

# Uniting Church in Australia SEACLIFF WEEKLY NEWS Sunday 1 September 2024 PENTCOST 15



#### That Which Defiles

7 The Pharisees and some of the teachers of the law who had come from Jerusalem gathered around Jesus <sup>2</sup> and saw some of his disciples eating food with hands that were defiled, that is, unwashed. <sup>5</sup> So the Pharisees and teachers of the law asked Jesus, "Why don't your disciples live according to the tradition of the elders instead of eating their food with defiled hands?" <sup>6</sup> He replied, "Isaiah was right when he prophesied about you hypocrites; as it is written: "'These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. <sup>7</sup> They worship me in vain; their teachings are merely human rules.' <sup>8</sup> You have let go of the commands of God and are holding on to human traditions."

<sup>14</sup> Again Jesus called the crowd to him and said, "Listen to me, everyone, and understand this. <sup>15</sup> Nothing outside a person can defile them by going into them. Rather, it is what comes out of a person that defiles them." <sup>21</sup> For it is from within, out of a person's heart, that evil thoughts come—sexual immorality, theft, murder, <sup>22</sup> adultery, greed, malice, deceit, lewdness, envy, slander, arrogance and folly. <sup>23</sup> All these evils come from inside and defile a person."

## This Week.

Book Club

1.30 pm Wed. 4<sup>th</sup> September
Meditation Group 2 pm Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September
Yarn Sisters

10 am Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September
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# Worship next Sunday.

Next Sunday, **Sept 8**<sup>th</sup>, we will be celebrating the work of *Frontier Services*. Janet Woodward will tell us some of the story of Frontier Services, and some of the stories of the things accomplished by that organisation.

There will be an opportunity to make a special gift to Frontier Services: bring your gift in a suitably labelled envelope, or use one of the Mission Project envelopes: *Frontier Services* is one of our Mission Projects for the second half of this year. *Max* 

#### Meditation

Meditation Group will meet next **Thursday 5th September at 2pm** in the middle hall. We usually begin with some reflection and teaching, then 20 minutes of silent meditation. Afternoon tea to follow. Please feel free to join us - no experience needed, beginners and "come'n'try" welcome.

Maureen

# Cogs N coffee

Another great ride to Plant 4 for coffee, and then down the Linear Trail to the Torrens Outlet, home with basically a tail wind. Next week's ride, 8.30am at Wattle for a ride to Semaphore.

Brian

## **Thank You Note**

Thank you to all my friends at the Seacliff Uniting church for your Birthday greetings and best wishes which helped to make my 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday such a memorable occasion. It is so appropriate that the theme for this months "Outlook" is *Friendship*, because when I look back on my life, friends have contributed so much to my happiness and wellbeing. Thank you, my friends, for your care and support. *Rhoda* 

#### **Yarn Sisters**

Yarn Sisters meet again on **Friday 6th September** at the usual time of **10.00am**. The SSLSC has returned to its normal operating times, so we can gather at our usual time. I hope you can get there!

Heather G

#### **A Lister Note**

I am ready for retirement and would love to spend my days full of flowers decorating someone's garden. If I don't find a good home there is a strong chance I will end up as razor blades or as part of someone's new car.

If you have a good home for me please see Geoff L who can probably arrange delivery.

Geoff



## 25 Years of Together in Song

This year marks 25 years since the publication of Together in Song, Australian Hymn Book II. Together in Song has been a significant asset through its contribution to meaningful and effective worship, both traditional and contemporary. Join Christ Church Uniting Church Wayville to celebrate Together in Song on Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup> September at 2.30pm. Admission is \$15, all of which will go towards the Christ Church Organ Scholarship Fund. Please book online at: <a href="https://events.humanitix.com/25-years-of-together-in-song">https://events.humanitix.com/25-years-of-together-in-song</a>.

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Lectionary for Today: 1 September 2024: Song 2: 8 - 13; Ps 45: 1 - 2, 6 - 9; Jas 1:17 - 27; Mk 7:1 - 8,14 - 15, 21 - 23.

Reminder for Stewards: 8 September 2024

Colin Theakstone 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.

<u>Toilets</u> are available through the door front right of the Worship Area or out through the turn around point on the ramp.

<u>Morning tea</u> is held after the service – we hope you will join with us.

## 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.

For all general matters other than pastoral care, please contact the **Church Office** as follows:

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