



Uniting Church in Australia  
**SEACLIFF WEEKLY NEWS**

Sunday 15 April 2018  
Easter 3

**Love is in the air!**

The joy of the Lord Jesus be with you all.

*And also with you.*



Jesus came and stood among them. They were shaken and frightened. They thought they were seeing a ghost. But Jesus said; “Why are your upset, why do doubts take over your minds.

It is I myself. Touch me and see for yourselves.”

*They were dumbfounded and were filled with joy when they saw the Lord. It seemed too good to be true.*

Lift up the light of your face upon us, O Lord!

There is more joy in my heart than those who feast on abundant food and wine.

*You alone, my Lord, enable us to live in complete security.*

*In peace I can lie down, and in perfect peace I can go to sleep,*

**Bruce Prewer ..... Used with permission.**

**Welcome to Seacliff Uniting Church!**

*If you are new to the area, visiting friends or family, or on a holiday, to you we extend a warm welcome, and invite you to share fully in worship and fellowship.*

*Our Minister is Peter Moss ☎ 8381 2943*

## **This Week at Seacliff**

**MovieMates TBA**

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> April**

**Men's Dinner for April 6.30pm Wed. 18<sup>th</sup> April**

**M&M's**

**10am Friday 20<sup>th</sup> April**

### **What's News**

#### **High Tea in Support of School Chaplains**

You are invited to get together with some friends and come and enjoy a high tea at The Corner Uniting Church (cnr Diagonal and Oaklands Roads Warradale) on **Sat 5<sup>th</sup> May at 2pm**. The cost is a very reasonable **\$10 plus a personal product donation per person**. The personal product is something for putting in a hamper given by a chaplain to a family in crisis. Suggested suitable items include deodorant, soap, body wash, body lotion, shampoo, conditioner, tooth paste, tooth brush. **Bookings are essential. Contact Dianne Schroeder 0439 066 470.**

Money raised will go towards extra hours for chaplains and the cost of Christian Seminars which they use in their schools.

Peter

#### **Church Fair 2018**

On the last Saturday in October this year a Church Fair is being organised in the hall and tables will be available to the church community and the general community, to sell any products that they produce. This is a preliminary notice and updates will appear regularly, but we encourage you to consider being part of this fair, and also spread the word to friends who would like to be involved. We would also like to encourage men to be part of this day displaying and/or selling their goods as we would like to create a "Secret Mens' Business" area also!! If you don't want a table but are happy to be creative, the church will have a few tables (plants, produce, Christmas gifts etc etc) and you are invited to contribute to these. We are also looking for items that could be raffled on the day. Proceeds raised will be put towards our Mission project and church maintenance.

For further information please talk with Delia Lane, Maureen Howland, Heather Gepp, Josie Keavy or Libby Dixon.



## Notes from the Treasurer

### **Christmas Bowl aka 'Act for Peace' Appeal**

At last, we have been able to do a final tally for this annual appeal as follows:

Cash (via special envelopes)	\$1082.85
Cheques	\$230.00
Credit Card payments	<u>\$250.00</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>\$1562.85</u></b>

This is a great effort by our church and I am sure will go to support some very worthy causes. I apologise that this has not been finalised until now and suggest that in future years we will only be able to accept contributions to this Appeal until the end of January.

### **UCA Appeal for earthquakes in PNG**

As was agreed at the AGM, your Church Council has instructed me to send \$1507 to help support reconstruction following the earthquakes in PNG. In addition, those attending Takeus2 on Sunday contributed a further \$393 making a total of **\$1900** and all of this money has now been forwarded via a special UCA Appeal.

### **Takeus2 PNG**

Last Sunday evening we had a record crowd of 50 to see and hear about the years that Brian and Heather spent working as missionaries in PNG. To add to the 'feel' of the evening we had some electrical problems and really needed a good hydroelectric generator! Donations were invited to help recovery after the recent earthquakes and these totaled \$393 which has been forwarded. If anyone knows anyone who has lived and worked in a similar situation and might be able to offer us some cultural/historical insights at another Takeus2, please see me.

### **Camp Report**

The annual camp will be held at Dunbarr, near Strathalbyn, on May 25-27. Our cut-off date has passed and I have received 23 registration and deposits with another 7 pending. A planning meeting of participants will be held on the evening of May 1<sup>st</sup> (time and venue not yet decided) and if you would like to be involved please let me know asap.

*David*

## **Cogs n Coffee**

Riding plans were changed due to a forecast hot day, down to Grange instead. Meet at 8.30am at Wattle Reserve for next weeks ride.

Brian

## **Men's Dinner for April**

The men's dinner for this month will be at the **Glenelg Football Club Bistro on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> April** at 6.30 for 7pm. For transport, contact Arthur Tucker 8298 0688.

## **Seacliff Uniting Church Council**

### **Report to the Congregation from the meeting of Tues 10<sup>th</sup> April.**

We spent a little time reflecting on some of the good things that have been happening in the congregation over the last few months:

- The work that's been completed around the property;
- The Lenten Studies – difficult at times but very worthwhile for those who engaged with them;
- The support given for emergency appeals both locally and further afield;
- A growing level of engagement with our local community.
- Regarding our Mission Project for this year – the church building for the Oodnadatta Faith Community – there's an excellent article on p8 of the current *New Times*.
- The sum of \$1900 is being forwarded to UnitingWorld for assistance to the church in PNG following the earthquakes there: that sum is made up of \$1500 from election-day stalls and \$400 from TakeUs2 last Sunday.

Yes, there are some challenges ahead, not least the transition to a new congregational life in the period following the end of Peter's time with us. There are resourcing challenges for us, and also one that we have taken on as our own conscious choice, namely the intention to providing of a chaplaincy service to the Netball Club. It's an exciting time to be part of this congregation.

### **Recent changes**

- Annette Craven and Josie Keavy both received the endorsement of the congregation at the recent election for membership of Church Council. We thank them for their

commitment to this role; there will be a formal commissioning soon, on a date convenient for all involved.

- The handover to David Greig as Treasurer is complete; David is rapidly finding his feet, and, in his own words, “looking forward to the challenge”.
- Peter has been our congregation’s rep to meetings of our Network, the Community Outreach Mission Network. We will need a new person to fill that role: if that person might be you and you would like to know more, please speak to me about it.

### ***Current matters***

Plans for Church Camp are well under way, and a programme planning meeting is scheduled for May 1<sup>st</sup>. We’re in a new place this year – Glenbarr, at Strathalbyn – and looking forward to opportunities the new venue provides, alongside the essential things that never change!!

The process has begun for appointing a person to provide Intentional Interim Ministry after the end of July. In connection with that, Andrew Telfer will be Acting Chairperson of CC while the Chairperson is away in May [and you will recall that David Greig will fill that role for the Congregation].

Work Health and Safety: this is a matter that is always before us, because it is in fact too easy to slip into “bad habits”, or to think that we can still do the physical activities we used to do easily 30 years ago!!

So please be on the lookout for information that comes out from time to time; we are all responsible for looking after each other – and part of that is to look after ourselves, so that we don’t cause distress to other people when they find us injured or find out that we have been hurt.

***A couple of diary dates*** (well ahead yet):

Sunday July 29: a farewell for Peter and Lyn – precise details TBA, but note the date.

Saturday October 27: a Craft / Hobbies Day – details still being finalised, but put this date in your diary as well.

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Worship Leader for Today: Rev Peter Moss

Lectionary for Today: Easter 3: 15 April, Acts 3:12-19

Ps 4,, 1 Jn 3:1-7, Lk 24:36b-48.

.Reminder for Stewards 22.4.2018

Warwick Gardener      Brian Gepp

### **Welcome to our Church.**

There are a few 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.

Children normally leave for the children's programme after the children's talk during the Service. More information is available from the Steward's Table and displays scattered around "The Middle Hall".

### **Items for the Newsletter**

Please email items to.

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[m](mailto:m) and seacliffuc-churchoffice@adam.com.au by 9.30am on Wednesdays. If you do not have access to email, please phone or call in at the church office and it will be forwarded for you.

### **Contact Details – Peter Moss**

Peter is at the office in Wheatland House - Tuesdays, Fridays, and usually Wednesday or Thursday mornings; Office : 8296 1517. If he's not in the office, you are welcome to ring him at home and leave a message if he's not there. Home : 8381 2943 Email: [peter.moss.534@gmail.com](mailto:peter.moss.534@gmail.com)

### **Church Office Information**

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