



Uniting Church in Australia
SEACLIFF WEEKLY NEWS
Sunday 3 November 2024
PENTECOST 24



The Greatest Commandment

²⁸ One of the teachers of the law came and heard them debating. Noticing that Jesus had given them a good answer, he asked him, “Of all the commandments, which is the most important?”

²⁹ “The most important one,” answered Jesus, “is this: ‘Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. ³⁰ Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.’ ³¹ The second is this: ‘Love your neighbour as yourself.’^[c] There is no commandment greater than these.”

³² “Well said, teacher,” the man replied. “You are right in saying that God is one and there is no other but him. ³³ To love him with all your heart, with all your understanding and with all your strength, and to love your neighbour as yourself is more important than all burnt offerings and sacrifices.”³⁴ When Jesus saw that he had answered wisely, he said to him, “You are not far from the kingdom of God.” And from then on no one dared ask him any more questions.

This Week.

Book Club 1.30 pm Wednesday 6th November

Meditation Group 2pm Thursday 7th November

What's News

Special Morning Tea

This morning, Church Council is putting on a special morning tea to officially welcome Graham and Christine Sturdy to Seacliff UC. Come along, enjoy a delicious morning tea and chat with the Sturdys' after Graham's first service today. *Annette*

Annual General Meeting

A reminder that the first part of our AGM, for the elections to positions of service and leadership, will be conducted next week on **Sunday 10th November**. The nomination sheets for 2025 have been available for a couple of weeks now and can still be received at the meeting.

In addition to the elections, the agenda will include:

- A first preliminary 2025 budget
- A report from JNC re the placements process
- Information about preaching arrangements, and "special" Sundays / events.

As the next day is the 11th, Remembrance Day, I would like to start the meeting at **10.55** so that we can observe the Minute's Silence for the day at 11.00 am. *Max*

Meditation - Come and Try

The meditation group will meet again next Thursday 7th November at 2pm in the middle hall. All welcome to come and experience peace and stillness with us - no previous experience of meditation required. *Maureen*

Seacliff Uniting Church Christmas Dinner

New Venue - Brighton & Seacliff Yacht Club 246 Esplanade Seacliff. **Date** - Tuesday December 3 **Time**- 6:00pm for 6:30 start
Cost - \$55 per person (3 courses) **Contact** – Annette Craven 0438664100 Everyone Welcome. Book your seat now. Receipts available on payment. *Annette*

Outdoor Bookcase

On behalf of Church Council I thank Josie for her idea and initiative to repair and re-use the wooden Bookcase (from Marino) for public use. Thanks also to Harry for repainting and repairing it and to James for helping attach it to the wall at the front, have a look this morning if you like. Let's all support Josie and see how it works.

David



Our New Street Library 📖

Exciting News.....

Thanks to the very generous donation of a sturdy library from the Marino Community Centre, the painting skills of Harry, the woodworking skills of James and the combined building skills of these two men, our new street library has been installed in the corner outside the middle hall and the foyer. An ideal spot, sheltered from the weather, discreet but easily accessed and close to Garth's seat to make for comfortable browsing....and Joy's seat is just around the corner in the garden.

We will be 'seeding' the library with some books from the last of 'Bob's Big Book Sale(s)' held in June this year but will need more to get it fully stocked. Please feel free to add good quality books you no longer need. Once the local community discovers it, it will be self supporting. Many thanks to those involved in helping to get this up and running.

Josie

Book Club

Hullo everyone. Another month, another get-together.

Book Club will be at Gail's home next **Wednesday 6th November** at **1.30 pm**. Hope you can be there.

As well as discussing *Mrs Mullberry* we will also discuss the venue for next month's meeting. As it will be the last for the year shall we make it a lunchtime meeting as per past years? And any thoughts on where?

Josie

Working Bee in November

Please be aware that a working Bee is planned for **Friday 22nd November**. Amongst other jobs, we will be repainting the lines in the Carpark. The Car Park will be closed on that day. Please put that date in your diary.

Geoff

Election Day Stall - Saturday 16th November

A by-election out of the blue! Seacliff UC is usually a polling booth for both State and Federal elections and we normally run fund raising stalls on the day. This time we have just 3 weeks notice to organise something.

So... there will be a Trading Table of some sort - cakes, jam, produce, plants, bits of craft etc.

If you can help with baking, jam, craft items or something from the garden it would be most appreciated! Likewise an offer of a bit of your time to help look after the stall on the day would also be appreciated. See Maureen for more information and to offer help.

Maureen

Cogs N coffee

Wed was a glorious day for a ride, and 12 of us ventured to Breeze a coffee shop on the esplanade at Aldinga. The scenery along the esplanade was spectacular. Thanks to Des who guided us down to the Star of Greece. Next week's ride 8.30am at shops for ride to Plant 4.

Brian



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Worship Leader for Today: Rev. Graham Sturdy HC
Lectionary for Today: 3 November 2024: Ru 1: 1 - 18;
Ps: 146; Heb 9: 11 - 14; Mk 12: 28 - 34.
Reminder for Stewards: **10 November 2024**
Colin Theakstone Geoff Craven

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.

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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