

The Fair Trade campaign builds on the global campaigns in recent years that have seen several well-known chocolate manufacturers, including Cadbury and Nestle, use ethically sourced chocolate. By buying cocoa beans that are certified FAIR TRADE, Rainforest Alliance or UTZ Certified, these chocolate producers ensure there is no forced labour or trafficked labour on cocoa plantations. On the notice board near the church office there is a list of chocolate manufacturers who have agreed to use ethically sourced chocolate. Sadly this does not necessarily apply to Easter eggs and Easter products. Check for the labels for the appropriate logos.

Unfortunately, much of the world's chocolate is produced using cocoa beans that have been harvested by trafficked children or forced labour. The West African countries of Côte d'Ivoire and Ghana are two of the largest producers and exporters of cocoa.

It is estimated 70 percent of the world's cocoa comes from West Africa. The most recent figures estimate that 1.8 million children in West Africa are involved in the industry and some are forced or trafficked.

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Lent makes me so uncomfortable.

I prefer to remain in my comfort zone of lounging in my chair, watching my wide-screen TV, relaxing after a long day;
but you would lead me into the wilderness

into those uncomfortable places of tempting, of power, of testing.

I would like to hear words about success, and praise, and feel pats on my back, but you talk about self-denial; you mention the cost of following God; you invite me to shoulder a cross.

Couldn't you have sent a more comfortable Saviour, O God?

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Rosters for 24 February

PORTARLINGTON

Managers: Harold & Heather Gould

Morning Tea: Geoff & Pam Pryor

Pastoral Carer: Barry Ruler

Prayers & Reader: Port. Lay Team

Power Point Preparation: Margaret Campbell

DRYSDALE

10.45am

Duty Elder: Pat Handley

Prayers & Readings: Port. Lay Team

Door: Ken Handley

Morning Tea: Audrey Shepherd & Vince King

Flowers: Marguerite Edgar

Drysdale Food Bank Delivery for

March: Tony Freemantle

Worship @ 9

Kitchen: Jenni's Team

Counting: Lesley Taylor

ST LEONARDS

Welcoming: Margo Jones

Reading & Prayers: Port. Lay Team

Brass & Flowers: Helen Steogen

THE UNITING CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA



St Leonards



Portarlington



Drysdale

LENT 1

Sunday, 17 February 2013

As we enter the season of Lent, we enter a time of self examination and repentance, a time of preparation for the transforming power of Easter. Today's scriptures focus on God's provision and God's protection. In Luke's Gospel, Jesus alludes to Deuteronomy 26, and the devil quotes Psalm 91. In the Epistle reading, Jesus assumes the role of protector and provider for all who confess that Jesus is Lord and believe in their hearts that God raised Jesus from the dead.

Abingdon Worship Annual

LECTIONARY

February 17 Lent 1	Dt 26:1-11 Rom 10:8b-13	Ps 91:1-2, 9-16 Lk 4:1-13
February 24 Lent 2	Gen 15:1-12, 17-18 Phil 3:17, 4:1 or Lk 23:1-49	Ps 27 Lk 13:31 – 35

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THIS WEEK IN OUR CONGREGATIONS:

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

MONDAY 18 February

7.30pm Drysdale Lenten Studies at the church

WEDNESDAY 20 February

10.00am Drysdale Coffee & Chat

9.30am - Drysdale mainly music

THURSDAY 21 February

9.00am Portarlinton & Drysdale
Choir Practice

7.30pm Drysdale Church Council

7.30pm Drysdale Toolbox Parenting
Program

FRIDAY 22 February

9.15am Drysdale Friday school

SUNDAY 24 February

Portarlinton

9.00am Port. Lay Team, E Farnell &
M Campbell

Drysdale

9.00am Worship @ 9 Rev Marion
Latham, Graeme's Team
assisting

10.45am Port. Lay Team, E Farnell &
M Campbell

St Leonards

7.00pm Port. Lay Team, E Farnell &
M Campbell

OUR CONGREGATIONS NEWS

DRYSDALE

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 Feb 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, March 1, 10.30 am 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.

Fair Trade Tea and Coffee Products

If you wish to order tea and/or coffee from this range, please check the noticeboard for an order form. Completed form to be placed in the office door mail slot. The order for the church will be submitted on 25 February 2013.

Pleasant Sunday Afternoon

Advance notice is given for Sunday 28 April for an Organ and Trumpet Concert to be held in the church. Mark the date now. Details to follow.

Harvest Thanksgiving

We will celebrate God's goodness through the harvest on Sunday 3 March. All produce and food items will be forwarded to Cottage by the Sea.

Retreat

What does apostle, prophet, evangelist, shepherd and teacher have to do with ministry?

Come along on Saturday, 2 March to our seventh Retreat and hear the answer from Rev Adam McIntosh. 9.30am – 7.00pm with lunch and evening meal included. No cost. Open to ALL. Add your name to our list now.

Tasmanian Bushfire Appeal

A letter from David Hickey, Director SHARE has been received thanking us for our support of this appeal.

See the letter on the noticeboard.

PORTARLINGTON

Portarlinton/St. Leonards Annual Congregation Meeting & Election of Church Councillors

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 Councillors 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 and close on Sunday 24 February with the election to be held on Sunday 3 March.

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

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.

ST LEONARDS

The first meeting for the year for St Leonards UCAF will be held at the church hall on Monday, 25 February at 2.00pm. Further enquires to Margo Jones 52571221.

FOR ALL CONGREGATIONS

Fair Trade Chocolate Campaign

Join the FAIR TRADE Chocolate Campaign! Buy Fair Trade chocolate for Easter to help stop the trafficking and forced labour of children and adults for chocolate production.