

# THE UNITING CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA

Get Up!

my burdens, struggles,  
worries and doubts  
lie on the floor  
where I scattered them  
last night  
as i crawled into bed;

most mornings,  
with tottering trust,  
meager mercy,  
and no hope to spare,  
when i cast out my life,  
it seems i only pull in  
despair's emptiness.

but there you are  
down in the kitchen:  
flour all over the counters,  
dirty pots stacked in the sink,  
juice poured,  
tea steeped,  
hollering up the stairs,  
"Get up, lazy faith!  
Breakfast's ready!"

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## Rosters for 21st of April

### PORTARLINGTON

Managers: Malcolm and Margaret  
Campbell

Morning tea: Merilyn and Bruce Bertram

Pastoral Care and Prayers: Geoff Pryor

Reader: Pam Pryor

Power Point Preparation: Catherine  
Eagleson

### DRYSDALE

W@9

Kitchen: Denise's team

Counting: Val Lestrangle

### DRYSDALE

10.15am

Duty Elder: Jen Davis

Prayers: Jen Davis

Readings: Keith Grimm

Door: Vince King

Morning Tea: Brenda Jacobs & Alma  
Milvain

Flowers: Phyllis Kon

### ST.LEONARDS

Welcoming: Shirl Haddon

Reading: Kaye Baulch

Brassy & Blooms: Geoff and Sandra  
Giddings



Easter 3

Sunday, 14 April 2013

While this week's scriptures do not expressly say, "Jesus is the light of the world," this is the message conveyed in these passages. Through the risen Christ the veil of our personal egos, our fears, and our sins are all stripped away. Through the risen Christ we are no longer blind. Christ sheds light on the truth of our lives and the source of our salvation.

Abingdon Worship Annual

## LECTIONARY

April 14 Easter 3	Acts 9:1-6(7-20) Revelation 5:11-14	Psalm 30 John 21:1-19
April 21 Easter 4	Acts 9:36-43 Revelation 7:9-17	Psalm 23 John 10:22-30

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## THIS WEEK IN OUR CONGREGATIONS

### SUNDAY 14 April

#### Portarlington

Rev. Bob Stevenson H/C  
*Food bank, Loose change*

#### Drysdale

9:00am W@9 Jenni's Team  
10:45am Mrs. Pat Williams

#### St.Leonards

9:00am Anglican Service

### MONDAY 15 April

1:30pm Portarlington UCAF

### TUESDAY 16 April

10:30am Drysdale Grove Service  
7:30pm JCC @ Drysdale

### WEDNESDAY 17 April

9:00am -12:30pm mainly music  
10:00am Drysdale Coffee and Chat

### THURSDAY 18 April

11:00am Portarlington Ann Nichol Service

### FRIDAY 19 April

9:15am-10-30am Drysdale  
Friday School

### SATURDAY 13 April

8:00am Drysdale Prayer Breakfast  
at the Zoo Cafe

### SUNDAY 21 April

#### Portarlington

9.00am Mr Keith Pigdon  
2-00pm Welsh Ladies Choir

#### Drysdale

9:00am W@9 Wayne's Team  
10:45am Mr. Keith Pigdon

#### St.Leonards

5:00pm Mr. Keith Pigdon  
*Loose change and Food bank offering*

## OUR CONGREGATIONS NEWS

### DRYSDALE

UCAF Drysdale UCAF will meet at 1:30pm Wednesday April 24<sup>th</sup>. Rita is providing lots of stamps to trim. Bring scissors and used stamps that you may have collected.

#### 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.

#### Loose coin offering

Thanks to all who gave so generously this month's collection, the last for the Muchti Mission, raised \$147.35.

### PORTARLINGTON

St Andrew's Portarlington Justice and Mission Ministry Team is holding a focus on Asylum Seeker Week in May

**Saturday May 11<sup>th</sup> 7.30 to 9am at the Fellowship Breakfast** we will welcome a speaker with personal knowledge of asylum seeker issue.

At the **9am Church service on Sunday May 12<sup>th</sup>** there will be prayers and reflections on this issue. Everyone very welcome.

A **Community Fund Raising Dinner** for the Hotham Mission Asylum Seeker Project will be held on **Wednesday May 15<sup>th</sup> at 6.30pm**. Speaker that evening will be Cathie Bond, a founding member of Queenscliff Rural Australians for Refugees, who has been active in personally assisting asylum seekers and refugees for the past ten years.

### ST.LEONARDS

UCAF next meeting will be on Monday April 22<sup>nd</sup> at 2:00pm. This will be an ordinary meeting (?????). Further info. phone Margo 52571221

## FOR ALL CONGREGATIONS

#### 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 21<sup>st</sup>., at 2-00pm**. Tickets \$12, including a cuppa and home made biscuits/ slices after the performance. Tickets at the door.

#### Organ & Trumpet Concert

#### **NB CANCELLED.**

All those looking forward to hearing someone else blow their own trumpet on Sunday 28 will be disappointed to know that the 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). **HAS BEEN CANCELLED.**

breakfast

John 21:1-19

as day pulls threads of darkness  
from the night  
and morning creeps and seeps  
in shards of light  
you stand  
beached on the borderland  
of then and now  
and tell us how to turn what we once  
knew  
into a catch of grace too huge to hold as  
stories never fully told  
are offered over coals of pain  
while fish are fresh and bread is shared  
and sheep are fed  
and life begins again

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