



Uniting Church in Australia
SEACLIFF WEEKLY NEWS
Sunday 5 November 2023
PENTECOST 23



⁹ Surely you remember, brothers and sisters, our toil and hardship; we worked night and day in order not to be a burden to anyone while we preached the gospel of God to you. ¹⁰ You are witnesses, and so is God, of how holy, righteous and blameless we were among you who believed. ¹¹ For you know that we dealt with each of you as a father deals with his own children, ¹² encouraging, comforting and urging you to live lives worthy of God, who calls you into his kingdom and glory.

¹³ And we also thank God continually because, when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as a human word, but as it actually is, the word of God, which is indeed at work in you who believe.

This Week

Adult Fellowship 1.30pm. Wed. 8th 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 21st 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: Ice cream and strawberries; scones, quandong jam and cream

Movie starts at 4.00pm at 2 Ailsa Avenue Warradale

RSVP: Please leave your name on **08 8377 1731**

Gary

Annual General Meeting

Reminder that the first part of our AGM will be conducted **next Sunday, Nov 12th**, beginning at around 11.00 am.

This is the meeting at which we elect people for positions of service and leadership for 2024. Please check this year's list today if possible, to indicate whether you are able to continue in your present role(s) into 2024.

A draft agenda will be circulated later 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 fir 2024.

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

Max



Cogs N Coffee

On a great day for riding eleven of us did the 25km down to the Port via the city to enjoy our coffee at "The Law" opposite the Maritime Museum.

For next weeks ride, meet at Wattle Reserve for a ride Nth along the beaches.

Brian

Community Garden Open Day

Thank You

After a few months of sorting through ideas and planning, our Community Garden Open Day evolved into a happy, bright, successful event!! The garden was visited by many folk with so many positive comments, amazed at how delightful it looked. The plaque up on the wall of Wheatland House caught my attention – the mosaic plaque created by Libby Dixon naming the area ‘Norms's Patch', recognising the work done by Norm around the church garden during his life.

The Fair was also successful with many people attending from close by and afar. There were many purchases and people enjoyed sitting under the pine tree with their coffee and cake, soaking up the beautiful day.

But this event wouldn't have happened without the work done behind the scenes by many people.

- **Annette** and her BBQ team
- **Denise, Alison, Rosemary, Libby**, and their teams
- **Maureen** - advertising specialist
- **Geoff Craven and Brian** being the eftpos “chicks”
- The **set-up crew** early Saturday morning putting out equipment, and those who helped pack up and put away gear at the close of the day
- And also, the **congregational members** who joined us on the day and spent time chatting and making the day special.

So, the Community Garden was well and truly advertised to our local community and we look forward to welcoming them into the garden over time.

Congratulations everyone for making this such a success.

Heather



Memorial plaque for Norm Schutze

Induction – Rev. Bob Hutchinson

The Corner Uniting Church - Cnr. Oaklands and Diagonal Roads.

Friday 10th November at **7pm**. Refreshments from 5.30pm.

Retiring offering for TACL (Training Aboriginal Christian Leaders.)

UCA e-News



Notes from the Treasurer

1. I am pleased to report that the total proceeds from the **Spring Fair** were \$2,422 (*including over \$600 on the Card Reader*). A very special thank you to Heather, Maureen and their helpers. Church Council will announce in due course exactly how this money will be allocated.
2. As announced last week, our Church is willing and able to accept and forward donations to the *National Council of Churches* '**Emergency: GAZA Appeal**' at least for a few weeks until such time as envelopes become available for individual use.
Please place any donations in a labelled envelope (*there will be some at the back entry door*) and then into the Offering Bowl.
Alternatively, you can pay online using our Bank details which we do not want to be made public and are available from me. I can provide a receipt for tax purposes if you wish, if so please see me.
3. The **new air-conditioning units** in both Halls have been installed and are operational, and I can tell you that Geoff Lister was very pleased to hear this. The units have conventional controls and the Manuals are kept in a designated pigeonhole.
Because we have solar panels they cost very little to operate when the sun is shining but it is most important please to turn them **OFF** when the lights go off and the doors are locked. We expect that our tenants will make much more use of them than we will as a congregation.

David

Adult Fellowship

Our next meeting is on **Wed 8th November** at **1.30pm** when we will have a speaker who will tell us about “*Share the Dignity*” and how we could help an adult, teen or Mum and Bub to have a better Christmas. The EXECUTIVE members will be on duty.

Chris

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Worship Leader for Today: Rev. Gary Stuckey **HC**
Lectionary for Today: **5 November 2023: Jos 3: 7 - 17;**
Ps 107: 1 - 7, 33 - 37; 1 Thes 2: 9 - 13; Mt 23: 1 - 12.
Reminder for Stewards: 12 November 2023
Colin Theakstone Geoff Craven

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
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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