

Acts 11:17

the homeless, the hungry,
the poor:
always complaining about
their circumstances;
why can't they pull themselves
up by their boot straps like I did?

Yet,

you hold open the doors,
waving them in, saying,
"Welcome! There's room
for all!"

I wish people
would stop whining and crying
because life is so unbearable;

but

you reach out
and touch their wet cheeks
with nail-scarred hands.
Travellers on a path
of desperation,
searching for One
who has living water
get in my way
as I hurry through life,
and
you remove the stones
in their path,
including me.
Who am I
to my God?

Amen.

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Rosters for May 5th

PORTARLINGTON

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

Pastoral Care: Jan Dryden

Prayers: Jan Dryden

Reader: Len Newcombe

Power Point Preparation: Pam Pryor

DRYSDALE

Food bank delivery for May

Ian McLaverty

W@9

Kitchen: Graeme's Team

Counting: Jenni Nickelson

10.45am

H/C Elder Marguerite Edgar

Duty Elder: Ken Handley

Prayers: Ken Handley

Readings: Pat Williams

Door: Lindsay and Hazel James

Morning Tea: Marjorie McLeod and
Audrey Shepherd

Flowers: Brenda Jacobs

ST. LEONARDS

Welcoming: Marj Wilson

Reading: Marie Alexander

Prayers: Marj Wilson

Brass & Flowers: Sheryl Ratcliff & Marj
Wilson

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Drysdale

Easter 5

Sunday, 28 April 2013

These scriptures proclaim both the power of God, who creates all that is, and the love of God for all people. Through a vision, God shows Peter that the Gentiles are to be included in the promises of Jesus Christ. The psalmist calls all creation to praise its creator. In Revelation, we hear that God's home is among people and we receive the promise that grief will be no more. In John's Gospel, Jesus gives his disciples the commandment to love one another.

Ministry Matters

LECTIONARY

April 28
Easter 5

Acts 11:1-18
Revelation 21:1-6

Psalms 148
John 13:31-35

May 5
Easter 6

Acts 16:9-15
Revelation 21:10, 22-
-22: 5

Psalms 67
John 14:23-29. or
John 5:1-9

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THIS WEEK IN OUR CONGREGATIONS

SUNDAY 28 April

Portarlinton

9.00am Portarlinton Lay Team

Drysdale

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

St.Leonards

5:00pm Portarlinton Lay Team

WEDNESDAY 1 May

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

THURSDAY 2 May

7:30 Drysdale Pastoral Care

FRIDAY 3 May

9:15-10-30am Drysdale Friday School

SUNDAY May 5

Portarlinton

9.00am Mrs Pat Williams

Drysdale

9:00am W@9 Rev Marion Latham
H/C Denise's team assisting
10:45am Rev Marion Latham H/C
Food bank and Loose change offering at both services

St.Leonards

5:00pm Pastor Rob Brown

OUR CONGREGATIONS NEWS

DRYSDALE

Prayer Chain

Our prayer chain is a valuable part of the congregation support for its members. If you would like to join the prayer chain please speak to Wayne Myers. Prayer requests are forwarded to Prayer Chain, members by email or telephone. If you have a need for prayer please advise your elder or Wayne Myers

Synod

Synod commences on Friday May 3 with the opening service and induction of the new Moderator. Wayne Myers will be attending and is able to take passengers for people interested in going. The theme for Synod is "Wait, Listen, Trust: Hope Comes"

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.

Mutki Mission

A letter of thanks has been received for our loose change donation of \$500 towards their 'Stop the Block' project.

The Director, Glenda de Jager advises that our gift will help Mukti to continue to provide a safe home for disadvantaged women and children across India.

PORTARLINGTON

St Andrew's Portarlinton 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 from the Geelong *Karen* Community with personal knowledge of refugee issues. Enquires Barry Ruler 5259 3304.

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 Refugee who has been active in personally assisting asylum seekers and refugees for the past ten years. To assist with catering please contact Dorothy Knights ph 5259 3822 or Joy Porter 5259 2538 by May 8th if you wish to attend.

FOR ALL CONGREGATIONS

MUSIC ON THE MOVE

Sunday May 19th Coryule Chorus are performing a benefit concert with a difference. They will perform their mix of Choral, ensembles and solos at three Drysdale's historical venues Commencing at 2:00pm at St Thomas's then Drysdale U/C and conclude at St.James Anglican just after 4:00pm where a Devonshire tea is on offer. (Courtesy bus available). Cost \$10 to support Anam Cara House that offers respite for the terminally ill at Geelong. Ring Rob 0407439323 for more detail

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

Vale Claude Stanley

We are saddened at the passing of our dear friend and faithful servant of God, Claude Stanley.

Our prayers are with Beryl and family.