



**Uniting Church in Australia**  
**SEACLIFF WEEKLY NEWS**  
**Sunday 15 November 2020**  
**PENTECOST 24**



## **The Parable of the Bags of Gold**      **Mat 25: 24-**

**30** <sup>24</sup> "Then the man who had received one bag of gold came. 'Master,' he said, 'I knew that you are a hard man, harvesting where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered seed.'<sup>25</sup> So I was afraid and went out and hid your gold in the ground. See, here is what belongs to you.'<sup>26</sup> "His master replied, 'You wicked, lazy servant! So you knew that I harvest where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered seed?'<sup>27</sup> Well then, you should have put my money on deposit with the bankers, so that when I returned I would have received it back with interest.'<sup>28</sup> "So take the bag of gold from him and give it to the one who has ten bags.<sup>29</sup> For whoever has will be given more, and they will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what they have will be taken from them.<sup>30</sup> And throw that worthless servant outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

### **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. Our Minister is Rev. Gary Stuckey.

## **This Week at Seacliff**

**Men's Dinner**

**6.30pm Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> November**

### **What's News**

#### **Advent Reflection**

Believe it or not Advent is just two weeks away. Like Lent, Advent, in leading up to Christmas, is one of those times of year that invites reflection on the events we are celebrating. We know that the time leading up to Christmas can be busy and the significance of the season can easily pass us by.

If you would like to take a more gentle approach to the season why not be a part of this year's Advent Reflections at Seacliff? I will be planning for two groups to meet: **Tuesday Dec 1, 8 and 15 at 10:30am and Thursday Dec 3, 10, 17 at 2:00pm**. We will meet in the middle hall.

The focus of the reflections will be the scripture texts set for the Sunday's of Advent. I hope you can join in. Gary Stuckey

**The Annual General Meeting to conduct Elections for positions of service for the 2021 year will be held on**

**SUNDAY, 29<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2020. starting at 11 am.**

*The list of this year's officers is attached to the door of the middle hall cupboard.* (taken down SUNDAY, 22<sup>nd</sup> NOV.)

- \* If you are serving this year in any capacity, please indicate whether you are available to continue in that role in 2021.
- \* If there is a position you do not currently fill but for which you would like to offer yourself, please add your name to the list.

ALL elected positions become vacant and are open to anyone who wishes to be nominated at the meeting.

*Please plan to be at the meeting if at all possible.*

Max Howland, Chairperson

#### **Men's Dinner**

The November Men's Dinner will be held on 18th November with the venue **Fasta Pasta, 430 Brighton Road, Brighton**. Meet at 6.30pm for a 7.00 pm start. For information or transport contact Dene Goldsack on 8296 1046. Dene

## **The Great Outback BBQ Thank You**

A note of appreciation was received from Frontier Services thanking Seacliff UC for the generous contribution of \$500 for the support of Aussie farmers who are doing it tough. With this help, someone living in isolation will receive personal support from Frontier Services. Thank you to the people who worked on the BBQ at the Spring Market to create such a successful contribution to this worthy cause.

Annette (on behalf of Church Council)

## **Disaster and Recovery Ministries Chaplaincy Training Days**

Seacliff UC is hosting and catering for this event during the days of Tuesday 17, Wednesday 18 and Thursday 19th November. It would be greatly appreciated if you are able to support this worthy event by giving an hour or two of your time on one of the days or by contributing food for morning and afternoon teas. Thank you to those who have already offered to help.

Annette (Mobile 0438664100)



## **Christmas Dinner**



When – Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> November at 6pm

Where – Seacliff Surf Life Saving Club

What – 3 course meal – menu available - fantastic entertainment

Cost - \$50 – Tickets available now

Performers needed. Friends of the Seacliff UC community most welcome.

Annette and Geoff Craven

## **The BBQ**

Two of the taps and gas valves on the BBB were broken and have now been repaired and tested and is now quite safe to use once again. There is still an issue with the safe and clean collection and disposal of the fat and oil and we need several large (4L) **empty paint tins** with handles please, if you can help please let me or Bob Heywood know.

David

## ITEMS FOR DECEMBER “SEACLIFF OUTLOOK”

Items are needed by Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> November -

To [rosemary.thomson1@bigpond.com](mailto:rosemary.thomson1@bigpond.com). I am sure many of you have a favourite Christmas Carol and I would still like more stories – why is it your favourite, and perhaps, where you first heard it.

Rosemary

### Cogs n Coffee

On what turned out to be a somber ride, twelve of us did the coast to vines trail from Seaford back to Seacliff. We took time out at the coffee shop in Old Reynella for our minutes silence. Next weeks ride will be advised later.

Brian



### The flag problem

My answer to the flag problem posed by Max last week is as follows:

#### Assumptions

- The flag is twice as wide as it is high
- The circle needs to be the same area as black and red
- Let ‘x’ be the height of the flag
- Let ‘y’ be the radius of the circle (and 2y the diameter)

#### Then

$$\pi y^2 = 2x^2/3 \text{ and } \pi y^2 = 0.67x^2$$

Therefore, taking square roots:

$$\sqrt{\pi} y = \sqrt{0.67} x \text{ and } y = 0.82/1.8 x \text{ and } y = 0.46 x$$

This means that the circle is 0.92 of the height and 0.46 of the width of the flag. QED

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Worship Leaders for Today: Rev. Gary Stuckey  
Lectionary for Today: **15 November 2020: Jgs 4: 1 – 7;  
Ps 123 ; 1Thes 5: 1 - 114; Mt 25: 14 - 30.**  
Reminder for Stewards: 22 November 2020  
Dennis Wood                      Pauline Galliford

### 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. According to our **Covid plan**, please note the seating arrangements within the building for your safety.

### Items for the Newsletter

Please email items to [newsletter@seacliffuc.org](mailto:newsletter@seacliffuc.org) by 5pm 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.

### **Our Minister is Rev. Gary Stuckey.**

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### Church Office Information

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