



Uniting Church in Australia
SEACLIFF WEEKLY NEWS
Sunday 4 February 2024
EPIPHANY 5



Jesus Heals Many

²⁹ As soon as they left the synagogue, they went with James and John to the home of Simon and Andrew. ³⁰ Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they immediately told Jesus about her. ³¹ So he went to her, took her hand and helped her up. The fever left her and she began to wait on them. ³² That evening after sunset the people brought to Jesus all the sick and demon-possessed. ³³ The whole town gathered at the door, ³⁴ and Jesus healed many who had various diseases. He also drove out many demons, but he would not let the demons speak because they knew who he was.

Jesus Prays in a Solitary Place

³⁵ Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed. ³⁶ Simon and his companions went to look for him, ³⁷ and when they found him, they exclaimed: "Everyone is looking for you!" ³⁸ Jesus replied, "Let us go somewhere else—to the nearby villages—so I can preach there also. That is why I have come." ³⁹ So he travelled throughout Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and driving out demons.

This Week

Covenant Service Today 9.30am 4th February
Quiet Service Tonight Sunday 7 pm 4th Feb.
Book Club 1.30pm Wednesday 7th February
Covenant Service

This **mornings** service is our annual covenant service. This is a time when we dedicate ourselves to God and to God's service for the year ahead.

Quiet Service

Tonight 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 20th and Thursday 22nd 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.

Election for membership of Church Council.

The following people have nominated for election as Leader members of Church Council: Judy Shaw (2 years), David Greig (3), Andrew Telfer (3) and James Peck (2).

The election, by written ballot, will take place during the Annual Meeting of the Congregation next Sunday, 11th February.

Max

Cogs N Coffee

Velo coffee outlet at the old Victoria Park race course was last Wednesdays destination.

Thirteen of us ventured out taking in the sights through Unley on our way to the Park Lands.

Jim was on his new bike and we all had a delightful morning eventually taking in the sites along the Torrens through the CBD on our way home.

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

Brian

Book Club Returns

Our first meeting of the year will be held at Gail's at 1 Mannering Ave, Hove next Wednesday afternoon (7th February) at 1.30.pm We'll be discussing the two books *Horse* and *Suitcase of Dreams*..... which we've been reading over the holidays.

Looking forward to seeing you all again and having a good discussion and a cuppa .

Josie

UNITING CONVERSATIONS

Sunday, February 18th 7pm

Seacliff Uniting Church 5 Wheatland Street, Seacliff



Topic: ***"Better Home Gardening."***

We will have three panellists. One on permaculture, one on worm farms and composting, and one on achieving maximum return from a small home garden.

Seacliff Outlook

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Worship Leader for Today: Rev. Gary Stuckey **HC**
Lectionary for Today: **4 February 2024: Is 40: 21 - 41;**
Ps 147: 1 - 11, 20c; 1 Cor 9: 16 - 23; Mk 1: 29 - 39.
Reminder for Stewards: 11 February 2024
Dave Rickard 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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