

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.

The Shelter of Grace

Life can be tough to navigate, God,
so much that is uncertain,
so much that is unpredictable;
so many detours,
so many uncharted paths;

And yet, amazingly, you do not leave us to
find our way alone;
In your grace we find a path,
a compass,
a guide;

Your grace is a shelter, open for anyone
who wants in,
and it does offer protection
from the worst of whatever storms we
may face.

And though we know we haven't done
anything to earn it,
we thank you that we can find rest,
in the midst of life's turbulence,
in the shelter of your grace. Amen
John Van De Laar

Rosters for 3 March

PORTARLINGTON

Managers: Keith Knights & Alf Cork

Morning Tea: David and Lorraine
Hughes

Pastoral Carer: Margaret Campbell

Prayers Margaret Campbell

Reader: Malcolm Campbell

Power Point Preparation: Pam Pryor
Lawns Bob & Wendy Sharp ,Ewan
McRae

DRYSDALE

10.45am

Duty Elder: Pat Handley

Prayers Jen Davis

Readings Pat Handley

Door: Sue Taylor

Morning Tea: Hazel and Lindsay James

Flowers: Marjorie Macleod

Drysdale Food Bank Delivery for March:

Tony Freemantle

Worship @ 9

Kitchen: Graeme's Team

Counting: Colleen Diamond

ST LEONARDS

Welcoming: Marj Wilson

Reading : Marie Alexander

Prayer Margo Jones.

Brass & Flowers: Margo Jones

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St Leonards



Portarlington



Drysdale

LENT 2

Sunday, 24 February 2013

Stark contrasts weave these texts together: darkness and light, death and salvation, shame and glory, betrayal and fidelity. In terrifying darkness, God enters into a covenant with Abram; yet, the psalmist proclaims God to be our light and our salvation. Adversaries rise against us in war, but God saves the faithful, turning fear into shouts of joy. Philippians warns that enemies of Christ revel in shame, while true disciples shine in God's glory. And Jesus brushes off warnings about Herod's plan to kill him because nothing will deter him from doing the works of God: healing the sick, preaching the good news, casting out demons. Today's readings provide rich imagery depicting the choices we face in our faith journey—choices that have consequences for us and for our world.

Abinadon Worship Annual

LECTIONARY

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|-------------|--------------------|---------------|
| February 24 | Gen 15:1-12, 17-18 | Ps 27 |
| Lent 2 | Phil 3:17, 4:1 | Lk 13:31 – 35 |
| March 3 | Isaiah 55; 1-9 | Ps 63; 1-8 |
| Lent 3 | 1 Cor 10:1-13 | Lk 13:1-9 |

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THIS WEEK IN OUR CONGREGATIONS:

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

MONDAY 25 February

2.00pm St. Leonards UCAF

7.30pm Drysdale Lenten Studies at the church

WEDNESDAY 27 February

9.30am - Drysdale mainly music

10.00am Drysdale Coffee & Chat

1.30pm Drysdale UCAF

THURSDAY 28 February

9.00am Portarlinton & Drysdale Choir Practice

7.30pm Linked Worship Workshop @Drysdale

7.30pm Drysdale Toolbox Parenting Program

FRIDAY 1 March

9.15am Drysdale Friday school

10.30am World Day of Prayer St James Anglican Church

SUNDAY 3 March

Portarlinton

9.00am Rev Margaret Manning

Drysdale

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

10.45am Rev Marion Latham HC
Harvest Festival Loose Change and Food Bank Both services

St Leonards

7.00pm Rev Marion Latham

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.

Fair Trade Tea and Coffee Products

If you wish to order tea and/or coffee from this range, please check the notice-board 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.

Drysdale UCAF

Wed 27th Feb 1.30pm

Members and friends are invited to come and offer suggestions of format of the group for the coming year. Come and enjoy afternoon tea and fellowship. Contact Jen Davis 52511787

Harvest Thanksgiving

On Sunday 3-March we will celebrate God's goodness to us through the harvest. You are encouraged to bring along food items (fresh, packaged or tinned) for blessing before it is distributed to Cottage by the Sea.

Retreat

Are you a Red Hat thinker? Or blue or yellow or green? Are you objective, creative or intuitive? How does all this fit to Ephesians 4? Come along to the retreat and hear the answer from Adam McIntosh. Starting at 9.30am Saturday 2 March at Portarlinton Guide Hall and Finishing At 7.00pm. Includes lunch and dinner. You will not be put on the spot! Add your name to the list or speak to Wayne for more information.

PORTARLINGTON

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

.Nominations close today. So far, the following nominations have been received:

Elders: Jan Dryden, Heather Gould.

Church Councillors: Dorothy Knights, David Hughes, Heather Pigdon.

Although the number of nominations do not exceed the number of vacancies, in terms of UCA regulations, we must hold an election to give all church members a say in who represents them. The Election will be held next Sunday 3rd. March. Don't forget the Annual Congregation Meeting will be held immediately following worship on Sunday 10th March, 2013, then morning tea.

U.C.A.F.

The U.C.A.F. will meet on Monday 4th of March at 1.30 pm in the meeting room for a 'Trim and Talk Day'. B.Y.O. scissors and any used stamps you have please. Enquiries to Elizabeth 52592442.

The U.C.A.F. will be pleased to receive any further donations for the Backpacks program, and any used stamps, by Sunday 3rd March. Backpack donations can be handed to Margaret Campbell or Elizabeth Thompson. Thank you.

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

World Day of Prayer

Friday, 1 March--in Drysdale, 10.30 am at St. James Anglican Church and in Portarlinton, 9am at Church by the Bay. 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 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.