



Uniting Church in Australia
SEACLIFF WEEKLY NEWS
Sunday 25 February 2024

Lent 2



Jesus Predicts His Death

³¹ He then began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and after three days rise again. ³² He spoke plainly about this, and Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³ But when Jesus turned and looked at his disciples, he rebuked Peter. "Get behind me, Satan!" he said. "You do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns."

The Way of the Cross

³⁴ Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵ For whoever wants to save their life^[a] will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it. ³⁶ What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? ³⁷ Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul? ³⁸ If anyone is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will be ashamed of them when he comes in his Father's glory with the holy angels."

This Week

Lent Reflections 10.30am Tuesday 27th Feb.
Lent Reflections 2pm Thursday 29nd Feb.
Adult Fellowship 1.30pm Wednesday 21st Feb.

Lent Reflections

We will be offering 5 sessions for Lenten Reflection.

These will be on **Tuesday mornings at 10:30am and Thursday afternoon at 2:00pm**. The second round of reflections will be on **Tuesday 27th and Thursday 29nd February**.

Meditation

Normally we meet for meditation on the first Thursday of the month in the afternoon. In March, that will clash with one of the Lenten reflection groups, so the meditation session has been moved to **Thursday morning, 10am on March 7th**.

Next Week's Service

Next Sunday's service will have a couple of 'special' elements to it. Firstly, we will be delighted to welcome Harry Davidson into membership at the Seacliff Uniting Church. If you are able, please come along and show your support for Harry. Secondly, we will be commissioning/recommissioning our Church Councillors. Being on Church Council is a responsible position so let's support those who are willing to serve in this way.

Maundy Thursday – 28th March

Over the last couple of years, we have shared this service with the Brighton Uniting Church, and this year it is our turn to host it. The evening will commence at **6:30pm** with the sharing of fellowship and refreshments. This gives us the opportunity to get to know our UC neighbours a little more. Then, just prior to 7:30pm, we will move into the church for the Maundy Thursday service. Annette Craven has kindly offered to coordinate a roster for the hospitality. She will no doubt be putting out a call for assistance in the near future.

Thank you in anticipation of your support.

Gary

Adult Fellowship

Our next meeting on WEDNESDAY, 28th FEBRUARY is a visit to the **Tonsley Innovations Centre**. We have to meet the guide there at 2 p.m. so we will meet at the church no later than 1.30.p.m. We are advised by Jan Bowes who lives in the residential section that travelling along Marion Road and up Alawoona Avenue is the easiest way to get to the area where we will meet the guide. Parking probably means drivers dropping passengers off and going to a car park. TAFE will be operating so it may mean going to the Railway Station Car Park.

The centre is quite large and it means walking around for an hour. Unfortunately the coffee shops close at 3 p.m. Some of you may wish to go earlier and have a light luncheon before the tour.

ALL I REALLY WANT TO KNOW AT PRESENT IS A ROUGH IDEA OF NUMBERS:

- Are you interested in attending – you can of course pull out later but on the day, we need to know who to expect.
- If so, will you need transport?
- If you decide to go directly it would be helpful to let us know too.

Rosemary

SCAMS

Be prepared. Spot, avoid and protect yourself against scams. What to do if scammed or identity is compromised.

Download **“The Little Black Book of Scams”** from the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) website.

Warwick

Prayer points from UC E-News

This week we pray:

- For those in power, God give them the wisdom to make decisions that support mankind.
- For guidance for the protection of our climate.
- For all who are suffering, may they find peace, comfort and support during difficult times.

Cogs N Coffee

Coffee at Grange before it heated up too much.

Next weeks ride is to Pt. Adelaide. Meet at the shops at 8.15.am. Photo courtesy of Deb.

Brian



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Worship Leader for Today: Rev. Gary Stuckey
Lectionary for Today: **25 February 2024: Gn 17: 1 - 7, 15 - 16; Ps 22: 23 - 31; Rom 4: 13 - 25; Mk 8: 31 - 38.**
Reminder for Stewards: 3 March 2024
Richard Lane Bob Heywood

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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