



**Uniting Church in Australia**  
**SEACLIFF WEEKLY NEWS**  
**Sunday 26 November 2023**  
**PENTECOST 26**

## **The Day of the Lord**

**N**ow when the Son of Man comes in his majesty ... he will sit on his majestic throne. All the nations will be gathered before him. He will separate them from each other, just as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will put the sheep on his right side and the goats on his left.



Then the king will say to those on his right, “Come, you who will receive good things from my Father. Inherit the kingdom that was prepared for you before the world began. I was hungry and you gave me food to eat. I was thirsty and you gave me a drink. I was a stranger and you welcomed me. I was naked and you gave me clothes to wear. I was sick and you took care of me. I was in prison and you visited me. Then those who are righteous will say to him, “Lord, when did we (do all this for you)?”

Then the king will reply, “I assure you that when you have done it for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you have done it for me.”

Then he will say to those on his left, “Get away from me, you who will receive terrible things. (I was hungry and thirsty and in deep need and you did nothing for me. ... When you neglected or refused to help anybody, even of the least importance, you neglected and refused me. The righteous will go into eternal life, but you ...”

*Matthew 25:31-46, Common English Bible (abridged)*

## 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

**Reign of Christ Sunday**



**The Christmas Bowl of Remembrance**

Today is the first Sunday of the 2023 Christmas Bowl. Since it was founded by Rev. Frank Byatt in 1949, the Christmas Bowl has brought together committed Australian Christians with dedicated local partners around the world, to give hope to people uprooted by conflict and disaster. By joining together through the Christmas Bowl, you are helping build a world where all people have a safe place to belong. **Thank you.**

**CALL: 1800 025 101 VISIT: [christmasbowl.actforpeace.org.au](http://christmasbowl.actforpeace.org.au)**

The Christmas appeal of Act for Peace, the international humanitarian agency of the National Council of Churches in Australia. ABN 86 619 970 188



**Christmas Bowl**

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



## *Notes from the Treasurer*

'**Act For Peace**' is an organisation, run by the National Council of Churches, which conducts a number of Appeals including:

The **Christmas Bowl Appeal** for which special envelopes are now available. If you want to donate using your credit card, EFT or writing a cheque please send it directly with them. If you would prefer to use **cash**, please use the special envelope provided and Offering Bowl to do so on Christmas Day or otherwise and I will collate and forward the money to them at the end of the year, so can we make Sunday December 31st the last day for your donations please?

The **GAZA Refugee Appeal** continues and we have already received several hundred dollars via labelled envelopes in the Offering Bowl. I intend to include the amount given today and forward the total to them this week (i.e. end of month) and will do so again in due course depending on the amount received.

David

**Takeus2 - today from 6-9pm** (*a meal and supper is included*)



This evening you have the opportunity to see and hear a little bit about two expeditions that were done earlier this year:

- A (southern) expedition to **South America** by plane and then to the **Antarctic** by boat and back. Although it was quite cold down there, the icebergs and wildlife were quite spectacular! Very limited swimming opportunities!
- A (northern) expedition by train to **Darwin**, by boat to **Broome** and then back home by plane. We were impressed with the isolation and natural beauty of this area although again there were very limited opportunities to have a swim ... for very different reasons!

*David and Mary*

## **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**.

## **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

## **Cogs N Coffee**

Eleven of us rode up Sturt Creek and on through the Warrapindi wet lands which is always delightful on our way for coffee at Mitsubishi. For various reasons two left us there as the other nine went down to Glenelg via Sturt Creek before heading into a strong wind as we ventured home.

Next weeks ride is to McClaren Flat catching the 8.40 train at Seacliff.

Brian

## **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.

## BACK PAGE

Worship Leader for Today: Rev. Gary Stuckey

Lectionary for Today: 29 **November 2023: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24; Psalm 100; Ephesians 1:15-23; Matthew 25:31-46.**

Reminder for Stewards: 3<sup>rd</sup> December:

Heather Gepp Dennis Wood

### **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.

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