

FOR ALL CONGREGATIONS

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 7th of April

PORTARLINGTON

Managers Keith and Heather Pigdon
Morning tea Bruce and Merrilyn Bertram
Pastoral care Keith Pigdon
Reader Merrilyn Bertram
Power Point Preparation: Joan Kelly

DRYSDALE

W@9
KITCHEN Jenni's team
COUNTING Margo Jones

DRYSDALE

10.15am Combined
Communion Rev. Bob Stevenson
Duty Elder: Vince King
Prayers Vince King
Readings Tony Freemantle
Door: Hazel and Angus Wyllie
Morning Tea Tony and Margaret Freemantle
Flowers: Denise McLaverty

ST.LEONARDS

Welcome Marg. Wilson
Reading Marion McGillvrey
Prayer Marg. Wilson
Brass and Flowers Geoff and Sandra Giddings

THE UNITING CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA



St Leonards



Portarlington



Drysdale

Easter Sunday

Sunday, 31 March 2013

Easter remembers – and re-members. In today's passages, remembering recalls words told by Jesus and news preached by Peter. Re-remembering reconstitutes relationships sealed off by stones. Isaiah evokes memories that are not captive to what has been, but open to what God can do. Easter plants cornerstones of hope and harvests first fruits of life. The women remember and tell. Why do we keep telling this story over and over, year after year? We do it to remember not old details but new insights and fresh perspectives; so that we can remember what a challenge it still is to look death in the face and trust "Jesus is risen."

Seasons of the Spirit

LECTIONARY

March 31	Is 65:17-25	Ps118:1-2
Easter Day	Acts.10:34-43 Or 1 Cor 15:19-26	LK 24:1-12 Jn 20:1-18
April 7	Acts 5:27-32 Or Psalm 150	Psalm 118:14-19
Easter 2	Rev.1:4-8	John20:-31

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THIS WEEK IN OUR CONGREGATIONS

SUNDAY 31 March – Easter Day

Portarlington & St Leonards Combined

9.00am Rev. Marion Latham

Drysdale

10.15am Combined Rev. Marion
Latham

WEDNESDAY 3 April

10.00am Coffee and Chat at Drysdale

THURSDAY 4 April

7.30pm Drysdale Toolbox Session

SUNDAY 7 April

NB Daylight saving has ended

(Do that thing with your clocks what
ever it is)

Portarlington

9:00am Rev. Robert Renton

Drysdale *Loose change & Food bank at both services.*

9.00am W@9 Rev Marion Latham
H/C, Jenni's team
assisting

10:45am Rev. Marion Latham H/C

St.Leonards

5:00pm. Not 7:00pm

Rev. Marion Latham H/c, *Loose
change and Food Bank*

OUR CONGREGATIONS NEWS

DRYSDALE

Organ & Trumpet Concert

On Sunday 28 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 tea to follow.

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.

PORTARLINGTON

Portarlington UCAF.

The U.C.A.F. will meet on Monday 8th of April at 2.00pm in the home of Elaine and Ken Farnell, 317 The Esplanade Indented Head. N.B. please note the change of venue and time of this meeting.

Resurrection

In the nervous silence of our doubts,
we aware of nothing but your absence,
Jesus,
and we begin to wonder whether the
rumours of your death are true;

Then, suddenly, you are among us,
your presence so real we can almost
touch you
your life flowing out into the world
unconstrained;

And we realise that there is nothing to
fear,
that the worst that the world can throw at
us
is insufficient to suppress the inexorable
rising of resurrection.

We offer our praise, Jesus, and our
thanks
for your life that cannot be quenched,
that fills us now,
and that calls us to be resurrection
people
in a world that too often believes
the deceptions of death.

John Van De Laar

Morning

yesterday
morning came:
I put the leash on Sadness
and took him for a walk in
the rain;
i put the kettle on
and watched my hopes
steam away;
i stirred my life
and gorged on its bitterness.

tomorrow
morning will come:
the job will shove me
out of bed;
the dirty laundry will trip me
on the way to the shower;
TVs talking heads
will remind me how terrible
life is.

but this morning?
this morning:
daffodils spread their petals
for the one who comes
weeping
for her Lord;

this morning:
angels laugh
as death is kicked out
of the tomb;

this morning:
Jesus does cartwheels
through the graveyard,
splashing through
the puddles of our tears
and into our hearts.
Alleluia! Amen!

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