



Uniting Church in Australia
SEACLIFF WEEKLY NEWS
Sunday 18 December 2022

Advent 4



Joseph Accepts Jesus as His Son Mat 1: 18 - 25

¹⁸ This is how the birth of Jesus the Messiah came about.

²⁰ An angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit.²¹ She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins."

²² All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: ²³ "The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel" (which means "God with us").

²⁴ When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife. ²⁵ But he did not consummate their marriage until she gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name Jesus.

This Week.

Christmas Services 2022 Seacliff Uniting Church



Sunday 18 December 9.30am

Carols Under the Pine Tree

Christmas Eve Saturday 24 December

6 pm Sausage Sizzle

7 pm Carol Singing

Followed by Supper in the Hall

Christmas Day Celebration 9am on 25th December

What's News

Christmas Bowl 2022

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Waiting to return home

Many Sri Lankan refugees living in exile in India are finally ready to make the journey home to the country they love. But the current economic crisis and food shortages mean it's not safe for them to return.

Through the Christmas Bowl you are helping our local partner, the Organisation for Eelam Refugees Rehabilitation (OfERR), continue to provide lifesaving medical care for refugees while they wait for Sri Lanka to be safe again. **Please give today.**

CALL: 1800 025 101 VISIT: 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





Notes from the Treasurer

1. Oodnadatta Appeal

Following Max's Soapbox announcement last week about the construction of an Oodnadatta Church, I have checked my records and can confirm that from 2018-2021 we contributed a total of **\$4017**. Last year the congregation decided to no longer

support this particular venture as one of our Mission Projects.

2. 'Act for Peace' Appeals

The organisation 'Act for Peace' conducts several international Appeals including the annual 'Christmas Bowl' and the current 'Ukraine Emergency' Appeal. Envelopes including information about how the money is used for both Appeals are available from the table near the main entry.

There are several ways that donations can be made:

- a. By **Card or Cheque** in which case please post it directly to them, donations are tax deductible and you will need to fill in the details if you wish to claim.
- b. By **Cash** which they suggest should not be posted but can be placed in the Offertory Bowl in their envelope and at the **end of January** I will collate all of the donations to both Appeals and forward the money. It is too cumbersome for me to organise Tax deductibility if you pay with cash please. *Any questions will be most welcome.*

David

Toilet Conversion

After much time with relevant authorities we have finally received development approval to create a Handicapped Toilet. Something we should have done in 2009. It is planned that the work will occur in January in order to create minimum disruption.

As indicated at the AGM, we do need to abide by the requirements:

* We convert the present men's toilet into a handicapped toilet.

* We modify to current Ladies Toilet so that it can be used by men and women. This will mean enclosing each toilet to the ceiling and the installation of an exhaust fan and light in each toilet. We will also require a benchtop and two basins in the present ladies toilet. I am happy to answer any questions and receive any offers to help with the work.

Geoff

Final Newsletter for 2022

This edition is the last for this year. I thank all who have contributed to the weekly news which highlights the activities of our church on the many days of the week. The Newsletter returns on 29th January 2023.

Dean

Shoe Boxes of Love

This is something we've supported in the past, for disaster relief, and it's now relevant again with the River Murray flooding. I'm planning to make a box or two and deliver to the office of our local MP David Spiers.

If you would like to put a box together, I'm happy to deliver - please let me know if you're interested. There is a "Shopping List" on the notice board to give an idea of what is appropriate.

Most important thing to remember is that second hand items are not acceptable. You can decorate your box and include a note of encouragement but please don't gift wrap - the boxes are always checked before delivery. Thanks.

Maureen

Disaster and Recovery Ministry (DRM)

This Ministry is an ecumenical venture of the *Council of Churches* which is managed by the *Uniting Church* and supported by the Government. As a matter of interest the word "Chaplain" is derived from a French word meaning a 'cloak' which provides care and protection.

This is the basis of our training and what we try to do in assisting our clients, we are not 'Counsellors' and should not make any judgements or give any advice.

I spent 3 days last week working at the Emergency Centre in Mannum and I understand Maureen spent 2 days this week. Thank you for your good wishes and prayers, it has been a very valuable experience for all concerned and I'm sure we both have stories to tell.

So far, I have received \$938 in donations to support this Ministry and I will forward whatever I have at the end of the coming week to them on your behalf.

For more Info:

<https://sa.uca.org.au/disaster-and-recovery-ministries>

David

Cogs n Coffee

Cogs n Coffee had their last ride for the year. With the group riding to Roxenberry at McClaren Vale where 22 of us shared a Brunch. The setting was delightful and the food did not stay on the plates very long.

Brian will be in touch when riding commences in late January.

Brian



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Worship Leaders for Today: Lessons and Carols Group
Lectionary for Today: **18 December 2022: Is 7: 10 - 16;**
Ps 80: 1 - 7,17 - 19; Rom 1: 1 - 7; Mat 1: 18 - 25.
Reminder for Stewards: 25 December 2022
Colin Theakstone 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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