



Uniting Church in Australia
SEACLIFF WEEKLY NEWS
Sunday 16 June 2024
PENTCOST 4



The Parable of the Growing Seed

²⁶ He also said, “This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man scatters seed on the ground.²⁷ Night and day, whether he sleeps or gets up, the seed sprouts and grows, though he does not know how. ²⁸ All by itself the soil produces grain—first the stalk, then the head, then the full kernel in the head. ²⁹ As soon as the grain is ripe, he puts the sickle to it, because the harvest has come.”

The Parable of the Mustard Seed

³⁰ Again he said, “What shall we say the kingdom of God is like, or what parable shall we use to describe it? ³¹ It is like a mustard seed, which is the smallest of all seeds on earth. ³² Yet when planted, it grows and becomes the largest of all garden plants, with such big branches that the birds can perch in its shade.” ³³ With many similar parables Jesus spoke the word to them, as much as they could understand. ³⁴ He did not say anything to them without using a parable. But when he was alone with his own disciples, he explained everything.

This Week.

MovieMates
Men's Dinner
M&Ms

Time TBA Tuesday 18th June
6.30 pm Wednesday 19th June
10 am Friday 21st June

What's News

Minister's leave

Please note, Gary will be taking the last of his leave from June 10 - 24. If there are any situations which need attention, especially of a pastoral matter, please refer it to a member of Church Council.

Gary Stuckey (Rev)

Farewell Lunch

A farewell **shared** lunch for Gary and Marilyn will be held on **Sunday July 28th** after Gary's last worship service. This will be an opportunity for the Seacliff Community to say goodbye to the Stuckey family. Please put this date in your diary. A food and kitchen helpers' roster will be organized closer to the date.

Annette

Men's Dinner for June

The June Men's Dinner is on the **19th for 6.30pm** with a **7pm** start at the **Morphet Arms Hotel**, 138 Morphet Road, Glengowrie. For transport or further information, call Dene Goldsack on 8296 1046. Looking forward to a great evening.

Dene



You can make a financial contribution to this Uniting Church Faith Community, to help them buy chairs for the worship space. The relevant information is: EFT: BSB – 704095

Account Number – 193668 Account Name – UAICC Oodnadatta Building Fund\
NAIDOC Week is celebrated this year from the 7th to 14th of July.

Max

Cogs n' Coffee

We had ten out riding on our usual Wed morning event. The ride was to Plant 4 at Brompton and it was nice to catch up with Sue who's on sick leave.

Another puncture on the way home, fortunately able to get home with a couple of pump stops.

Meet at 8.30 am Warradale shops for next week's ride *Brian*



Prayer Points from UC E- News

For the people of Gaza, we continue to pray for an end to this terrible war.

For all families, and parents, may they have the strength to nurture their children in faith and love, and may they always feel Your presence in their lives.

The last 'Big Booksale'

Last weekend we saw our Seacliff Church Community at its very best. Our sincere thanks to all those who helped set up on Friday, managed the sales, sorted the books and cleaned up on Monday afternoon. Many of the better books have 'found another home' in the Myer Centre in the city and at SAVERS at Noarlunga!

A few notes of interest:

This year the proceeds from the Booksale itself were **\$5,144.59** (*a record*) and the accompanying Produce sale in the Middle Hall raised **\$839.60**. The proceeds from the books will support the work of School Chaplains and the proceeds from the Produce Stall will go towards the Oodnadatta Church (2 chairs=\$160) and the work of *Uniting Church Frontier Services*.

This is the 20th and final year of the Book sale and Bob estimates that the total proceeds over this time is about \$75,000, a truly amazing contribution from Bob Tuck, our Church community and the customers.

In the corner near the kitchen there are the 'leftovers' which really need to find their way into yellow bins for recycling please. If you are able, please take a box or two of books home this morning and if you need a lift with it, please see me or another able-bodied person to help. I would like to clear these out today please.

While I am on the topic, we may also need to move any remaining boxes of books and empty boxes to the shed after Soapbox, if so we will need some helpers please.

It has turned out that we have several dozen surplus broccoli boxes with lids (polystyrene) which can apparently be recycled, or possibly used for Worm Farms! Maureen has some details about recycling if you are able to help in this regard please, otherwise they will need to be broken up and go to landfill.

On the topic of 'recycling', the prize goes to the Winn's when Jim was witnessed to be (re)purchasing a book that Viv had found in their home during a clean-up recently and donated to Bob Tuck for the cause! Who knows how many times this has happened in the past? Nevertheless it is very generous of you both and thank you.

David

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Worship Leader for Today: Max Howland

Lectionary for Today: 16 June 2024: 1 Sm 15: 34 - 16: 13;

Ps 20; 2 Cor 5: 6 - 10:1; Mk 4: 26 - 34.

Reminder for Stewards: 23 June 2024

Bob Heywood

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

newsletter@seacliffuc.org.au

by 5pm on Wednesdays.

If you do not have access to email, please contact the church office and it will be forwarded for you.

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