



Uniting Church in Australia  
*SEACLIFF WEEKLY NEWS*  
Sunday 28 January 2024  
**EPIPHANY 4**



### **Jesus Drives Out an Impure Spirit**

<sup>21</sup> They went to Capernaum, and when the Sabbath came, Jesus went into the synagogue and began to teach. <sup>22</sup> The people were amazed at his teaching, because he taught them as one who had authority, not as the teachers of the law.

<sup>23</sup> Just then a man in their synagogue who was possessed by an impure spirit cried out, <sup>24</sup> “What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!”

<sup>25</sup> “Be quiet!” said Jesus sternly. “Come out of him!” <sup>26</sup> The impure spirit shook the man violently and came out of him with a shriek.

<sup>27</sup> The people were all so amazed that they asked each other, “What is this? A new teaching—and with authority! He even gives orders to impure spirits and they obey him.”

<sup>28</sup> News about him spread quickly over the whole region of Galilee.

## **This Week**

**Meditation**

**2pm Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February**

**Yarn Sisters**

**10am Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February**

**Quiet Service**

**Next Sunday 7 pm 4<sup>th</sup> Feb.**

### **Covenant Service**

Next Sunday's service (4<sup>th</sup> Feb) will be our annual covenant service. This is a time when we dedicate ourselves to God and to God's service for the year ahead.

### **Meditation**

Our first meditation session for 2024 will be this coming Thursday (**Feb 1**) at **2:00pm**, meeting in the middle hall. The theme for this year will be 'Enlightenment'. This Thursday will be a general introduction to the theme.

All are welcome - you do not need to have been before.

### **Quiet Service**

**Next Sunday night** (4<sup>th</sup> February) will be the first Quiet Service for 2024. The focus of this service will be a guided meditation on Inner Peace. We will meet in the middle hall at **7:00pm**. There is the opportunity after the worship to gather with others to share some refreshments.

### **Lent Reflections**

I know we're just through Christmas but it's already time to start thinking about Lent and Easter. Starting in the first week of Lent (the week of Monday 19 February) we will be offering 5 sessions for Lenten Reflection. These will be on Tuesday mornings at 10:30 and Thursday afternoon at 2:00. The first reflections will be on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb.

In these sessions will be reflecting on the lectionary readings for Lent. This gives us the opportunity to explore the readings in greater depth and to encourage one another in our Lenten journey.

If you have any questions on any of the above please contact Gary.

## Notices for newsletter 28<sup>th</sup> January

### **JNC**

The following people have nominated for membership of the Joint Nominating Committee, whose task is to bring a nomination to us of a minister to follow on after Gary finishes his time with us:

Annette Craven  
David Greig  
Andrew Telfer  
Rosemary Thomson  
Jim Winn  
Maureen Howland  
Holger Maier  
Krista Maier.

That makes a panel of 8: that means that if a meeting is called when 1 or 2 are away, we don't need to panic: we should be able to provide the group of 5 or 6 that we need from existing resources.

I have asked Annette Craven, as Chairperson of Church Council, to be the contact / liaison person with Presbytery.

### ***Nominations to Church Council***

A reminder that these are due to Rosemary by 10.45 am this Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup> January.

### ***Reports to annual meeting***

A reminder that these are due to Rosemary this Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup>.

### ***Mission Projects 2024***

A reminder that one of the important decisions for our AGM is the selection of our Mission Projects.

*Max*

### **Thank You Note**

Libby and I would like to thank all the willing people who filled in for us with the last Weekly Newsletter issues for 2023 while I was on some sick leave. Your Editor is now ready for the new year.

*Dean*

## **Cogs N Coffee**

Last Wednesdays ride was to INC (Minda) for our coffee break. Due to predicted hot weather, a shorter ride was made via West Beach. Eight of us undertook the ride and when we arrived for coffee, there were a further nine who joined us. It was a good catch up time. Meet at shops at 8.15am for next Wed. ride.

*Brian*



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Worship Leader for Today: Rev. Jim Winn  
Lectionary for Today: **28 January 2024: Dt 18: 15 - 20;**  
**Ps 111; 1 Cor 8: 1 - 13; Mk 1: 21 - 28.**  
Reminder for Stewards: 4 February 2024  
Richard Lane                      Brian 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  
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by 5pm on Wednesdays.  
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forwarded for you.

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