \$19 and the 1kg cakes and puddings are \$15. You can also buy the mini cakes for \$2 each for a minimum of 5 cakes. Order forms are available from either Alan Botting (0418849101) or Rosemary Thomson. Orders close on **Sunday 19 November**. Payment can be made to Alan by direct deposit who will transfer the funds to the Lions Club and then a payment will be made to the church. *Alan Botting*

## **Cogs N Coffee**

Coffee at Grange

Twelve of us did the ride to Grange on a great morning for riding.  
Next weeks ride is to Willunga catching the 8.40 train from  
Seacliff.

Cheers Brian

