

The Kittens

you promise to be with me
when death takes my hand
to lead me into life . . .

but how will i know . . .

when i sneak down
the shadowed alleys,
hoping to find that quick fix for my broken
dreams. . .

when I look up
from the muddy bottom
of desolation's ditch,
wondering where are my friends
who promised
(‘we’ll be there!’)
to pull me out. . .

when my addiction
to every sales pitch
i see and hear
trips me up and i fall into
greed's gutter . . .

. . . that you are with me then
and there?

i only need to look behind me -
and there are Goodness & Mercy,
those two stray kittens who follow me
wherever i go,
wherever i am -
just waiting for me to pick them up
and welcome them
into my heart.

Rosters for 28th of April

PORTARLINGTON

Managers David & Elizabeth Thompson
Morning tea: David & Elizabeth
Thompson

Pastoral Care: Barry Ruler

Prayers: Port Lay Team

Reader: Port Lay Team

Power Point Preparation: Joy Porter

DRYSDALE

W@9

Kitchen: Wayne’s Team

Counting: Denise McLaverty

DRYSDALE

10.15am

Duty Elder: Gerald Edgar

Prayers: Portarlington Lay Team

Readings: Portarlington Lay Team

Door: Vince King

Morning Tea: Joy Krahe & Merrilyn
Lloyd

Flowers: Irene Stevenson

ST.LEONARDS

Welcoming: Miriam Tobin

Reading & Prayers: Portarlington Lay
Team

Flowers: Judy Godfrey

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St Leonards



Portarlington



Drysdale

Easter 4

Sunday, 21 April 2013

It would be easy to focus on the words “the Lord is my shepherd” as the central theme of today’s readings. Certainly there is no more beautiful and perfect description of a life lived in harmony with God than Psalm 23. No less important, however, is the passage from Revelation 7, “God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.” The Lord is indeed our shepherd, as Jesus explains in John 10. The Good Shepherd cares for the sheep, brings an end to suffering, and fulfils the promise of eternal life as described in Revelation and experienced firsthand by Peter in Acts.

Ministry Matters

LECTIONARY

April 21 Easter 4	Acts 9:36-43 Revelation 7:9-17	Psalm 23 John 10:22-30
April 28 Easter 5	Acts 11:1-18 Revelation 21:1-6	Psalm 148 John 13:31-35

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THIS WEEK IN OUR CONGREGATIONS

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

TUESDAY 23 April

7:30pm Drysdale Worship team

WEDNESDAY 24 April

9:00am -12:30pm mainly music
10:00am Drysdale Coffee and Chat
1.30pm Drysdale UCAF

THURSDAY 25 April ANZAC DAY

FRIDAY 26 April

9:15-10-30am Drysdale Friday School

SUNDAY 28 April

Portarlington

9:00am Portarlington Lay Team

Drysdale

9:00am W@9 Rev Ann Key
Graeme's team assisting
10:45am Portarlington Lay Team

St.Leonards

5:00pm Portarlington Lay Team

OUR CONGREGATIONS NEWS

DRYSDALE

UCAF Drysdale UCAF will meet at 1:30pm Wednesday April 24th. 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 week after publication. The Worship@9 Bulletin will also be added each month.

PORTARLINGTON

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

Saturday May 11th 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 12th** 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 15th 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 22nd at 2:00pm. Further info. phone Margo 52571221

FOR ALL CONGREGATIONS

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.**

A request for small plastic pots for the Op-Shop

Last year volunteer Andrea Lindsay grew 60 Chrysanthemums and offered them to the Op-shop. They sold in a few days. She would like to propagate some more but needs tubes or small pots that are no larger than 124 mm high and 50X50mm across the top. If you have some leave a note at Drysdale in the "L" pigeon hole at the church or bring them to the 10:45 service, or text her on 0407 116956

Congratulations to mainly music, who celebrated their 4th birthday on Wednesday!

mainly music update

One of the children's favourite 'God Songs' we sing at mainly music is the *Hip Hip Horray* song, with the words:

In the beginning God made the sea
And the forest, filled with trees
He made the mountains up so high
At the very top, He placed the sky.

God's fingerprints are everywhere
Just to show how much He cares
In between He had loads of fun
He made a hippo who weighs a ton.

Hip, Hip, Hip, Hippopotamus
Hip, Hip, Hurray! God made all of us
Hip, Hip, Hip, Hippopotamus
Hip, Hip, Hurray! He made us.

Creation sings of His praise
The sparrow, and the tiny babe
We can sing and say, "Well Done"
But some things He just made for fun.

One mum shared with me that the bedtime ritual for her little girl is that she gets to choose one book to read, one story to be told, and a song to sing, and she inevitably chooses the Hippopotamus song! What a wonderful example of how the message of Creation is being taken into the homes of families who come to mainly music.

If you would like to see the program in action and the joy that is in the hall on Wednesdays come along and sit through a session. If you would like to support the program in some way, speak to Val Lestrangle, 5251 3125.