

THE UNITING CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA



FOR ALL CONGREGATIONS

Spare Wool?

If any members of the congregation have spare wool that you no longer have any use for, Pam Love would appreciate it. If you have some please contact Margo Jones who will pass it on, phone 5257 1221.

Lenten Bible Study DVD

If you were not able to go to the Lenten Study the DVD of 'The Way' is available for borrowing after 14th April. There are also spare copies of the devotional books that go with it. Let Marion know if you want to borrow these to use at home.

Postponement of Essendon Choral Society PSA

Due to a scheduling problem at the Essendon Choral Society end, the *Pleasant Sunday Afternoon* previously advertised for Sunday 4th May, will now take place on Sunday 22nd June, same time (2-30pm), same place (Port Church Hall) and same price \$12. We warmly invite all members of the Linked Congregations to mark this date in their diaries and join us and enjoy a wonderful afternoon of quality choral music.

Further details from Barry Ruler on 5259 3304.

Rosters for 20th April

Portarlington and St Leonards

Managers: Bruce & Merylyn Bertram

Morning Tea: Wendy Quill & Jan Dryden

Pastoral Care: Merylyn Bertram

Prayer: Merylyn Bertram

Reader: Bruce Bertram

PowerPoint: Joan Kelly

Drysdale

Good Friday, 10:00 am

Duty Elder: to be announced

Prayers: to be announced

Easter Sunday

9.00 am

Kitchen: Jenni's team

Counting: Jonnie Mander

10.45 am:

Duty Elder: John MacGillivray

Prayers: John MacGillivray

Reading: Gerald Edgar

Door: M. MacGillivray, M. Grieve

Morning Tea: P & K Handley

Flowers: Irene Stevenson

Palm Sunday

Sunday, 13 April 2014

The Revised Common Lectionary readings for Palm Sunday reflect the focus of the day, Christ's entry into Jerusalem. Attending church only on Sundays presents a particular problem at this moment in the Christian year. A generally positive and upbeat mood on Palm Sunday as Jesus is welcomed into Jerusalem with shouts of 'Hosanna' ('God saves!') is, if anything, enhanced on Easter Sunday as Christ's resurrection, God's saving act, is celebrated. While this joyful double celebration is appropriate, there is the risk that it masks the intervening conflict, betrayal, isolation and death of Christ's passion without which Easter would have little meaning and no context. These two great events, the enthusiastic acclamation of Jesus as he enters Jerusalem and Christ's victory over sin and death certainly ought to be celebrated with great joy. They need to be seen, though, in the context of the whole events of Holy Week

Rev. Grant Barclay, St Kentigern's Church, Kilmarnock, Scotland. *Starters for Sunday*

LECTIONARY

13 April Palm Sunday	Matthew 21:1-11 Liturgy of the Palms	Psalms 118:1-2, 19-29
18 April Good Friday	Isaiah 52:13-53:12 Hebrews 10:16-25 or 4:14-16; 5:7-9	Psalm 22 John 18:1-19:42
20 April Easter Day	Acts 10:34-43 or Jeremiah 31:1-6 Colossians 3:1-4	Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 John 20:1-18 or Matthew 28:1-10

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THIS WEEK IN OUR CONGREGATIONS

Sunday, 13 April

Portarlington

9:00 am Rev. Marion Latham, HC
Loose change & Food Bank

St Leonards

9:00 am Combined Service with
Anglican Church, Holy
Communion

Drysdale

9:00 am Worship@9 Denise's Team
10:45 am Mrs Pat Williams

Monday, 14 April

9:30 am KYB
7:30 pm Lenten Study

Tuesday 15 April

10:30 am Drysdale Grove Service
7:30 pm Drysdale Worship teams

Wednesday, 16 April

10:00 am Drysdale Coffee and Chat

Thursday, 17 April

9:00 am Drysdale & Portarlington
Choir practices
11:00 am Anne Nichol Service
6:30 pm Portarlington, Maundy
Thursday Agape Meal

Friday, 18 April, Good Friday

Portarlington

9:00 am Rev Marion Latham

Drysdale

10:00 am Rev. Marion Latham
11:15 am Walk of Witness, from St.
James, Anglican Church

Saturday, 19 April

8:00 am Prayer breakfast, *Zoo Cafe*,
Drysdale

Sunday, 20 April

Portarlington and St Leonards

combined service at Portarlington
9:00 am Rev. Marion Latham

Drysdale

9:00 am Worship @ 9, Graeme's
Team
10:45 am Rev. Marion Latham

OUR CONGREGATIONS NEWS

DRYSDALE

Lenten Bible Study

The final Lenten Study will be on
Monday 14th April. The study is titled
'The Way'.

Name badges

Members of the congregation are
encouraged to wear their name badges.
This makes it easier for people to greet
you and make conversation. If you
don't have a name badge or would like
to purchase a new one please contact
Vera Mills, phone 5253 2689 or email
vera.mills.cs@gmail.com.

Loose Change

Our loose change offering this month
totalled \$102.40. Samaritan House in
Moolap, providing care for homeless
men, is the beneficiary. Thanks to all.

PORTARLINGTON

Maundy Thursday at Portarlington

This year at St. Andrews Portarlington
we will remember the last meal Jesus
shared with his disciples by sharing an
Agape Meal, beginning in the hall and
finishing the service in the church. The

meal will be a simple meal of cold meat,
salad and fruit. During the meal we re-
enact the breaking of the bread and
sharing the wine (in our case non-
alcoholic) in a very ancient traditional
way. An Agape meal is a form of
worship that was used in the early
church. It is a 'proper' meal, so we will
be starting at 6.30 pm, earlier than usual
for our Maundy Thursday service.
Please let Dorothy know if you will be
there – for catering purposes.

Portarlington U.C.A.F.

The U.C.A.F. will meet on Monday
14 April at 1.30 pm in the meeting room
when the subject will be 'Wedding Days
Remembered'. Please bring photos,
memories and other items of interest
connected to weddings, both our own
and of other generations and cultures.
Everyone welcome.

Advance Notice for Your Diaries:

St Andrew's Portarlington *Justice &
Mission Ministry Team* is once again
holding a 'Focus on Asylum Seeker'
Week' in May. At the 9.00 am Sunday
service on 4th May there will be prayers
and reflections on this issue.

On Wednesday 7th May, A 'Community
Fund Raising Dinner' will be held at
6.30 pm. Speaker, Sue Longmore AOM,
a founding member of Queenscliff Rural
Australians for Refugees, has been
active in personally assisting asylum
seekers and refugees for the past ten
years.

Then to conclude the week on Saturday
10th May at 7.30 am the 'Fellowship

Breakfast' speaker will be Sr. Brigid
Arthur CBS. Sr. Brigid is a founding
member of the Melbourne based
'Brigidine Asylum Seekers Project'; more
details in later Newsletters.

Please mark the dates in your diary,
plan to attend and be better informed on
these important issues.

FOR ALL CONGREGATIONS

Alpha 2014

We are invited to the 2014 Alpha Course
which will be held at the Springdale
Neighbourhood Centre over 10 weeks
starting on April 23, 6.30 pm to 9 pm.
This includes an evening meal. If you
have never experienced Alpha, go and
find out what it is all about. If you *have*
been to Alpha, you could introduce it to
a friend, or have another look yourself.
Information: Anna. 0402019529.

*God of all patience,
you do not give up on us
even when one moment we cheer
"Blessed is the one who comes in
the name of the Lord,"
then like a flash fizzed cold
we chant with chill
"Crucify."
We hear you echoed in your Son
"Father, forgive them."
Father, forgive us,
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and
the Holy Spirit,
one God for ever and
ever. Amen*

Bob Eldan