

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. 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.

Rosters for 24 March

PORTARLINGTON

Managers: David and Lorraine Hughes
Morning Tea: Marg Hutcheon, Sue Handley & Sylvia Blegg
Pastoral Carer: Barry Ruler
Prayers: Drysdale WL Team
Reader: Drysdale WL Team
Power Point Preparation: Catherine Eagleson

DRYSDALE

10.45am
Duty Elder: Joy Krahe
Prayers: Drysdale Lay Team
Readings: Drysdale Lay Team
Door: Wilma Mansell
Morning Tea: Andrea Lindsay & Sue Taylor
Flowers: Alma Milvain

Worship @ 9

Kitchen: Denise's Team
Counting: Glenda Vuillermin

ST LEONARDS

Welcoming: June Blair
Reading: Drysdale Lay Team
Prayer: Drysdale Lay Team
Brass & Flowers: Beryl Woodcock

THE UNITING CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA



St Leonards



Portarlington



Drysdale

LENT 5

Sunday, 17 March 2013

The author of John's gospel is a weaver. Layers of details and themes move back and forth through the stories told, blending traditions from Israel and the other gospels. Here, the one who comes to minister becomes the one ministered to in surprising ways and by surprising ones. The grace revealed suggests Isaiah's "new thing," the psalmist's hope of restoration, and Paul's pressing goal. Isaiah invites us to consider the possibilities of God's new and gracious actions in our midst. The psalmist sounds our continuing hopes and prayers for God's restorative grace. Paul personalizes the priority given to relationship with Christ that empowers ministry. And at the feet of Jesus, and at the table where he eats, Mary and Mary both minister to Jesus.

Seasons of the Spirit

LECTIONARY

March 17	Is 43:16-21	Ps 126
Lent 5	Phil 3:4b-14	Jn 12:1-8
March 24	Is 50:4-9a	Ps 118:1-2, 19-29
Palm Sunday	Phil 2:5-11	Lk 19:28-40 Or Jn 12:12-16

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THIS WEEK IN OUR CONGREGATIONS

SUNDAY 17 March

Portarlinton

9.00am Rev Marion Latham
Harvest Thanksgiving

Drysdale

9.00am Worship @ 9 Denise's
Team
10.45am Rev Marion Latham

St Leonards

7.00pm Rev Marion Latham HC
Loose Change & Food bank.

MONDAY 18 March

7.30pm Drysdale Lenten Studies

TUESDAY 19 March

10.30am Drysdale Grove Chapel
Service

WEDNESDAY 20 March

9.30am - Drysdale mainly music
10.00am Drysdale Coffee & Chat

THURSDAY 21 March

9.00am Portarlinton & Drysdale
Choir Practice
11.00am Anne Nichol/Sims Lodge
Service
7.00pm Toolbox Parenting Course

FRIDAY 15 March

9.15am Drysdale Friday school

SUNDAY 24 March

Portarlinton

9.00am Drysdale Lay Team
Vince King & Bob
Stevenson

Drysdale

9.00am Worship @ 9 Rev Marion
Latham
Wayne's Team Assisting
10.45am Drysdale Lay Team
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St Leonards

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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, 'Prepared for purpose'. 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.

Drysdale U.C.A.F.

Drysdale U.C.A.F. will meet on Wednesday 27th March at 1.30 pm. Our speakers, Pat Handley and Irene Stevenson will tell us about their holiday cruising to New Zealand. All are welcome to come and hear of their adventure

MISSED A NEWS SHEET

If you miss a news sheet one week check the table in the church foyer for a copy or access it on the web site <http://drysdale.unitingchurch.org.au>

These will normally be added in the week after publication. The Worship@9 Bulletin will also be added each month.

Messy Church



MESSY CHURCH !!!!!

Messy Church is a fresh expression of the Church that is based in Creativity, Celebration and Hospitality. This is an all aged family style worship. Essentially we get together as a big family and indulge in craft and creative activities that surround a theme. We then get together and Celebrate in the Church with some songs and a talk. After we are all worn out from fun and celebration, we eat and talk together over a shared evening meal. Please come and join us on Sunday 24 March at 5.00-6.30 pm! And please bring your friends!

ORGAN & TRUMPET CONCERT

The pleasant Sunday afternoon concert on Sunday 28 April at 2.00pm will feature a program of classical and baroque delights, of music by Handel, Purcell, Mozart, Scarlatti, Bach and Torrelli. Tickets available shortly.

PORTARLINGTON

Portarlinton Harvest Thanksgiving

Our Harvest Thanksgiving Service will be held on Sunday 17th March. Please bring non perishable grocery type items, which will be displayed and then sent to

a worthy cause, to be decided by church council.

Date for the Diary.

Would all members of the linked congregation note that the **Geelong Welsh Ladies Choir** will present a pleasant afternoon of choral music to suit all tastes, in the church hall on **Sunday April 21st., at 2-00pm**. Tickets \$12, including a cuppa and home made biscuits/slices after the performance. Tickets at the door.

ALL CONGREGATIONS

WORSHIP AT AGED CARE FACILITIES

Drysdale Grove: Tuesday, March 19, 10.30 am in the chapel
Anne Nichol/Sims Lodge: Thursday, March 21, 11 am, Sims Lodge.
Come and join us.

WALK OF WITNESS

Good Friday, after worship at Drysdale, we will join with the other Drysdale churches in the annual Walk of Witness, starting from St. James' Anglican church

EASTER WORSHIP

Maundy Thursday: St. Andrews UCA
Portarlinton, 7.30 pm
Good Friday: St. Andrews Port, 9 am
Drysdale UCA, 10 am
Drysdale Walk of Witness, 11 am
Easter Day: Combined worship
Port & St. Leonards, St. Andrews 9 am
Drysdale combined, 10.15 am