



Uniting Church in Australia
SEACLIFF WEEKLY NEWS
Sunday 4 August 2024
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²⁵ When they found him on the other side of the lake, they asked him, “Rabbi, when did you get here?” ²⁶ Jesus answered, “Very truly I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw the signs I performed but because you ate the loaves and had your fill. ²⁷ Do not work for food that spoils, but for food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For on him God the Father has placed his seal of approval.” ²⁸ Then they asked him, “What must we do to do the works God requires?”

²⁹ Jesus answered, “The work of God is this: to believe in the one he has sent.” ³⁰ So they asked him, “What sign then will you give that we may see it and believe you? What will you do? ³¹ Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written: ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’” ³² Jesus said to them, “Very truly I tell you, it is not Moses who has given you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. ³³ For the bread of God is the bread that comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.” ³⁴ “Sir,” they said, “always give us this bread.” ³⁵ Then Jesus declared, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

This Week.

**Book Club
August**

1.30 pm Wednesday 7th

What's News

“Dear Friends at Seacliff UC,

Marilyn and I would like to thank you most sincerely for the touching farewell we experienced last Sunday. The kind words for both of us will live with us.

And we thank you too for your most generous gift. We will forward a photo of the BBQ when it is in place. Peace”

Gary and Marilyn.”

Last Sunday

A huge Thank You to everyone who helped with Gary's retirement send-off last Sunday – those involved in worship, in the various elements preceding lunch, in setting up and putting away chairs and tables; and especially, **especially**, the small army of people who managed the **kitchen** – heating and setting out the food, washing dishes, clearing up: what a wonderful job you did for us! It was a great farewell for Gary and Marilyn.

Max

Video of Gary's last Service and Farewell

Thanks to Arthur and Ray we now have a reasonably good video of all of the 'proceedings' last Sunday on 2 DVDs. A copy of these will be given to the Stuckeys and another copy is available for loan if you want to see/hear it again or were not able to attend. The Service video is on our website as usual. Please check with Arthur if you would like to borrow the DVDs and possibly ask Arthur to make another copy of it.

David

A Note of Appreciation

Last Sunday was a wonderful celebration of Gary and Marilyn's time with Seacliff UC in so many ways. A big thank you to the Seacliff Community for your generosity with both food for the shared luncheon and helping in the kitchen clearing away and cleaning up afterwards.

It was a memorable farewell for the Stuckey family from a caring and loving congregation.

Annette

Good morning Book Lovers

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, 7th August, (next week) at Margaret's home at 1.30pm .

Our annual subscription of \$25 each is now due so it would be appreciated if you can remember to bring it to the meeting .

Thank you , and as usual ...looking forward to seeing you all there.

Josie

Cogs n Coffee

On a lovely sunny day 10 of us did the new track from Seaford to Aldinga and then on to Willunga. In Willunga, we helped Gerry celebrate his 80th birthday.

It was a great ride, next week at the shops at 8.30am. *Brian*



Community Garden - reminder

A Gardening Day will be held on the **3rd Saturday of every month from 9.30 - 11.30** 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, always be time for coffee and cake.

Ruth Telfer

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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Worship Lea for Today: Max Howland

Lectionary for Today: 4 August 2024: 2 Sm 11:26 – 12:13a; Ps 51: 1 - 12; Eph 4: 1 - 16 ; Jn 6: 24 - 35.

Reminder for Stewards: 11 August 2024

Colin Theakstone Dave Rickard

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.

We do not currently have a
Minister in Placement.
If you wish to receive a
pastoral visit, contact
Annette on 0438 664 100.
If you wish to **speak to a
minister**, contact Rev Jim
at 0418 841 476.

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