



Uniting Church in Australia
SEACLIFF WEEKLY NEWS
Sunday 5 April 2020
PALM SUNDAY

As we journey through Lent

Lent 6- "Love Brings Peace". Jesus' entry into Jerusalem is a proclamation of peace and call for those who follow him to be peace makers in our world. Rev. Gary Stuckey\



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.

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

Greetings all and I hope you are keeping well. There are a few matters I wanted to share with you.

Online Group

Hopefully all of you have received the printed service material for last week, a practice that we will maintain as long as the current situation lasts. You may have noticed that at the end of the 'service' there were suggestions for reflection.

There is the opportunity to share your thoughts with others or just read others thoughts (you don't have to put anything on there) by joining an online reflection group.

All you need to do is let me know you'd like to join and I will add you to the group. How it works is that I will send out a group email each week and all you have to do, if you want to put something on there, is hit the 'reply all' button. I start a new thread each week so that the email doesn't grow too big. Let me know if you'd like to be a part of this: gstu@internode.on.net

Online Worship

From Sunday April 5th there will be a video service from Seacliff available online. Thanks to a couple of our tech people, Ray and Arthur, with the help of a couple of others each week we are able to offer this. (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.

Ancient Wisdom

Also on the website, and thank you to Rosemary for enabling this, you will find a short reflection piece called Ancient Wisdom. We are not the first people to experience the sort of situation in which we find ourselves and those who have been there before us may have some wisdom to help us. The first piece is on Julian of Norwich. She lived at the time of the Black Plague and I think her reflection on this experience may be helpful.

Being Present

This is a Blog site of my friend Ann Siddall. She had a recent post that reflected on the times we are in and offers spiritual resources for us on our way through. You can find it at:

<https://beingpresent.home.blog/2020/03/>

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.

MESSAGE FROM CHICAGO

Many of you will remember Revd John Rodgers, who was our exchange Minister in 2012. When he received "Seacliff Outlook" he sent the following email:

Thank you very much for this posting. We are also hunkered down and staying home though we did get to Hawaii in early March.

Now it is home. Fortunately, we are fine and so are kids though many others are not so lucky. Our thoughts and prayers go out to all at Seacliff. Please pass along our blessings and fond remembrances to all. John

Cogs n Coffee

In case you have not heard, **Cogs n Coffee** are in recess. But someone was seen at Seaford Station having to make running repairs. Cheers. Brian



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Sunday morning worship suspended see Church website

Lectionary for Today: **5 April 2020: Is 50: 4 - 19a;**
Ps 118:1 - 2, 19 - 29; Phil 2: 5 –11; Mat 21: 1 - 11.

Our Church., when worship returns.

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 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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Church Office Information

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