



Uniting Church in Australia
SEACLIFF WEEKLY NEWS
Sunday 30 October 2022

PENTECOST 21



Zacchaeus the Tax Collector

19 Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. ² A man was there by the name of Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was wealthy. ³ He wanted to see who Jesus was, but because he was short he could not see over the crowd. ⁴ So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-fig tree to see him, since Jesus was coming that way.

⁵ When Jesus reached the spot, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today." ⁶ So he came down at once and welcomed him gladly.

⁷ All the people saw this and began to mutter, "He has gone to be the guest of a sinner." ⁸ But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, "Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount."

⁹ Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham. ¹⁰ For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost."

This Week.

Book Club **1.30pm Wednesday 2nd November**
Yarn Sisters **10 am Thursday 3rd November**
Meditation Time **2pm Thursday 3rd November**
What's News

Gifts Thanksgiving

This morning, Sunday 30th October, 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.

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)

Meditation time

The next meditation session will be on **Thursday, November 3rd at 2.00 p.m.** in the middle hall. For those who would like to stay, there will be afternoon tea following the session and a chance to chat with one another. This will be the final meditation session for 2022.

Gary Stuckey (Rev)

Planning for the Future

Thank you to everyone for your engagement with our Planning for the Future programme. A reminder that next Sunday, Nov 6th, is the day we would like to have your responses returned, for dedication during the worship service.

A note to clarify: I spoke last week about the sum set aside for capital works (\$15, 000). It's on the same line as the label for roof expenditure – but it not for more expense there: that project is finished and everything paid. The sum listed for 2023 is to go towards new projects. Apologies if I caused confusion. Max

AGM

A reminder that the AGM (Elections to positions of service) is scheduled for 2 weeks' time, **Nov 13th**, starting at **11.00 am**.

Everyone is invited to attend. The list of positions needing to be filled is placed on the cupboard door in the small hall. We will also receive a draft budget for 2023, and begin the process of looking at our Mission Projects support for 2023. Max

AED – Defibrillator

Reminder / information as appropriate – we have a **Defibrillator / AED** on site at Seacliff UC: it's presently located in the **First Aid cupboard** in the kitchen. It was checked a couple of weeks ago and new batteries inserted – they should be good for about 5 years.

A **large sign** is being prepared for the cupboard door while discussion is held about the best place to store it.

Do know this: the device is quite easy to use – turn it on and listen for instructions; do each step when told, not before. We ran a training session when we acquired it – another one soon is probably a good idea.

Max

2022 Church Christmas Dinner - Reminder

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

Yarn Sisters

The Yarn Sisters are gathering again next Thursday, 3rd October, at 10am, at the Seacliff SLSC. Bring along any Christmas ideas to share as Christmas day is not far away now! Everyone is more than welcome to join in.

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. (Mini flyer in this newsletter issue)

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

On a very overcast day with threatening rain 6 of us braved the elements and rode to McLaren Flat on the newly completed bike track. Coffee was enjoyed while we waited for a shower to pass by. Meet at Warradale shops at 8.30am for next weeks ride. PS Two members enjoyed a wettish ride to Angaston. Brian



Christmas Gifts - Reminder

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

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.

Bringing together our local community to better understand and respond to issues that matter...



TOPIC 3: Greening our Homes and Suburbs

When: Sunday November 6th from 7-9pm

Where: Seacliff Uniting Church, 5 Wheatland St, Seacliff

To help us with catering, please check in using the link below or scan the QR code:

<https://events.humanitix.com/uniting-conversations-greening-our-homes-and-suburbs>

The 'greening' of our communities is making, and will make, a significant contribution to mitigating climate change. The benefits include combating air and noise pollution, reducing urban flooding, creating habitat for local wildlife, offsetting carbon emissions, improving mental and physical health, increasing social connectivity and calming traffic.

You are invited to come along and be informed about local initiatives, join a conversation and discover practical ways we can contribute to a more successful 'greening' of our communities.

Our conversation will be informed by three significant leaders in the field (excuse the pun!): • **Brenton Grear**, Director, *Green Adelaide* • **Samantha Buxton Stewart**, Urban Greening Officer with the *City of Holdfast Bay* • **Natasha Davis**, CEO, *Trees for Life* (since 2015).

You will have an opportunity to ask questions of them and, should you wish, chat with them. We look forward to you joining us to discuss another issue that matters.

A gold coin donation would be appreciated to help cover catering and other costs.

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Worship Leaders for Today: Rev. Gary Stuckey

Lectionary for Today: **30 October 2022: Hab 1: 1 - 4, 2: 1 - 4;**

Ps: 119: 137 - 144; 2 Thes 1: 1 - 4, 11 - 12: 5; Lk 19: 1 - 10.

Reminder for Stewards: 6 November 2022

Dave Rickard

Margaret Tucker

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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