

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.

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ALPHA

An Alpha Course (10 weekly sessions) will be held at SpringDale Neighbourhood Centre, beginning on February 27, from 6.30 pm to 9 pm.

The course is being organised by Central Baptist Church and is open for anyone who might be interested in exploring the Christian faith in a relaxed, non-threatening and fun setting.

If you have been to an Alpha Course at some time, here is an opportunity to invite someone you know who may want to think about some of life's difficult questions. It is also a good refresher for all of us and an opportunity to share with people from other churches. To register, contact Brett of SpringDale on 5253 1960 or email Anna Leong at annnaseetho@yahoo.com



Rosters for the 3 February

PORTARLINGTON

Managers: Malcolm & Margaret Campbell
Morning Tea: Bob & Wendy Sharp
Pastoral Carer & Prayers: Geoff Pryor
Reader: Pam Pryor
Power Point Preparation: Margaret Campbell
Lawn Roster 7 Feb: Barry Ruler, Keith Knights, Alex Eagleson

DRYSDALE

10.45am
Duty Elder & Prayers: Marguerite Edgar
Readings: John MacGillivray
Door: Mary MacGillivray
Morning Tea: Val Place & Marjory McLeod
Flowers: Hazel James

ST LEONARDS

Welcoming: Marj Wilson
Reading: Marion McGillivray
Prayers: Margo Jones
Brass & Flowers: Shirley Hadden

THE UNITING CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA



St Leonards



Portarlington



Drysdale

EPIPHANY 2

Sunday, 27 January 2013

The readings this week offer a range of options for themes. There is the word of God, revealed in creation and through the book of the law. There is the mission of Christ proclaimed in his reading of the scroll from Isaiah. And there is the call for us to be the body of Christ, working together with each part taking his or her place. All of these ideas come together in the theme of purpose and call. We are all recipients of God's calling word, and we are all called to participate in Christ's mission. To do this work, we need to collaborate and each take our place in the body.

Sacredise

LECTIONARY

January 27	Neh 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10	Ps 19
Epiphany 3	1 Cor 12:12-31a	Lk 4:21-30
February 3	Jer 1:4-10	Ps 71:1-6
Epiphany 4	1 Cor 13:1-13	Lk 4:21-30

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THIS WEEK IN OUR CONGREGATIONS:

SUNDAY 27 January

Portarlinton

9.00am Mrs Pat Williams

Drysdale

9.00am Rev Marion Latham,
Denise's team assisting

10.45am Mrs Pat Williams

11.45am Drysdale Annual
Congregation Meeting
(including election of elders)
followed by a shared lunch.

St Leonards

7.00 pm Rev Marion Latham

WEDNESDAY 27 January

10.00am Drysdale Coffee & Chat

THURSDAY 28 January

9.00am Portarlinton
Choir Practice

7.30pm Linked Worship Workshop
at Drysdale

SUNDAY 3 February

Portarlinton

9.00am Rev Brian Giddings

Drysdale

9.00am Rev Marion Latham, HC
Jenni's team assisting

10.45am Rev Marion Latham HC
*Loose change & Food bank
both services*

St Leonards

7.000pm Rev Marion Latham

OUR CONGREGATIONS NEWS

DRYSDALE

Elections and Congregation Annual Meeting

The Congregation Annual Meeting will be held today at the conclusion of the 10.45 service and will be followed by a shared lunch. Worship @ 9 members are asked to return for the meeting.

The agenda will include:

- Presentation of the Annual Report and Financial statements
- Conducting of Elections (elders/councillors/ Congregation Chair and Secretary)
- Welcoming new members
- Approval of loose change recipient for 2013

Nominations for election as elder/ councillor have been received from:

Elders: Joy Krahe
Denise McLaverty

Councillors: Margaret Underwood
Pat Williams

Nominations are also sought for the positions of Congregation Chair and Secretary.

Choir Practice resumes Thursday, 31 January at 9.00am.

PORTARLINGTON

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

The annual congregation meeting and election of Church Councillors are coming up. The Congregation meeting will be held immediately after worship on Sunday March 10th, to be followed by morning tea.

These are the Elders and Church Councillor's whose terms have expired: Elders: Jan Dryden & Heather Gould. C. 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. Barry Ruler

Portarlinton Fellowship Breakfast

Portarlinton will conduct the first Fellowship Breakfast meeting for 2013 on Saturday, 9 February, commencing at 7.30am.

Guest Speaker will be Ms Merrin Hughes, daughter of David & Lorraine Hughes. Late last year, Merrin spent some months in Tanzania helping to build accommodation for local dispensing staff who were without facilities. She will tell us of some of her interesting experiences.

All members of the Linked Congregations and their friends are most welcome to attend. Acceptances to Barry Ruler on 5259 3304 by Thursday evening 7 February.

FOR ALL CONGREGATIONS

A workshop is being held on "Mission Shaped Introduction" at Western Heights Uniting Church on Tuesdays 19, 26 February and 5 March, 5.30 – 8.30pm. Book with Adam McIntosh on 0414725887 by 4 February.

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

Oppression in the Philippines

Belmont/Highton social issues committee has arranged for Pastor Berlin Guerrero to speak at Belmont UC hall (now fully air conditioned) 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