

FOR ALL CONGREGATIONS (cont.)

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 would have liked to go to the Lenten Study, but was unable for any reason, the DVD of 'The Way' is available for borrowing. There are also some spare copies of the devotional books that go with it.

Let Marion know if you would like 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 4 May, will now take place on **Sunday, 22 June**, 2.30pm at Portarlington Church Hall, cost \$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 27 April

Portarlington

Managers: Marg Hutcheon, Sue Handley, Peter Gibbs

Morning Tea: Wendy Quill, Jan Dryden

Pastoral Care: Barry Ruler

Prayers & Readings: Drysdale Lay Team

PowerPoint: Bruce Bertram

Drysdale

9.00 am

Kitchen: Wayne's team

Counting: Colleen Diamond

10.45 am

Duty Elder: Pat Williams

Prayers & Readings: Drysdale Lay Team

Door: Margaret MacGillivray

Morning Tea: Marjory McLeod, Audrey Shepherd

Flowers: Brenda Jacobs

St Leonards

Welcoming: Miriam Tobin

Readings & Prayers: Drysdale Lay Team

Brass & Flowers: Judy Godfrey

and on a lighter note ..

Why go to Church?

One Sunday morning, a mother went in to wake her son and tell him it was time to get ready for church, to which he replied, 'I'm not going.'

"Why not?" 'I'll give you two good reasons,' he said. '(1) they don't like me, and (2) I don't like them.'

His mother replied, 'I'll give you two good reasons why you SHOULD go to church : (1) You're 59 years old, and (2) you're the pastor !'

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Easter Day

Sunday, 20 April 2014

How often do we really open our eyes to see the Risen Christ in our midst? Mary and the disciples saw only signs that Jesus had been taken away; they were not expecting to encounter a living saviour, and so they missed the clues. How many people come to church expecting to encounter a living saviour? How many worship leaders live with that expectation? Maybe this Easter will be an opportunity to establish the belief in our congregations that the resurrected Christ *is* in our midst—this week and every week!

Abingdon Worship Annual

LECTIONARY

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
27 April Easter 2	Acts 2: 14a, 22-32 1 Peter 1:3-9	Psalm 16 John 20:19-31

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THIS WEEK IN OUR CONGREGATIONS:

Sunday, 20 April, Easter Day
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

Wednesday, 23 April
9.30 am – 12.45 pm mainly music
10.00 am Drysdale Coffee and Chat

Thursday, 24 April
9.00 am Drysdale & Portarlington
Choir practices

Friday, 25 April
Anzac Day

Sunday, 27 April
Portarlington
9.00 am Drysdale Lay Team,
Rev. Bob Stevenson & Vince
King

Drysdale
9:00 am Worship @ 9,
Rev. Marion Latham,
Graeme's Team assisting
10:45 am Drysdale Lay Team,
Rev. Bob Stevenson &
Vince King

St Leonards
5.00 pm Drysdale Lay Team,
Rev. Bob Stevenson &
Vince King

OUR CONGREGATIONS NEWS

DRYSDALE

Missing Vase
Margaret Freemantle is missing a vase
taken home after the service on Sunday,
30 March.

It is a medium size, multi-coloured vase,
with Margaret's name on the base and
has sentimental value.

PORTARLINGTON

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 4 May there will be prayers
and reflections on this issue.

On Wednesday 7 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
10 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.

He is Risen

He is risen! How can you doubt that my friend?
See how the sun lifts the mist from the green hills?
Look at the multitude of trees with uplifted arms!
Listen to the massed choirs of bellbirds and tuis
Pouring out their Hallelujahs!
Even the stream on the way to the sea
Is singing a resurrection song.

Let me tell you something, my friend.
The death and resurrection story
Is explanation, not transaction.
He is not some kind of insurance salesman
Dealing in life policies, where fulfilment
Depends on our investment. Oh no!
That is much too small a view
Of the abundant freedom offered
To us in those nail-marked hands.

It's about love, my friend. A cosmic love
That cannot be measured by the human mind,
But can only be perceived dimly, darkly, gratefully,
By the hungry human heart.
Ultimately it's all there is; Jesus, this endless love.

If you still have doubts, my friend,
Stand outside the empty tomb
And listen to the way he says your name.

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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.