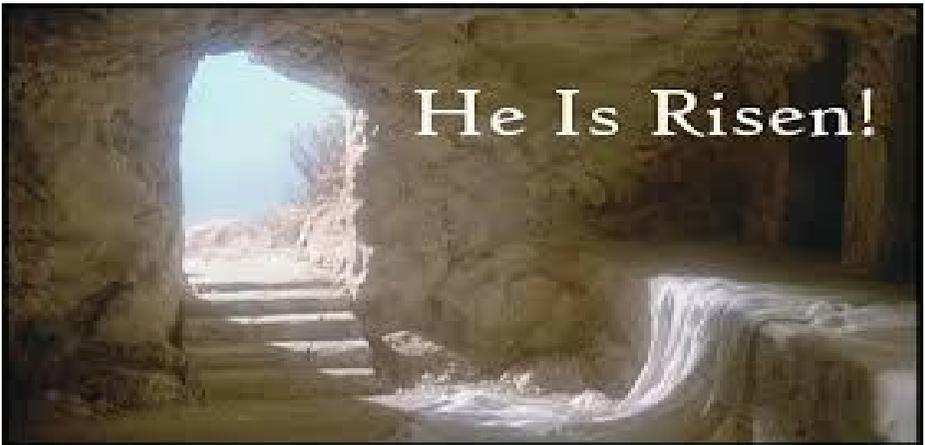




Uniting Church in Australia
SEACLIFF WEEKLY NEWS
Sunday 12 April 2020
EASTER DAY



Jesus Appears to Mary Magdalene

¹¹ Now Mary stood outside the tomb crying. "They have taken my Lord away," she said, "and I don't know where they have put him." ¹⁴ At this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus. ¹⁵ He asked her, "Woman, why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?" Thinking he was the gardener, she said, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him." ¹⁶ Jesus said to her, "Mary."

John 20:

1-18

Welcome to the Seacliff Uniting Church web site

If you are new to the area, visiting friends or family, we extend a warm welcome, and invite you to follow our on-line activities in worship and fellowship. Our Minister is Rev. Gary Stuckey.

What's News

FROM THE MINISTER

Online Worship

From Sunday April 5th there will be a video service from Seacliff available online. (The printed material will still go out as before.) All you will have to do is go to the Seacliff UC website www.seacliffuc.net and click on a link you will find there.

Leave

I will be on leave from 13th April to the 4th May. As I will now not be going away, if there is a pastoral or urgent situation which arises please feel free to contact me.

And lastly, thank you to all those who are working away at helping us keep together as best we are able as a community. I look forward to the time when we can be physically together again.

Peace

Gary Stuckey (Rev)

Interim Arrangements for your Offerings

May I encourage everyone to continue to make regular **Offerings** to support the work of our Church in the coming weeks/months:

1. Can I suggest the best way is to deposit directly into the **Church account: BSB. 015220 Acc. 603002697**
2. Furthermore, can people making such deposits, who usually give by envelope, please identify themselves by envelope number or name when they make the deposit and I will duly inform Colin Theakstone, who is the (confidential) recorder.
3. Alternatively, these envelopes may be delivered to me personally, one way or the other.
4. Another possibility is that people may wish to accumulate their offerings at home (possibly as part of 'virtual' worship on Sunday

mornings) until, at last, 'on the other side', we are able to gather together for Worship once again.

5. Obviously, those of us who use e-give will continue to do so in the weeks and months ahead, so thank you.

A reminder that for those people with Accounts that need to be paid, please post them to me at: **Villa 116/28 King George Ave., Hove 5048** or scan and email to treasurer@seacliffuc.org please. I will attend to them asap. Blessings to us all, David Greig (Treasurer) On behalf of Church Council.

Easter this year – a note from the Chairperson

Perhaps you are wondering how you can mark Good Friday and Easter this year in the context of no formal worship. Or perhaps it has occurred to you that we in our situation now are in almost the same position as Jesus' first disciples – an established, familiar order collapsed, and little or no idea what the future will be. Well an armed guard couldn't keep Jesus confined – his new life was beyond anything that humans could do to restrain him.

So, what might this be saying about the Church, *our* church? Which of the new ways we are doing things now will continue, and which will fade away, despite their demonstrated value, when we think we don't need them anymore?

Here is the link to the Uniting Church website, which has many resources. If you're reading this in an email, you should be able to click on it and go straight to the website. Otherwise you'll need to type it in a search box

<https://sa.uca.org.au/documents/resources-board/Being-the-Church-in-Ungathered-Times.pdf>

Adelaide West, The Corner, Pilgrim and Blackwood are among those listed.

The situation for us at Seacliff

It's true that this is a painful event for us. At a personal level, the absence of personal contact, the ability to shake hands and hug, even to see each other, is quite trying.

At a financial level, as a congregation we are going to take a hit – about 1/6 of our annual income, some \$20 000, is the treasurer's calculation.

But for us it's not a crisis. For some congregations it is, but we are not in that place. It is painful for us, and yet it may still be that we will find ourselves in the position where we are able to offer assistance or care in one form or another for another congregation.

The reason we are better placed than some is the high proportion of our people who contribute financially via eGive and direct debit. If you are not part of that programme, because you prefer to make your contribution on Sunday mornings, we ask you for the time being to consider contributing to Seacliff Church by making electronic transfer payments to the church account: **BSB. 015220; Account no. 603002697**. So that we can know who has made contributions, please put your name or envelope number in the ID space.

So I pray God's blessings on us all at this time. Please take advantage of the resources that are made available for you: the print notes, the video, and the other resources available to those of us who have the technology.

Other resources come across my desk from time to time: I have a wonderful set of services for Thursday – Friday – Saturday this week: contact me if you would like to receive them. Max.

Seacliff Community Fair – Late October

This self isolation we are observing has a silver lining - it can be a time of amazing creativity. Bob is out in his shed making wooden bells and Brian is learning how to make scones!! Is anyone else making things or learning new skills while we have this time of enforced rest?

I am overseeing the gifts/upcycled/homewares table at the fair and hope to stock it with items such as:

- Christmas decorations
- Christmas gifts

- children's items
- upcycled items
- homewares
- cards
- and anything more we can think of!!

If you would like to spend time making items for this table, that would be fantastic. If you want any further information, or can share an idea, just contact Heather Gepp 0417 641 098

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Sunday morning worship suspended see Church website

Lectionary for Today: **12 April 2020: Act 10: 34 - 43;**
Ps 118:1 - 2, 14 - 2; Col 3: 1-4; Jn 20: 1 - 18.

Church Office Closure

Please be advised that the Church Office has closed for the foreseeable future. The phone will be monitored remotely so messages can be left, and emails can be sent to office@seacliffuc.org which will also be monitored remotely. Our church website will be continually updated with the current weekly newsletter and monthly Outlook which will keep us informed of our church life.

Items for the Newsletter

Please email items to:
newsletter@seacliffuc.org
by 6.00pm on Wednesdays.
If you do not have access to email, please phone the church office and it will be forwarded for you.

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