

Put your hand,
 Thomas,
 on the crawling head,
 of a child,
 imprisoned in a cot,
 in Romania.
 Place your finger,
 Thomas,
 on the list of those,
 who have disappeared in Chile.
 Stroke the cheek,
 Thomas,
 of the little girl,
 sold into prostitution,
 in Thailand.
 Touch, Thomas,
 the gaping wounds
 of my world.
 Feel, Thomas,
 the primal wound,
 of my people.
 Reach out your hands,
 Thomas,
 and place them at the side of the
 poor.
 Grasp my hands, Thomas,
 and believe,
 when you feel me
 in the world's pain,
 and in the world's glory

*by Kate McIlhagga in "Human
 Rites: worship resources
 for an age of change"
 compiled by Ward and Wild.*

Essendon Choral Society PSA

A Pleasant Sunday Afternoon, will take place on **Sunday, 22 June**, 2.30pm at the Portarlinton Church Hall, cost \$12. We warmly invite all members of the Linked Congregations to mark this date in their diaries and join us as we enjoy a wonderful afternoon of quality choral music.

Further details from Barry Ruler on 5259 3304.

Rosters for 4 May

Portarlinton

Managers: Marg Hutcheon, Sue Handley, Peter Gibbs

Morning Tea: Brenda & Graham Vohmann

Pastoral Care & Prayers: Malcolm Campbell

Readings: Margaret Campbell

PowerPoint: Joy Porter

Drysdale

9.00 am

Kitchen: Denise's team

Counting: Lesley Taylor

10.45 am

Duty Elder & Prayers: Bob Stevenson

Readings: John MacGillivray

Door: Vince King

Morning Tea: Brenda Jacobs, Alma Milvain

Flowers: Margaret Freemantle

St Leonards

Welcoming: Marj Wilson

Readings: Kaye Baulch

Prayers: Marj Wilson

Brass & Flowers: Marj Wilson

THE UNITING CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA



Easter 2

Sunday, 27 April 2014

Many people struggle with the stories of the Resurrection. They may seem to stretch our understandings of how things work in the "real world." But does it matter? In the variety of resurrection stories the gospels give us – both on Easter morning and beyond – we are given a range of ways in which people encountered the risen Christ. As Jesus indicates to Thomas, there are many ways to experience the risen Christ, and we must never let ourselves be limited. The witness of God's people affirms the life and presence of the risen Christ among them, however difficult their circumstances.

Seasons of the Spirit

LECTIONARY

27 April Easter 2	Acts 2: 14a, 22-32 1 Peter 1:3-9	Psalm 16 John 20:19-31
4 May Easter 3	Acts 2: 14a, 36-41 1 Peter 1: 17-23	Psalm 116: 1-4,12-19 Luke 24: 13-35

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THIS WEEK IN OUR CONGREGATIONS:

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

Monday, 28 April

1.30pm Drysdale KYB-
note changed time

12.30 pm St Leonards UCAF

Tuesday, 29 April

9.30 am Portarlington Justice &
Mission Group

Wednesday, 30 April

9.30 am – 12.45 pm mainly music

10.00 am Drysdale Coffee and Chat

Thursday, 1 May

9.00 am Drysdale & Portarlington
Choir practices

7.30 pm Drysdale Pastoral Care Team
Meeting

Friday, 2 May

9.15 am Friday School

Sunday, 4 May

Portarlington

9.00 am Rev. Margaret Manning

Drysdale

9:00 am Worship @ 9, Rev. Bob
Stevenson, Wayne's Team
assisting

10:45 am Rev. Ian Porter, HC

*Loose change and food bank both
services.*

St Leonards

5.00 pm Denise & Ian McLaverty

OUR CONGREGATIONS NEWS

DRYSDALE

Annual Dinner and Concert

Advance Notice for your diaries:

Our Annual Winter Fundraising Dinner
and Concert will be held on **Saturday,
28 June**, commencing at 6.00 pm in the
Drysdale Church Hall.

Cost of the evening is \$15 an adult,
\$7 child under 12.

A home cooked 3 course meal will be
followed by Community Singing, lead by
our Choir. If you have a favourite song
please make your suggestions to
Margaret Freemantle.

All members of the Linked
Congregations and their friends are
invited to come along for a great night
out.

Thanks

I would like to say a very big heartfelt
thank you to my many dear friends at the
Drysdale Uniting Church for all your
prayers, cards, phone calls, messages
and flowers while I was in Hospital.

I have been quite overwhelmed.

Love you lots. *Hazel James*

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.

ST LEONARDS

UCAF

The next meeting of the St Leonards
UCAF will be held at the home of Geoff
and Sandra Giddings, Turnberry Court,
at 12.30 pm for a soup and sandwich
lunch.

Further details from Margo 5257 1221.

FOR ALL CONGREGATIONS

Lenten 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.

Further commentary on the lectionary

To those who have not seen the risen
Christ, the three New Testament
readings repeat the bold good news of
Easter—that death could not hold Jesus
in its power. Like Thomas and the other
disciples, and like the readers of 1 Peter,
however, we live in the midst of trials
and suffering, doubt and fear. Jesus'
resurrection invites us to a resilient,
specially blessed faith (John 20:29b) that
does not end with doubt or fear or
suffering. Our readings proclaim that life
is our ultimate end and God's aim for us,
and we may rejoice even now in this
"living hope" (1 Peter 1:3).

Ministry Matters