

## 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 10 March

#### PORTARLINGTON

Managers: Keith Knights & Alf Cork  
Morning Tea: David and Lorraine Hughes

Pastoral Carer: Dorothy Knights

Prayers: Dorothy Knights

Reader: Heather Gould

Power Point Preparation: Pam Pryor

Holy Communion Preparation: Dorothy Knights

Holy Communion Serve: Dorothy Knights, Malcolm & Margaret Campbell, Barry Ruler

#### DRYSDALE

10.45am

Duty Elder: Ken Handley

Prayers: Ken Handley

Readings: Irene Stevenson

Door: Sue Taylor

Morning Tea: Marg & John MacGillvray

Flowers: Barbara Batters

Worship @ 9

Kitchen: Wayne's Team

Counting: Lynda Smith

#### ST LEONARDS

Welcoming: Margo Jones

Reading: Margo Jones

Prayer: Marj Wilson

Brass & Flowers: Beryl Woodcock

## THE UNITING CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA



St Leonards



Portarlington



Drysdale

### LENT 3

**Sunday, 3 March 2013**

The soul yearns for many types of nourishment as we hunger and thirst for God. Today's focus is on the hunger and thirst for grace. In the Lenten season, we return to God, not simply to get re-centred and refocused, but to acknowledge our desperate desire for the health and wholeness we find in Christ. The thirst for grace propels us forward, satisfying us like nothing else can. Surely, this is the bread of heaven, the manna that feeds the spirit, the living water that quenches the soul. Come to the waters of grace. Receive the wine of salvation and the milk of God's teachings, offered without money or price. Come and eat the goodness of Christ's grace, God's steadfast love, and the Spirit's abundant acceptance.

Abingdon Worship Annual

### LECTIONARY

March 3	Isaiah 55; 1-9	Ps 63; 1-8
Lent 3	1 Cor 10:1-13	Lk 13:1-9
March 10	Jos 5:9-12	Ps 32
Lent 4	2 Cor 5:16-21	LK 15:1-3, 11b-32

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#### UNITINGCARE OPSHOP:

Village Walk Drysdale

## THIS WEEK IN OUR CONGREGATIONS:

### SUNDAY 3 March

#### Portarlington

9.00am Rev Margaret Manning

#### Drysdale

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

10.45am Rev Marion Latham HC  
*Harvest Festival and Loose Change both services*

### St Leonards

7.00pm Rev Marion Latham

### MONDAY 4.March

1.30pm Portarlington UCAF

7.30pm Drysdale Lenten Studies at the church

### WEDNESDAY 6.March

9.30am - Drysdale mainly music

10.00am Drysdale Coffee & Chat

7.30pm Portarlington Pastoral Care

### THURSDAY 7.March

9.00am Portarlington & Drysdale  
Choir Practice

### FRIDAY 8 March

9.15am Drysdale Friday school

### SUNDAY 10 March

#### Portarlington

9.00am Rev Marion Latham HC  
Loose change & Food bank

#### Drysdale

9.00am Worship @ 9 Graeme's Team

10.45am Rev Margaret Manning

### St Leonards

9.00am Combined Holy Communion  
UCA

## 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.

#### 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.

### PORTARLINGTON

#### Portarlington/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.

### PORTARLINGTON MARCH FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST

Saturday morning March 9th marks the day of our next breakfast meeting, which will commence, as usual, at 7-30am. Guest Speaker will be Rev. Margaret Manning. Margaret had a trip to the Antarctic, returning just before Christmas and will tell us about her time in the cold country!

All members of the Linked Congregations and their friends, are warmly invited to attend. Acceptances to Barry Ruler on 5259 3304 by Thursday evening 7th March please.

the fig tree

*Luke 13: 1-9*

this is that final year  
saved once and all  
our wasted barren limbs excused  
granted reprieve, set free  
released  
from fruitless season after  
season,  
this is that final year

and now the first leaf falls  
while day by day we strip away  
the colour and the shape  
of all we've known  
'till standing stark  
we face the cold wet wintry dark

this is that final year  
when we will turn to face  
the rising light  
and who will know  
what buds of life lie deep  
waiting for the waking  
waiting  
waiting

this is that final year

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