



Uniting Church in Australia
SEACLIFF WEEKLY NEWS
Sunday 13 November 2022

PENTECOST 23



Isaiah 12

12 In that day, you will say:

“I will praise you, Lord.

Although you were angry with me,
your anger has turned away
and you have comforted me.

² Surely God is my salvation;

I will trust and not be afraid.

The Lord, the Lord himself, is my strength and my defence;
he has become my salvation.”³ With joy, you will draw
from the wells of salvation.

This Week.

MovieMates Time TBA **Tuesday 15th November**
Men's Dinner 6.30pm **Wed. 16th November**
M&M'S 10am **Friday 18th November**
AGM - The AGM (Elections to positions of service) will follow this mornings service starting at 11.00 am.

What's News

SEACLIFF SPIRITUALITY- COMING PROGRAMMES

Quiet Day NB: Change of reflection topic.

I have had to make a change to the topic on which we will reflect on this Quiet Day. Rather than focus on Henri Nouwen's "*The Return of the Prodigal*", the focus will be "*Journey to Freedom*". You will be invited to reflect on the Exodus, not only as an event in Israel's past but as a present reality for us all. The Exodus invites us to journey from whatever enslaves or binds us to freedom. A Quiet half-day actually will be held on **Tuesday 22nd November** from 9:30am-12:30pm (stay for a BYO lunch if you would like to.)

Advent Reflection

Each Advent we, at Seacliff, have offered a three-week reflection exploring the events we have celebrated many times, Advent, and Christmas. In the invariable busyness of the season, we can perhaps feel a bit disconnected from the story of Jesus' birth and its meaning for us in the 21st Century.

The theme for this year will be, "The Birth of Jesus- a Fresh Look". We know the Christmas story well, perhaps too well, from pageants, carols and perhaps movies. But what if there is more to the story? These three sessions will revisit the Christmas stories and hopefully bring new life to this timeless story of wonder- the birth of Jesus.

Sessions will be held **on Tuesday 29/11, 6/12 and 13/12 at 10:30am and Thursday 1, 8 and 15/12 at 2:00pm.**

If you are intending to come, could you please indicate from today on a 'sign up' sheet your intention. This is simply so I know how many copies of the reflection materials I need to run off.

Contemplative Worship

A further opportunity to slow down and reflect on the Christmas story will come with a Contemplative (Quiet) Worship service on **December 4th**.

In the quietness, removed from the noise and busyness we can so easily encounter, we will reflect on an often-overlooked figure in the story - Joseph.

We know of Mary's courage in being open to God's desire for her life, but Joseph too displayed a radical strength in his response to the events that were unfolding.

The service will be at **7:00pm** (note change for the warmer months) meeting in the middle hall for a 'meet in the round'.

Afterwards there is an opportunity to share with others over refreshments. For any queries, please speak with Gary.

Men's Dinner Christmas Special

The final Men's Dinner for 2022 will be at the Seacliff UC hall on **November 16th at 6.30pm**. for 7. The catering will be an in-house menu with a 3-course meal for \$25 per head.

Please advise Dene Goldsack on 8296 1046 for attendance to assist catering arrangements and transport needs.

Dene

Movie Mates

The Mates are gathering again on **Tuesday 15th November**, for a movie, "*Mrs Harris Goes to Paris*". It's a feel good movie, which will be nice for this time of the year. I'll send a text out later with the time to meet.

Heather G

CogsnCoffee

On a blustery hot day, our leader modified the ride to better suit the 12 riders. We wound our way along shaded tracks to eventually end up at the old Glenelg tram for our coffee and break.

Next weeks ride, meet at the Warradale shops at 8.30am for a ride to Plant 4.

Brian



TAKEUS 2

The final TakeUs2 for 2022 will be a Christmas special on **Sunday November 27th**. Rosemary will share her travels in England and Wales.

We will be taken to many places including London, Cornwall, Lakes District, Yorkshire, Shrewsbury and Wales.

Soup and light dinner at **6.00pm** and a festive supper.

Gold coin entry to cover costs. Everyone welcome.

Annette and Geoff

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

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Worship Leaders for Today: Rev. Gary Stuckey
Lectionary for Today: **13 November 2022: Is 65: 17 - 25;**
Is: 12; 2 Thes 3: 6 - 13; Lk 21: 5 - 19.
Reminder for Stewards: 20 November 2022
Marg Davidson Ruth 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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