

Oppression in the Philippines

Belmont/Highton social issues committee has arranged for Pastor Berlin Guerrero to speak at Belmont UC hall on Sunday 10th February 2013, at 5 pm. A light meal will be provided.

Pastor Guerrero was tortured, imprisoned and threats were made against his life, because of his support for the rights of the local people in the Philippines. He was brought to Australia through the partnership of the UCA and United Church of Christ in the Philippines and has been granted a permanent protection visa.

He works 2 days at the Justice and International Mission unit and is studying 3 days at the Centre for Theology and Ministry. He is applying for acceptance as a candidate for the ministry in the Uniting Church. Donations will be accepted to assist in human rights defence in the Philippines.

A message from Frontier Services

Just being there! It is the gift of presence so greatly needed by so many for whom distance is a daily challenge.

Just being there! It is a privilege we have as we work with, journey with, laugh and cry with those we serve.

Just being there! It is only possible because of the extraordinary work done by hundreds of those who pack and paint, sort and sew, reach deep into their pockets and surround us with prayer.

The current issue of Frontier News celebrates our role in 'just being there' and those who make that possible.

We hope you enjoy this edition and will continue to share in this important ministry with us.

Rosemary Young AM, National Director

Barwon Heads Mission 2013 News

A copy has been placed on the church noticeboards for your information.

Rosters for 17 February

PORTARLINGTON

Managers: Harold & Heather Gould

Morning Tea: Geoff & Pam Pryor

Pastoral Carer & Prayers: Malcolm Campbell

Reader: Margaret Campbell

Power Point Preparation: Catherine Eagleson

Lawn Roster: Feb 21 Contractor

DRYSDALE

10.45am

Duty Elder & Prayers: Joy Krahe

Readings: Margaret Freemantle

Door: Ken Handley

Morning Tea: Lavina Howard & Eve Young

Flowers: Vera Mills

Worship @ 9

Kitchen: Denise's Team

Counting: Jenni Nickelson

ST LEONARDS

Welcoming: Shirley Hadden

Reading: Kaye Baulch

Prayer: Marj Wilson

Brass & Flowers: Shirley Hadden



THE UNITING CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA



St Leonards



Portarlington



Drysdale

EPIPHANY 4

Sunday, 10 February 2013

In the early Semitic view of creation, there was a dome over the earth separating the heavens from the worldly realm. The highest point, the mountaintop, was both the throne and footstool of God. It was here that people went to be with God, to communicate with and receive divine responses. In today's scriptures, both Moses and Jesus go to the mountaintop to communicate intimately with the divine. The psalmist reminds us that we too are to go up the mountain. Likewise, Paul encourages us to see the glory of God and to have mountaintop experiences of God. In all cases, however, we must come down from the mountain and live a life of bold worship and obedience to God in community.

Abingdon Worship Annual

LECTIONARY

February 10	Ex. 34:29-35	Ps 99
	Transfiguration of Jesus	2 Cor 3:12 – 4:2
		Lk 9: 28-36, (37-43a)
February 17	Dt 26:1-11	Ps 91:1-2, 9-16
Lent 1	Rom 10 8b-13	Lk 4:1-13

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THIS WEEK IN OUR CONGREGATIONS:

SUNDAY 10 February

Portarlinton

9.00am Rev Ian Porter HC
Loose Change & Food Bank

Drysdale

9.00am Worship @ 9 Jenni's Team
10.45am Rev Ian Porter

St Leonards

9.00am Combined with Anglican HC

MONDAY 11 February

1.30pm Portarlinton UCAF

TUESDAY 12 February

11.00am Portarlinton Justice & Mission
10.00 Pancake Day – Drysdale
– 4.00pm Woolworth's Car Park
7.30pm Drysdale Property Committee

WEDNESDAY 13 February

10.00am Drysdale Coffee & Chat
9.30am - Drysdale mainly music
7.30pm Portarlinton Resources Committee

THURSDAY 14 February

9.00am Portarlinton & Drysdale Choir Practice
7.30pm Portarlinton Church Council
7.30pm Drysdale Toolbox Parenting Program

FRIDAY 15 February

9.15am Drysdale Friday school

SATURDAY 16 February

8.00am Drysdale Prayer Breakfast at the Zoo Cafe

SUNDAY 17 February

Portarlinton

9.00am Rev Marion Latham

Drysdale

9.00am Worship @ 9 Cafe Church
10.45am Rev Marion Latham

St Leonards

7.00pm Rev Marion Latham HC
Loose change & Food bank

OUR CONGREGATIONS NEWS

DRYSDALE

Loose Change

Our first offering for the year resulted in \$114.85. This will be given to Mukti Mission in India.

Retreat

The Congregation Retreat will be held on Saturday, 2 March at the Portarlinton Guide Hall. The main theme is the 'five-fold ministry' as explained in Ephesians Chapter 4 and will be lead by Adam McIntosh.

It will also include worship and personal contemplation. No cost involved and open to everyone. We hope to see you there.

Tasmanian Bushfire Appeal

A total of \$550 was forwarded as our contribution to the appeal. Thank you all for your help.

Drysdale Lenten Studies

This year during the season of Lent, leading us towards the cross and Easter, we will be preparing through a series of studies from the 'Cover to Cover' guides,

'Transformed by the Presence of Jesus'. Studies will be at the church at 7.30 pm on February 18, 25, March 4, 11, 18, 25. Everyone is welcome; 'the more the merrier'. There will be a small voluntary donation to cover the cost of books.

World Day of Prayer

Friday, 1 March, 10.30am at St. James Anglican Church. This year the service has been prepared by the WDP Committee of France. The theme is: *I was a stranger and you welcomed me*. This theme is particularly relevant for Australia with our increasingly poor welcome for asylum seekers who come to Australia. Come and join us in prayer for all 'strangers' at our gates.

PORTARLINGTON

The Portarlinton/St. Leonards Annual Congregation Meeting & Election of Church Councillors are coming up.

The Congregation meeting will be held immediately after worship on Sunday 10 March, to be followed by morning tea.

These are the Elders and Church Councillor's whose terms have expired: Elders: Jan Dryden & Heather Gould. Councillors: David Hughes, Lorraine Hughes, Dorothy Knights. Each of these members offer themselves for re-election. Any other member who believes they have the gifts and talents to serve in the capacity of Elder or Church Councillor should talk to either David Hughes or Barry Ruler. Nomination forms are in the Narthex. Nominations close on Sunday 24th Feb

and the election will be held on Sunday 3rd. March.

Would all Ministry Team Leaders please submit their annual reports by email to Barry Ruler (bruler@bigpond.com) by Sunday 17th Feb.

U.C.A.F. Commitment Service

The U.C.A.F. will start the year with a Commitment Service in the church at 1.30pm on Monday 11th of February. The service includes communion and is open to all who wish to start their year's activities in the church and wider community in this way. Fellowship over afternoon tea follows the service. For any enquiries phone Elizabeth on 52592442 .

February is BACKPACKS month.

The 'Backpacks for Kid's Backs' program supports the Millennium Goal of a primary school education for every child by providing basic school requirements in a backpack. The U.C.A.F. is seeking donations for the 'Backpacks' program in the Pacific Islands, facilitated by the Mission Liaison Group. Donations can be given to either Margaret Campbell or Elizabeth Thompson up to and including Sunday 3rd of March 2013.

FOR ALL CONGREGATIONS

There is a Worship Leaders Education Day on Saturday, 16 February, 10.00am – 2.00pm at Hoppers Crossing UCA. Book with Adam McIntosh on 0414725887.