



Uniting Church in Australia
SEACLIFF WEEKLY NEWS
Sunday 2 August 2020
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Now Thank We All Our God!

Dear Friends,

The day to which we have been looking forward is here when we can regather to worship together. I thank Annette, Rosemary and Max who helped plan this service and thank you too, to all who have assisted in any way.

Our desire was to make this a truly celebratory time!

As a part of the service, we have chosen to use the hymn, "Now thank we all our God." The reason is that it is a hymn that was especially composed for times like those we have been experiencing.

The hymn was written by Martin Rinckart , who was the minister of the Lutheran Church in Eilenburg, in Saxony (Germany). During most of his time there (1618-1648), the Thirty Years War raged. Eilenburg, being a walled town, became a refuge for people from the surrounding country. As a result of subsequent overcrowding, plague ravaged the town. During Rinckart's time, some 8000 people died and on some days he conducted 40-50 funerals.

With the end of the war, the Elector of Saxony ordered Thanksgiving Services be held and directed the clergy to use the text from Ecclesiasticus (a book in the Apocrypha): "Now bless ye the God of all, who everywhere does great things..." Rinckart wrote his hymn around these verses.

We, similarly, express our gratitude as we sing these words.

Gary Stuckey (Rev)

Welcome to Seacliff Uniting Church!

As we gather again in our Worship Centre at Seacliff, we extend a warm welcome, inviting you to share in worship and fellowship within the Covid-19 precautions at this time.

This Week at Seacliff

Yarn Sisters

10am Thursday 6th August

What's News

TakeUs2

Unfortunately, for many of us, travel plans have been cancelled and, of course, we have not been able to meet in Church so TakeUs2 has been suspended. We have also decided not have a September meeting but are planning one meeting for the rest of this year on Sunday 11th October. (*Note this is to avoid school holidays and is not the first Sunday*).

Takeus2 has been running for (almost) ten years so we are planning a special celebratory evening, with a different format, where we can "Go Around the World in Ninety Minutes" using slides and memories from the last ten years.

Planning is still under way but we hope to include a shared meal and the opportunity for any members of the group to discuss any ideas for the future. Of course, more details will be available nearer the time when we know what COVID restrictions will apply at the time.

This will be a very special evening, so please put **Sunday evening 11th October** in your diary.

Geoff Lister and David

Yarn Sisters

Yarn Sisters will meet at the Seacliff Surf Lifesaving Club on **Thursday 6th August at 10.00am**. Looking forward to returning to our local cafe for our get together. Everyone is welcome to join us.

Heather

Cogs n Coffee

A big welcome to Gordon Hampton who joined us for his first ride for a long long time.

Wed ride was conducted differently with three of us doing a shortened ride to INC due to fitness and health reasons.

The other eleven did the ride to Pt Adelaide with coffee at the Law.

Next weeks ride is to Willunga catching the 9.06am train from Seacliff.

Brian

Men's Dinner

The August Men's Dinner for 2020 is booked for **Wednesday 19th August** at the Flagstaff Hotel, 1503 South road, Flagstaff Hill. Meet at 6.30pm for a 7pm start. For information or transport, contact Dene on 8296 1046.

Our Worship Service today – From the Church Council Newsletter

As you come into the church there will be an opportunity to place your offering in a bowl. The duty stewards will assist you with seating. The Newsletter will be available at the door.

Holy Communion will be celebrated and served to you in your seat during the service. We also hope you will stand and sing with gusto some of the wonderful old hymns we have missed during this COVID-19 time.

After the service, Morning Cuppa, a time to enjoy some fellowship, will be served in the large hall. Soap box will also happen at this time.

Again, I want to assure you that keeping you safe and comfortable is our priority. We will be implementing and following recommended social distancing guidelines and sanitizing. However, you will be able to sit next to your loved ones. Signing in for tracing purposes is also compulsory. It is recommended that people refrain from shaking hands and hugging until safe to do so.

If you are unwell or do not feel comfortable returning to church just yet, a video/DVD will be available on request and can be provided after the service.

Finally, thank you again for showing so much love, support and kindness to each other and that as a community we can continue doing so as we move into the future with hope in our hearts.

Stay safe and stay well, Blessings

Annette Craven

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Worship Leader for Today: **Rev. Gary Stuckey HC**
Lectionary for Today: **9 February 2020: Gn 32: 22- 31;**
Ps 17: 1-7,15; Rom 9: 1 - 5; Mt 14: 13 - 21.

Reminder for Stewards: 9 August 2020
Dave Rickard Von 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.

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