



Uniting Church in Australia  
*SEACLIFF WEEKLY NEWS*  
Sunday 6 November 2022  
**PENTECOST 22**



## Stand Firm

## 2 Thes 2: 13 - 17

<sup>13</sup> But we ought always to thank God for you, brothers and sisters loved by the Lord, because God chose you as first fruits to be saved through the sanctifying work of the Spirit and through belief in the truth. <sup>14</sup> He called you to this through our gospel, that you might share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>15</sup> So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the teachings<sup>[b]</sup> we passed on to you, whether by word of mouth or by letter.

<sup>16</sup> May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, <sup>17</sup> encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and word.

## **This Week.**

**Uniting Conversations    Tonight 7 pm 6th Nov.  
Adult Fellowship    1.30pm Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> Nov.**

### **What's News**

#### **SEACLIFF SPIRITUALITY- COMING PROGRAMMES**

##### **Quiet Day**

A Quiet half-day actually will be held on **Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November** from **9:30am-12:30pm** (and stay for a BYO lunch if you would like to.)

Once again Henri Nouwen's work "*The Return of the Prodigal*" will be our guide. On this occasion, we will be reflecting on the elder brother and the father in the story. What do these figures from Jesus' well-known story have to say to us? How do they guide us on our pilgrimage through life?

##### **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.**

##### **Contemplative Worship**

A further opportunity to slow down and reflect on the Christmas story will come with a Contemplative (Quiet) Worship service on **December 4<sup>th</sup>**. 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 of time for the warmer months) and in the middle hall where we will meet 'in the round'. Afterwards there is the opportunity to share with others over refreshments.

For any queries about any of these please speak with Gary.

## **AGM**

A reminder that the AGM (Elections to positions of service) is scheduled for next Sunday, **Nov 13<sup>th</sup>**, 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

## **Adult Fellowship**

Our meeting this week, **Wed 9th November at 1.30pm** is the AGM, to be conducted by Rev Garry Stuckey. Executive committee will be on duty.

Advanced notice of our NEXT meeting on 23rd November, which is "*Christmas Reflections, Traditions, Treasures*". Members are asked to tell or bring and show something that is special to them about Christmas. **Blue group** will be on duty that meeting. Chris



## *Notes from the Treasurer*

### **Direct Debit/Deposit**

This is a very convenient way of doing deposits and the Church Bank details have been published. All deposits will be gratefully received but if you want me to know **who** it is from and/or **what** it is for, please indicate in the 'Notes' section of your online banking screen. If not, please tell me or preferably give me a note to explain asap, otherwise it will go as a donation into 'general revenue'. For example, I note a deposit of \$60 on Oct 30<sup>th</sup> with the note '*HJE Offertory*' and I need more information please.

David

## CogsnCoffee

Seven of us did the ride to Mitsubishi for our coffee, just managed to beat the TAFE student rush. I was lucky enough to catch up with a couple of past colleagues. I have discovered a failing with ebikes!, they don't go so well if you forget the battery. Next weeks ride will be to Grange following the Grange train line. Meet at shops at 8.30am.

Brian

Support your community with a  
**Lions Christmas Cake.**



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## 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: Rev. Gary Stuckey HC  
Lectionary for Today: **6 November 2022: Hag 1: 15b - 2: 9;**  
**Ps: 145: 1 - 5,17 - 21; 2 Thes 2: 1 - 5,13 - 17; Lk 20: 27 - 38.**  
Reminder for Stewards: 13 November 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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