



Uniting Church in Australia  
*SEACLIFF WEEKLY NEWS*  
Sunday 19 November 2023  
**PENTECOST 25**



## The Day of the Lord

5 Now, brothers and sisters, about times and dates we do not need to write to you, <sup>2</sup> for you know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. <sup>3</sup> While people are saying, “Peace and safety,” destruction will come on them suddenly, as labour pains on a pregnant woman, and they will not escape.

<sup>4</sup> But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness so that this day should surprise you like a thief. <sup>5</sup> You are all children of the light and children of the day. We do not belong to the night or to the darkness. <sup>6</sup> So then, let us not be like others, who are asleep, but let us be awake and sober. <sup>7</sup> For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, get drunk at night. <sup>8</sup> But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, putting on faith and love as a breastplate, and the hope of salvation as a helmet. <sup>9</sup> For God did not appoint us to suffer wrath but to receive salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>10</sup> He died for us so that, whether we are awake or asleep, we may live together with him. <sup>11</sup> Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.

## This Week

**Uniting Conversations** 7.00 pm Tonight  
**Quiet Day** 9.30am Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November  
**Movie Mates** Time TBA Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November  
**Adult Fellowship** 1.30pm Wed. 22<sup>nd</sup> November  
**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.

### CHRISTMAS SHARING

One of the features of Christmas is that of sharing a good meal, a feast if you like, with those who are close to us. We know however, this is not something all can share in. Especially in these times when the cost of living is high, many people will have to cut back or even go without.

On **December 3<sup>rd</sup>**, you are invited to bring a gift of food that can be forwarded to Brighton Community Care for distribution to people in need. Your gift will help someone enjoy a happier Christmas.

*Gary*

## **Meetings of the Congregation**

Thank you to all the people who were able to get to the AGM last week. We got a lot of important work done. A slightly more detailed report will appear in the next Outlook.

A reminder that the AGM Part 2 – annual reports – is scheduled for **Feb 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024.**

## **Gaza and Israel**

We have for a few weeks now been advertising a Gaza Appeal that is being conducted by **Act for Peace**. Act for Peace is operated jointly by Christian Churches, including the Uniting Church, in Australia; part of its work is the Christmas Bowl Appeal.

At Seacliff, we don't usually support party-political programmes, and you are of course free to agree or disagree in this case. But I expect that we will continue to support programmes and appeals conducted by our wider church, and this will include **Act for Peace**.

## **Blackwood Uniting Church Christmas Fair**

Blackwood UC Community Program is running its Christmas Craft Fair next Saturday, Nov 25<sup>th</sup>. 9am – 2.30pm.

## **Community Choir at Unley**

A Festival of Lessons and Carols will be celebrated at Unley Uniting Church (diagonally opposite Unley Shopping Centre) on Sunday Dec 17<sup>th</sup>, at 7pm. Singers looking for another excuse (!!)

to sing are invited to join the community choir. Practices begin today at 4pm. *Max*

## **Repair Workshop**

**Today** from 1pm to 4pm in our hall. Bring anything you can carry that needs repair. Volunteers will repair if possible. No charge for repairs! Make a small donation if you wish. *Warwick*

## **Stage Curtains**

Our new stage curtains have now been installed and are looking very smart. The old curtains now need a new home with someone who can perhaps repurpose them into something useful, such as robes for the 'Wise Men'. If you would like to take some or all the material, please contact Annette Craven 043866410.

## **Christmas Dinner**

Final bookings are now being taken for the **Church Christmas Dinner** on **Wednesday, December 6 at 6pm**. The cost will be \$55 for 2 courses. It will be held at the Seacliff Surf Life Saving Cub 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

## **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 cost \$19, 1kg cakes and puddings are \$15. Mini cakes are \$2 each (minimum of 5). Order forms available from 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**

On a very pleasant spring day, eleven of us rode through the green vineyards to Willunga, where a nice coffee was had at the retro Golden Fleece coffee shop.

Meet at the Warradale shops next week for a ride to Mitsubishi and then onto Glenelg.

*Brian*

## BACK PAGE

Worship Leader for Today: Rev. Gary Stuckey  
Lectionary for Today: **19 November 2023: Jgs 4: 1 - 7;  
Ps 123; 1 Thes 5: 1 - 11; Mt 25: 14 - 30.**  
Reminder for Stewards: 26 November 2023  
Richard Lane                      Dave Rickard

### **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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