



Uniting Church in Australia
SEACLIFF WEEKLY NEWS
Sunday 28 July 2024
PENTCOST 10



Jesus Walks on the Water

John 6 : 16 - 21

¹⁶ When evening came, his disciples went down to the lake, ¹⁷ where they got into a boat and set off across the lake for Capernaum. By now it was dark, and Jesus had not yet joined them. ¹⁸ A strong wind was blowing and the waters grew rough.

¹⁹ When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus approaching the boat, walking on the water; and they were frightened.

²⁰ But he said to them, **“It is I; don’t be afraid.”** ²¹ Then they were willing to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the shore where they were heading.

This Week.

Farewell Luncheon Today Sunday 28th July
Yarn Sisters 10am Friday 2nd August

What's News

This mornings service

The church service with Holy Communion this morning will be the last one led by Rev. Gary Stuckey at Seacliff UC.

Following the service, morning tea and Soapbox will be in place then a time for speeches at about 11am.

Shared Lunch – Today - Sunday 28th July

To mark Gary and Marilyn's last day with us at Seacliff UC.

This will be an opportunity for the Seacliff Community to say goodbye to the Stuckey family. Everybody Welcome. *Annette*



Notes from the Treasurer - Reminder

Mary and I will be travelling overseas for most of August and September and the Church financial arrangements will be as follows, please note:

1. Ruth Peck as one of our Assistant Treasurers has kindly agreed to do the regular weekly **Banking**. For all of the Sundays in August and September, Stewards please pass the counted Offerings and completed Summary Sheet to her, or in her absence, to one of the others named at the bottom of the Summary Sheet for safekeeping.

2. All **Payments** will be made by past-Treasurer Dennis Wood. Please continue to put any Blue Claim forms (with receipts attached) and any other Invoices in the labelled Treasurers pigeon hole for his attention.

3. We will be on an Arctic Cruise near Greenland for the first few weeks before Canada and the US so we expect to be in occasional email contact!?

David

Cogs n Coffee

What turned out to be a windy morning but no rain, ten of us found our way to the West Beach Caravan Park for a coffee and chat.

Next week, weather permitting we will tackle the new bike track from Seaford to Aldinga/Willunga. Meet at the Seacliff train station for the 8.40am train.

Brian

Community Garden - reminder

A Gardening Day will be held on the **3rd Saturday of every month from 9.30 - 11.30 - not the 2nd Saturday as previously advertised.**

The first of these will be on **Saturday August 17.**

At this gathering we will need to discuss:

- what to plant this summer including the best location for pumpkins
- replacement of the passion fruit plants and mandarin tree which were stolen
- watering requirements in summer
- management of the herb garden given need for repairs due to leakage (we do have a very good crop of parsley!!)
- weeding around the wicking beds

As well as gardening and discussion there will, of course, always be time for coffee and cake.

Ruth Telfer

Prayer points from Seacliff Outlook (July Ed.)

We pray for:

Gary and Marilyn, as they adjust to changes in their lives.

Richard, as he continues his rehabilitation after his broken leg.

Vera and Bernie, as they adjust to life in Alambie.

Our congregation, as we come to terms with changes following Gary's time of ministry with us.

Care and Ministry at Seacliff UC

With the retirement of Rev Gary at the end of July, your Church Council has put in place a number of arrangements for the continuing life of this congregation over the next little while.

We are not expecting that there will be a minister in placement before December at the earliest; we have also resolved that we will not seek to have Supply Ministry in place until October – we believe we are able to sustain our life in this congregation at least for that amount of time. The process of arranging Supply Ministry has begun.

The preaching plan has been prepared for the next 3 months. Please note that the celebration of Holy Communion for those 3 months will be a week earlier than usual; our custom is the 1st Sunday of each month: the next 3 will be on the last Sunday of July, August September. (Things just happened to work out that way!!)

Church Council has put in place arrangements for:

Pastoral Care: if there is a need for particular Pastoral care, including emergencies, please contact Annette Craven; Rev Jim Win will also be available to assist.

Worship: general Sunday arrangements will be under Max's oversight; Maureen will continue the Meditation programme. Oversight will be provided by CC for Small Groups and our discipleship (study/reflection sessions) programme.

Please offer your support in person and in prayer for the people undertaking these various roles on our behalf. It's not a common experience for us – the last time was 5½ years ago. But as a result of Gary's support and encouragement over his 5 years with us, we find ourselves in a good place to be able to undertake this task.

Max.

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Lectionary for Today: 28 July 2024: 2 Sm 11:1 – 15;
Ps 14; Eph 3: 14 - 21 ; Jn 6: 1 - 21.
Reminder for Stewards: **4 August 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
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forwarded for you.

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