



Uniting Church in Australia
SEACLIFF WEEKLY NEWS
Sunday 10 February 2019
Epiphany 5

PSALM 138

From the bottom of my heart, I thank you, Holy Friend,
for you have heard my much asking.

In the presence of angels, I sing your praises,
I bow down and give thanks in your sacred Presence.

I will praise your love and fidelity,
your word is too wonderful to describe.

On the day when I shouted for help, you heard me,
you gave me new, inner strength.

All world rulers should praise you, loving Friend,
when they hear what you have to say.

They shall sing of your wonderful ways,
for your glory is blindingly awesome!

You, high and holy Friend, smile on the poor,
while from far away you note the arrogant.

Though I live surrounded by troubles,
you give me full life; to the annoyance of my foes.

Your hand reaches out to rescue and heal me,
you continue your many plans for me.

Loving Friend, your love endures forever,
you do not give up on what you have made.

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.

This Week at Seacliff

**Women's Night F/ship
M&M's**

**6.30pm Wed.13th February
10am Friday 15th January**

What's News

WOMENS NIGHT FELLOWSHIP

On **Wednesday, next, 13th February**, we meet for our first meeting together for 2019, and we will have to **"Keep Your Hat On"**. To start the year, we will be sharing in a meal and we ask that members of Executive and Green Group bring a savory plate of food and the blue and yellow groups bring a sweet.

Also, we are asked to bring along any hats you might have (no matter how old or wearable they are) so we can have some stories about them.

Mary has threatened that there will be a Quiz so check all the facts you can find about "HATS". **Our meal starts at 6:30pm** and anyone who would like to join our group will be most welcome.

Any questions you may have can be directed to Von Bollinger – 82966790.

Men's Dinner for February

The first Men's Dinner for 2019 will take place on **Wednesday 20th February** with the venue the **Seacliff Beach Hotel, 221 Esplanade, Seacliff**. Meet at 6.30pm for a 7pm start. For information or transport, contact Dene Goldsack on 8296 1046.

Reminder - Takeus2 Evening on Sunday March 3rd

Everyone is warmly invited to the first Takeus2 evening on **Sunday March 3rd at 6:45pm** (please note change of time). There will be no evening meal provided but a sumptuous supper will be served during interval.

Annette and Geoff Craven mob 0438664100

Cogs n Coffee

15 of us did the ride to Grange, we are still waiting for the new ebike to appear. Next week's ride - up the tram line to the city, meeting at Wattle Reserve at 8.30am.

Brian

CHURCH COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Today, the 10th February 2019.

Nominees for election to Church Council are:

- **Margaret Davidson 2 years**
- **Maxine Gardiner 2 years**
- **Josie Keavy 1 year**
- **Denise Philips 1 year**
- **Rosemary Thomson 3 years**
- **Dennis Wood 2 years**

We have the capacity for all the nominated people to take their place on Church Council. However, nominees are not elected unopposed – each person needs to receive the positive support of the congregation, as indicated by receiving the support of the majority of those who vote.

ROSEMARY THOMSON, Congregation Secretary

Supply Ministry at Seacliff

I am delighted to be able to advise that, following a conversation with Church Council and a brief follow-up with me, **Rev Gary Stuckey** has accepted our invitation to provide Supply Ministry for us, on a 0.5-time basis. Gary will start with us on **March 1st** (it suits admin stuff beyond us to start that day) and go through until late June. He will be available to lead Lenten studies from the week beginning March 4th, and his first service here will be March 10th – which will also be the date when newly- and re-elected members of Church Council will be commissioned.

Congregation meeting – February 24th

This is to advise that a meeting of the Congregation will be conducted on **Sunday February 24th**.

There will be important decisions to be made, including: our 2019 Mission Project, receiving the latest financial information, Lenten Study arrangements, follow-up from the property management survey of 2 weeks ago, and a report for official purposes of the result of the Church Council election. Please plan to attend if at all possible.

Congregation Profile document

As indicated a while ago, I have copies of the Congregational Profile document this morning – this is a basic starting point for the process of calling a minister to Seacliff on a long-term basis. There are 15 or so copies of each of the 5 sections.

Everyone is invited, over the next 2-3 weeks or longer if necessary, to fill out a section (or more if you wish) of the form. *These will not be formal meetings* but an opportunity to contribute to the picture of us that goes to the Placements team. You can leave as early as you wish or stay for an extended time – there won't be a formal structure to the time.

I earnestly invite you to take the opportunity to be part of this process of informing the wider church about us.

Lenten Study

Thank you to all of you who have indicated your interest in participating in the Lenten Study this year.

The study is ***Led by the Spirit***, by Robert Bos, acclaimed Australian author. Rev Gary Stuckey is delighted to have the opportunity to lead a group (or both groups) in the study.

Before you go home today, though, please see me so that we can find times [probably 2 groups] to suit the most possible people.

It looks like we'll need a daytime group and a night time one – please let me know your preferences and unavailabilities [if there's such a word!].

From Max

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Worship Leader for Today: Max Howland
Lectionary for T5day: 10 February 2019: **Is 6: 1-8;**
Ps 138; 1 Cor 13; 1-11; Lk 5: 1-11.
Reminder for Stewards: **17.2.2019**
Dave Rickard John Bollinger

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. More information is available from the Steward's Table and displays scattered around "The Middle Hall".

Items for the Newsletter

Please email items to
newsletter@seacliffuc.org
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.

Interim Ministerial oversight
under arrangement.

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