



Uniting Church in Australia
SEACLIFF WEEKLY NEWS
Sunday 31 March 2024
Easter Day



Jesus Has Risen

Mark 16: 1-8

16 When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so that they might go to anoint Jesus' body. ² Very early on the first day of the week, just after sunrise, they were on their way to the tomb ³ and they asked each other, "Who will roll the stone away from the entrance of the tomb?" ⁴ But when they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had been rolled away. ⁵ As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed.

⁶ "Don't be alarmed," he said. "You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him. ⁷ But go, tell his disciples and Peter, 'He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.'" ⁸ Trembling and bewildered, the women went out and fled **from** the tomb. They said nothing to anyone, because they were afraid.

This Week.

Book Club 1.30pm Wednesday 3rd. April
Meditation Session 2pm Thursday 4th April
Yarn Sisters 10.30am Friday 5th April

Meditation

Our next meditation session will be next **Thursday, April 4, at 2pm** in the middle hall. Previous attendance at a session or experience in mediation is not required.

Minister's leave

Gary will be on leave from Monday 8th April, returning to work on Tuesday 30th.

Welcome!

It will be our delight next week (Sunday April 7) to welcome into membership at **Seacliff Holger and Krista Maier**. They have been a part of our fellowship for some time and are now taking the step of becoming members. If you are able, come along and show your support for Holger and Krista.

Blessing

A couple of weeks ago, I used a blessing at the end of the service which attracted some positive comment, so, I print it here as an offering for further reflection. Gary

God of wonder

Send us out with hearts full of praise.

of daring

Send us out God with lives full of courage.

God of compassion

Send us out to live at one with all people.

God of the cross and resurrection

Send us out in joyful service.

Walk softly.
Speak truthfully.
Love gently.
Breathe deeply.
Live wisely.
Go in peace
Amen!

Cogs N coffee

On a lovely day for a ride, fourteen of us found our way via the Torrens to Plant 4 to have our usual break.

A welcome to a first time rider with us, Cynthia, who as a young girl went to Sunday School at Seacliff and played netball.

A difficult ride for the leader as scattiedness seem to prevail.

Next week's ride to Willunga, catching 8.40am train from Seacliff.

Brian

Picnic

On Easter Monday, there will be a picnic from about **11.30am** onwards, Cogs n Coffee riders have been invited to join us.

Meet at the Oaklands wetland reserve, continuation of Hendrie St to the carpark by the toilets.

Brian

Community Garden

I will be working in the garden, including preparation for planting winter vegetables, on most Wednesday mornings from 9.00 to 11.00am. If anyone is able to join me that would be great. Of course, if you can come other times please get in touch with me about jobs that need doing.

Ruth Telfer

Book Club News

Hope you're enjoying this lovely weather and our (lighthearted) book .

Our meeting next **Wednesday 3rd March** will be at my place , beginning as usual at **1.30.pm.**

Hope to see you all there. In the meantime, enjoy the Easter break.

Josie

Meeting with Mercy Aiken - Co-author of book about founder of Bethlehem Bible College

7 pm on Monday 15 April at Burnside City Uniting Church.
For any additional information contact Andrew Telfer

YET IN THE DARK STREETS SHINING
A Palestinian Christian's Story of Faith and Resilience in Bethlehem
By BISHARA AWAD and MERCY AIKEN

"Everyone wants to hear about Bethlehem. But Bethlehem is mostly loved for her old stories, not her new ones. Her new stories raise too many questions. They make us uncomfortable. Her old stories are beautiful, but they eventually become meaningless if we are not willing to listen to today's stories as well. Not the stories imposed upon her by the ignorant or insincere, but the stories that Bethlehem herself is actually telling..."

Intrigued to learn more!
Come along and hear Mercy Aiken, co-author of the incredibly moving biography of Bishara Awad, a Palestinian Christian and founder of Bethlehem Bible College.

Adelaide public events
Sun 14 April, 2024 @ 9.10pm
1079 Life FM, 107.9 - Live on-air interview
(opportunity to ask questions on air)
Mon 15 April, 2024 @ 7.30-9pm
Here at Burnside City Uniting Church

PIEN 2024 Speaker Tour
Possibility of book purchase & signing
Sponsored by the National Council of Churches in Australia, International Program

YARN SISTERS

Our next gathering will be on **Friday 5th April** at the Seacliff SLSC. Come along for a coffee, chat and craft.

Heather Gepp

This week we pray - UCA E-News

For the whole world: that all people, who have one Maker and Father, may acknowledge one another as brothers and sisters, without discrimination of race or nation, and with sincere hearts

For the people of Palestine and Israel; and the people of Ukraine and Russia may they find an end to their wars

For those impacted by natural disasters, floods, droughts and fires and for those struggling with conflict, poverty and starvation; and for the agencies and aid workers that continue to provide support and hope.



Notes from the Treasurer (and Property assistant)

1. Many thanks to Geoff Lister for getting the quotes and making the arrangements and those volunteers who helped to lift the old **carpet** from the Middle Hall and clean the area and to James who fixed a loose edge beneath the doorway. Andrew and Ruth are planning to use some of the old carpet as matting to suppress weeds in the Community Garden. The total cost of the project was \$5146, which together with the 'new' chairs and recent Air Con now makes it a very comfortable Room for use by both us and our Tenants.

2. Our next project is to have the **trees removed** at the front of the Church on Wednesday April 17th. To prepare for this there will be a 'Paver Gang' on Tuesday April 16th from 8am to lift, clean, stack and store about 1200 paving bricks for which we will need some tools and the use of a '6x4' trailer for a few days. It will be dirty, manual work (i.e. *no place for crook backs please*) but we will arrange morning tea and if all goes well you should be home for lunch! If you are able to help with this project please see me soon and put the date in your diary. We will have a planning meeting after Soapbox on Sunday April 14th. Obviously, there will need to be another Gang to reinstate some of the bricks and make a garden bed, if interested 'pencil in' at least Tuesday 23rd for this please.

3. As has been said, this will be our last June Long Weekend **Booksale** (*after 20 years*) and in due course we will need helpers on Friday June 14th to transport the books from the shed and put them out on the tables. We will then need to dispose of most (if not all) of them (at least 1 tonne) and we need some information about Organisations that might like to come with their truck and take them away, probably on that Monday 10th if possible, or otherwise on Tuesday 11th to avoid double-handling. Please make some enquires and tell me if you have any 'leads' which I will then follow up.

David

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Worship Leaders for Today: Rev. Gary Stuckey
Lectionary for Today: **31 March 2024: Act 10: 34 - 43;**
Ps 118: 1- 2, 14 - 24 ; 1 Cor 15: 1 - 11; Mk 16: 1 - 8.
Reminder for Stewards: 7 April 2024
Ruth Heywood Margaret Tucker

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 or call in at the church office and it will be forwarded for you.

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