



Uniting Church in Australia
SEACLIFF WEEKLY NEWS
Sunday 9 October 2022
PENTECOST 18



Jesus Heals Ten Men with Leprosy

Luke 17: 11

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¹¹ Now on his way to Jerusalem, Jesus travelled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. ¹² As he was going into a village, ten men who had leprosy^[a] met him. They stood at a distance ¹³ and called out in a loud voice, “Jesus, Master, have pity on us!”

¹⁴ When he saw them, he said, “Go, show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went, they were cleansed.

¹⁵ One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice. ¹⁶ He threw himself at Jesus’ feet and thanked him—and he was a Samaritan.

¹⁷ Jesus asked, “Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine? ¹⁸ Has no one returned to give praise to God except this foreigner?” ¹⁹ Then he said to him, “Rise and go; your faith has made you well.”

What's News

Minister's holidays

Gary will be on leave from **Monday 10th to Sunday 23rd Oct**, inclusive.

Planning for the Future

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)

The defibrillator

Following on from last week's report at Soapbox about the life-saving defibrillator: ours has been checked in the last week; please note:

- Its normal storage place is in the kitchen, the First Aid box above the fridge.
- Part of the check this week involved replacing the batteries (not a tiny expense!!) – these should be good for at least 5 years.

We will arrange another training session for the device in the near-ish future.

The environment banner

You may notice that the environment protection banner is not (at time of writing) hanging in its usual place beside our church notice board: it was beginning to be damaged in the strong winds last Tuesday. It will be reinstalled soon.

Planning for the Future

As mentioned in the latest *Seacliff Outlook*, there will be a programme across 3 Sundays around the theme ***Planning for the Future***. The three dates are 23rd and 30th October, and 6th November, as part of worship on each of those Sundays.

The first week will be an invitation to review our financial contributions to and support for this congregation; the second week will be an opportunity to focus on the other ways in which we can contribute to our life here; the third week will be the day when we bring our responses for dedication.

Not entirely unrelated to that: the **AGM** (elections for 2023) will be conducted the following week, **13th November**, starting at about 11.00 am.

It's a busy month, but we are all invited to participate in these various events.

Max

TakeUs2

Kay and Grant Brindal (Rosemary's cousins) are taking us to Norway and Germany on Sunday night, **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

Men's Dinner for October

The next Men's Dinner will be held on Wednesday, 19TH October at the Seacliff Beach Hotel. Meet at 6.30 pm for 7.00. For further information, or need a ride, please contact Ray on 0434 825 038.

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 will be \$60 per person and the 3 course Christmas menu is now available. Please see Annette for advance bookings. All are welcome. Annette and Geoff

Cogs n Coffee

On Wednesday, we called a 'riders holiday' due to forecast threatening weather. However, some members took the opportunity to enjoy coffee and a pleasant chat at Minda Inc. Brian will be back to lead this week and he will sms details to riders on Monday. Bruce

Renewal: Overnight Retreat with Sean Gilbert, October 21-22 Nunyara

Take time to be creative, reflect and be spiritually nurtured in this retreat. Immerse yourself in this opportunity, wander the gardens, walk the labyrinth, enjoy being part of a creative community. Sean Gilbert will lead us as we take time out and re-invest in our inner-lives and creative endeavours. Places are limited and you are encouraged to register **before October 14**. For more information, please go to cmla.org.au. Max

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Worship Leaders for Today: Rev Gary Stuckey
Lectionary for Today: **9 October 2022: Jer 29: 1, 4 - 7;**
Ps 66: 1 - 12; 2 Tim 2: 8 - 15; Lk 17: 11 - 19.
Reminder for Stewards: 16 October 2022
Pauline Galliford Bob Heywood

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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