



Uniting Church in Australia  
*SEACLIFF WEEKLY NEWS*  
Sunday 27 November 2022

Advent 1



### The Day and Hour Unknown

Mat. 24: 36 – 44

<sup>36</sup> “But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. <sup>37</sup> As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. <sup>38</sup> For in the days before the flood, people were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day Noah entered the ark; <sup>39</sup> and they knew nothing about what would happen until the flood came and took them all away. That is how it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. <sup>40</sup> Two men will be in the field; one will be taken and the other left. <sup>41</sup> Two women will be grinding with a hand mill; one will be taken and the other left.

<sup>42</sup> “Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come. <sup>43</sup> But understand this: If the owner of the house had known at what time of night the thief was coming, he would have kept watch and would not have let his house be broken into. <sup>44</sup> So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him.

## This Week.

**TakeUs2**

**6pm Tonight 27th November**

**Advent Reflection**

**10.30am Tues. 29th Nov.**

**2pm Thurs. 1st December**

**Yarn Sisters**

**10am Thursday 1st December**

**Contemplative Worship**

**7pm Sunday 4th Dec.**

## What's News

**First Sunday of Advent**



**Hope for families forced to flee their country**

Eugene and her family were forced to make the heartbreaking decision to flee their country Ukraine when the fighting escalated. They are just one of the millions of families who have been forced to flee their home in recent months. Your gifts through the Christmas Bowl can help local partners, like HIA, respond immediately to emergencies, giving families like Eugene's safety in exile – and hope for the future – when they need it most. **Please give today.**

**CALL: 1800 025 101 VISIT: [actforpeace.org.au/christmasbowl](http://actforpeace.org.au/christmasbowl)**

The Christmas appeal of Act for Peace, the international humanitarian agency of the National Council of Churches in Australia. ABN 86 619 970 188



## SEACLIFF SPIRITUALITY- COMING PROGRAMMES

### 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 21<sup>st</sup> 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 next Sunday, **December 4<sup>th</sup>**.

In the quietness, 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.



## TAKEUS 2

The final TakeUs2 presentation for 2022 will be tonight.

Rosemary will share her travels in England and Wales. We will be taken to 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

Our Christmas Gift Shop will be on again this year next **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: **27 November 2022: Is 2: 1 - 5; Ps 122;  
Rom 13: 11 - 14; Mat 24: 36 - 44.**  
Reminder for Stewards: 4 December 2022  
Brian Gepp                      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](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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