



Uniting Church in Australia
SEACLIFF WEEKLY NEWS
Sunday 23 October 2022
PENTECOST 20



The Parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector

⁹To some who were confident of their own righteousness and looked down on everyone else, Jesus told this parable: ¹⁰“Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector.

¹¹The Pharisee stood by himself and prayed: ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other people—robbers, evildoers, adulterers—or even like this tax collector. ¹²I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get.’

¹³“But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, ‘God, have mercy on me, a sinner.’ ¹⁴“I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home justified before God. For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”

This Week.

TakeUs2

6pm Tonight 23rd October

Adult Fellowship 9.15 am Wednesday 26th Oct.

What's News

Planning for the Future 1

In the most recent issue of Outlook, Max wrote about the forthcoming "Planning for the Future" program. In it he highlighted (among other things) the life of the congregation at Seacliff and the many programs and groups that operate here, the wider mission of the Seacliff UC, and of the need to plan for the future. A part of that was to consider the financial resources needed to enable all we do to happen, but also, he mentioned other ways we can be part of the future at Seacliff. One of those ways is in the offering and sharing of our gifts, skills and talents (and we all have them) in the ministry of Seacliff and beyond.

So, on **Sunday 30th October** we will be celebrating all those wonderful gifts and skills we bring. During the service, there will be the opportunity for you to bring forward and place on the communion table a symbol of a gift or gifts that you can offer. I know many people can be a bit bashful about this- it can seem like we are being a bit egotistical. Might I encourage you to look beyond that feeling and in gratitude to the God who gives us these gifts think about a symbol you could bring forward. It doesn't have to be a big deal. It may be quite simple. For example, musicians could place a music book. Those who do the flowers could place a single flower. People involved in the garden could place a garden tool (not too big a one!) I think you get the idea.

We are all gifted in some way to serve in the continuing ministry of Christ and in this service, we will celebrate your gifts

Gary Stuckey (Rev)

Note from Warwick

Last Sunday at Goolwa UC, there was a gospel service as part of the South Coast Jazz Festival. Rev Dr Lyn Arnold was the preacher. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s4b6FgxRRLM>

Thanks.

Warwick Gardiner

Planning for the Future 2

A reminder that the Planning for the Future programme begins this Sunday, running for three Sundays. Letters for every family will be available at the end of Sunday worship.

Next Sunday, **30th October**, we will be celebrating all those wonderful gifts and skills we bring to serving the ministry of Christ in the Congregation and beyond. We are all invited to bring something to place on or around the communion table, to indicate the ways in which we participate in that ministry. More details during worship this week.

Max

Congregation AGM

A reminder that the AGM will be conducted on **Nov 13th**, starting at about **11.00 am**. This is the meeting at which we elect our office-bearers for next year the list of this year's people will be placed for display this week – please check the positions you currently fill, and indicate whether you are available to continue in those roles.

Max



Flam Railway

TakeUs2

Kay and Grant Brindal (Rosemary's cousins) are taking us to Norway and Germany tonight, **23rd October** in the Church Hall. They will share their travels in Germany, on a cruise up the coast of Norway on a Northern lights tour, the fjords of Norway and aboard the famous Flam Railway. Soup and light dinner at **6.00pm** and supper. Gold coin entry to cover costs. Everyone welcome.

Annette and Geoff

2022 Church Christmas Dinner

The 2022 Church Christmas Dinner will be held on **Wednesday December 7th at 6pm at the Seacliff Surf Lifesaving Club**. The cost is \$60 per person and the 3 course Christmas menu is now available. Please see Annette for advance bookings. All are welcome. Annette and Geoff

Adult Fellowship

Our meeting on Wednesday **October 26th** is the bus trip to the Adelaide Hills. If you have signed up for this trip, we would ask you to meet at the Church at 9.15am. Please would you put your money (\$35) in an envelope with your name on it, and these will be collected before you board the bus. Let's hope for a fine day for the trip!

Rosemary

Christmas Gift Sale

Christmas is fast approaching and our Christmas Gift Shop will be on again this year on **Sunday 4th December**, so we are looking for donations for this event. So, if you would like to cook, sew, or make goodies for this 'shop' we would be very grateful. Don't forget to list the ingredients on cooked items. Proceeds from this 'shop' will be donated towards the church mission projects.

Heather Gepp

Uniting Conversations

As you know, our next event is planned for November 6th from 7-9pm. The topic for our conversation is **"Greening our Homes and Suburbs"**. Would you please take one or two of the flyers for our forthcoming Uniting Conversations and get them pinned up on the community noticeboard at your local supermarket or shopping centre.

Publicity is crucial for creating awareness of these events and your action in doing this will make a significant contribution to our event's success. Thank you, in anticipation, we also look forward to seeing you there!

Jim Winn

Cogs n Coffee

Third time was lucky for us and we had a very pleasant ride following round about tracks to get ourselves to Beckman St. for coffee. Next weeks ride will be to the McLaren Flat bakery. Please note we will be catching the 8.40am train from Seacliff.

Brian



Howard not resisting temptation.

LIONS CHRISTMAS CAKES

Alan and Flora Botting are again selling Lions Club Christmas Cakes and puddings to raise money to help the hungry and homeless. Costs are \$19 for a 1.5kg cake and \$15 for a 1kg cake and puddings and \$2 for the mini cakes. Please see Alan or Flora, add your name to the order form on the notice board or ring Alan on 0418849101.

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Worship Leaders for Today: Max Howland
Lectionary for Today: **23 October 2022: Jl 2 : 23 - 32;**
Ps: 65; 2 Tim 4: 6 – 8, 16 - 18: 5; Lk 18: 9 - 14.
Reminder for Stewards: 30th October 2022
Bob Heywood Brian Gepp

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 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.

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