

ST. LEONARDS

St.Leonards U.C.A.F. will meet on Monday 25th March .Please meet at the church at 2pm to proceed to the "Zoo Café" to share afternoon tea together. For further info ring Margo 5257221.

FOR ALL CONGREGATIONS

Walk of Witness – Friday 29th March

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 garden at 11.15 am and finishing at the UCA for hot cross buns in our hall. Please support this witness to the community of the season of the church and of the churches together in unity. If you feel you can't walk the whole way, join us at the UCA front door, walk with us to the village square and back to our back entrance.

Portarlington Fellowship Breakfast

The next breakfast meeting on Saturday morning 13th April, commencing at 7-30am, in the meeting room at the rear of the church hall. Guest Speaker will be Mr. John Rea, Chair of the Portarlington Business Development Association. John will bring us up-to-date on what's happening in and around Portarlington. All members of the Linked Congregations and their friends are warmly invited to attend. Acceptances to Barry Ruler by Thursday evening 11th April on 5259 2204.

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, **Sunday April 21st., at 2-00pm.** Tickets \$12, including a cuppa and home made biscuits/ slices after the performance. Tickets at the door.

Rosters for 28&29 March

PORTARLINGTON

28 and 29 March Maundy Thursday & Good Friday.

Power Point Preparation: Joan Kelly

DRYSDALE

29 March Good Friday

Duty Elder: Jen Davis

Prayers: TBA

Readings: TBA

Door: Margaret MacGillvray

Rosters for 31 March

PORTARLINGTON & ST LEONARDS

Managers: Keith & Heather Pigdon

Morning Tea: Heather & Harrold Gould

Pastoral Carer: Lorraine Hughes

Prayers: Lorraine Hughes

Reader: David Hughes

Power Point Preparation: Margaret Campbell

DRYSDALE

10.15am Combined

Duty Elder: Marguerite Edgar

Prayers: TBA

Readings: TBA

Door: Margaret MacGillvrayl

Morning Tea Pat & Ken Handley Flowers:

Beryl Stanley

Counting: Jonnie Mander

Easter Worship

Maundy Thursday: St. Andrews UCA

Portarlington, 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

THE UNITING CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA



St Leonards



Portarlington



Drysdale

Palm Sunday

Sunday, 24 March 2013

After the initial joy of Jesus coming into Jerusalem like a king, fickleness of heart and betrayal are themes of the day. Shortly after singing Jesus' praises as he rode a colt into the holy city, the crowds and even his disciples betrayed and denied him. To avoid moving from the joy of Palm Sunday to the joy of Easter without moving through the anguish of Holy Thursday and Good Friday, today's worship focuses on the all-too-human trait of falling away when we should be following faithfully.

Abingdon Worship Annual

LECTIONARY

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
March 31	Is 65:17-25	Ps118:14-24
Easter Day	Acts.10:34-43 or 1 Cor 15:19-26	LK 24:1-12 Jn 20:1-18

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THIS WEEK IN OUR CONGREGATIONS

SUNDAY 24 March-Palm Sunday Portarlington

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
Vince King & Bob Stevenson

St Leonards

7.00pm Drysdale Lay Team
Vince King & Bob Stevenson

MONDAY 25 March

9.30am KYB @Lynda Smith's
2.00pm St.Leonards UCAF
7.30pm Drysdale Lenten Studies

WEDNESDAY 27 March

9.30am - Drysdale mainly music
10.00am Drysdale Coffee & Chat
1.30pm Drysdale UCAF

THURSDAY 28 March

9.00am Port & Dry. Choir Practice
7.00pm Toolbox Parenting Course
7.30pm Portarlington Maundy
Thursday service. Rev Marion Latham

FRIDAY 29 March -Good Friday

9.00am Port. Rev Marion Latham
10.00am Dry. Rev Marion Latham

SUNDAY 31 March – Easter Day Portarlington & St Leonards

Combined

9.00am Rev. Marion Latham

Drysdale

10.15am Combined 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 March 25. Everyone is welcome; 'the more the merrier'. There will be a small voluntary donation to cover the cost of books.

Loose Change

Sunday 7 April is the final loose change offering for the Mukti Mission in Northern India. This program provides accommodation and programs for women who would otherwise be on the street. The project we are supporting is to replace water and sewerage pipes to improve the hostel. Whatever you can give will be greatly appreciated.

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

Easter Sunday flowers

On Easter Sunday if you have flowers blooming in your garden could you please bring just one or two to help decorate our church.

Messy Church



Messy Church !!!!!.

Tonight (Sunday 24 March) from 5.00 – 6.30 pm starting in the church hall with creative activities based around the theme of Lent, followed by a short service in the church and concluding with a shared tea. Members of the congregation are asked to bring along a plate of finger food. Visitors will be really welcomed.

Organ & Trumpet Concert

On Sunday 27 April there will be a concert of organ and trumpet music provided by Brendon Lukin (organist at St. David's Uniting Church, Newtown), John Collinson (on trumpet and cornet) and Cath Lukin (as vocalist). A variety of classical and baroque music will be played. Tickets are now available at a cost of \$10, from Wayne Myers, Tony Fremantle, Barry Ruler (at Portarlington) and Margo Jones (at St. Leonards). The Concert will run from 2.00 pm to 3.00 pm with afternoon to follow.

Good Friday Offering

The offering to be taken at the Good Friday service will be sent to Samaritan House Geelong. This project was spoken about late last year by a guest at the 10.45 service. It provides short stay accommodation in Moolap for homeless men through a referral service. Opportunities are provided to link them into other services and to the community

breakfast program. It is hard for us who have homes, food and support to fully understand their need. Your support in this offering will be appreciated.

Kitchen Renovation

Congratulation to all involved in the renovation of the kitchen, under the supervision of Harvey Davis. From the new cupboards to the painting and tiles and the wonderful sliding drawers, it has been favourably mentioned by many people. God blesses us with wonderful people who can do this work or have supported the congregation so that funds were built up over the years to cover the cost. The cost was around \$15,000.

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 at week after publication. The Worship@9 Bulletin will also be added each month.

Cottage by the Sea Thank you.

We received a thank you letter from Cottage by the Sea thanking us for our harvest festival donation. Tony Featherston writes in his letter "By giving this donation you are showing you care for some of the children who need a change in their young lives and be helped to build their self-esteem. The program at the Cottage provides them with time away from their problems and a new way for them to achieve their goals and give them hope for the future"

