



Uniting Church in Australia
SEACLIFF WEEKLY NEWS
Sunday 17 May 2020
EASTER 6



Acts 17: 24-28

²⁴“The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples built by human hands. ²⁵And he is not served by human hands, as if he needed anything. Rather, he himself gives everyone life and breath and everything else.²⁶From one man he made all the nations, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he marked out their appointed times in history and the boundaries of their lands. ²⁷God did this so that they would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from any one of us. ²⁸‘For in him we live and move and have our being.’^(a) As some of your own poets have said, ‘We are his offspring.’^(b)

- 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

Until in-church assembly returns, there will be a video service from Seacliff available online. All you will have to do is go to the Seacliff UC website www.seacliffuc.net and click on the link .

Gary Stuckey (Rev.)

CHURCH COUNCIL NEWS

- As a Uniting Church Community, we have spent nearly 8 weeks doing some of our normal activities in a very different way. We have faced challenges and made changes in both our personal and church lives. People have been creative, generous, kind and innovative in handling these changes. I am thankful for your patience and want to assure you that the Church Council is actively monitoring the state and federal government responses and will inform you when there are changes as we begin to transition back to face-to-face worship services.
- In the easing of COVID-19 restrictions, which began on the 11th May, there will be **no changes to the Seacliff Worship Services**. The Worship Service, with an expanded worship team (10), will continue to be videoed each week. The worship resources will keep on being emailed to you and uploaded to the website every Thursday.
- Due to the easing of restrictions small group gatherings of no more than ten can be held in the church buildings. At our Church Council meeting on Tuesday we made the decision to offer to our Seacliff Uniting Church Community two different times when our community members can have the opportunity to gather in groups of ten and chat about COVID-19 joys and challenges. The gatherings will begin next Tuesday, **19th May at 2pm and Wednesday, 20th May at 10am in the Seacliff Uniting Church middle hall**. Bible study and/or prayer can be offered in these groups. Please come along with ideas. The Synod Crisis Management team has suggested that refreshments should not be served in gatherings.

However, you can bring your own thermos and something to munch on. A Church Leader will guide you through discussions.

- If you are in the more vulnerable group, over 80 years of age and/or have a chronic health condition, as an alternative to gathering in a small group it is recommended that you have pastoral care visit.

If you are interested in the small group gathering or a pastoral care visit, please contact Rev. Gary Stuckey, Mobile 0488 017 187, or Annette Craven, Mobile 0438 664 100 .

Annette Craven - Church Council Chairperson

A note from Colin

Please let everyone know (no rush, any convenient communication), that I have some garlic cloves suitable for planting out. They are not the common small 'paper wrapped' cloves you buy at the supermarket but the larger 'native', 'Kangaroo Island', 'Russian', who knows what, type. Very rewarding to have in the vege patch.

If anyone would like some, call Colin Theakstone, on either 82968866 or 0438934698 and arrange a suitably soc./dist. safe delivery.

Regards, Colin

From UC E-News

Prayer Points

This week we pray for:

- All those taking action for the whole creation over the next few weeks in Climate Action initiatives and any other way they are able.
- Health workers and other essential service providers who continue to provide vital care and support to the most vulnerable.
- Churches in the Northern Territory including congregations in our UCA Northern Synod who will be preparing for the possibility of face-to-face Sunday worship with physical distancing and hygiene measures from 17 May.

From the General Secretary, Rev Felicity Amery, to Congregations and other ministries

The government has made available a

COVID-19 Safe Mobile APP.

While it is your personal decision whether or not to download the APP on your phone, we are encouraging all staff, employees and members of the church to do so. This action will further support our commitment to keeping the community safe.



Annette Craven

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Sunday morning worship now online see Church website:
www.seacliffuc.net.

Lectionary for Today: **17 May 2020: Acts 17: 22 - 31;**
Ps 66: 8-20; 1Pt 3: 13 5– 22; Jn 14: 15- 21.

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.

Our Minister is Rev. Gary Stuckey.

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Church Office Information

Closed until further notice

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