

God of eternal treasures,  
 your son taught us  
 to be dressed for action,  
 with purses that do not wear out.  
 Give us grace to be ready  
 at any hour,  
 even the midnight of our hearts.  
 We ask this through Jesus Christ  
 our Lord,  
 who lives and reigns with you and  
 the Holy Spirit,  
 one God for ever and ever. Amen

Bob Eldan

the unexpected hour

Luke 12: 32-40

all of our possessions  
 will eventually  
 be given or taken away  
 from us  
 so do not be afraid little flock  
 set yourself free  
 from the entrapment  
 of acquisition and consumption

accept instead the gifts  
 from the heart of the one  
 whose breath bought you life  
 for wherever you invest  
 the riches you choose to chase  
 there will be the heart of you

the hub, the deepest part,  
 the still point upon which  
 all else turns  
 can either be within you  
 fed and nourished by love  
 as your centre of gravity

or without you,  
 loading your life off balance  
 until the unexpected hour

**Rosters for 11 August**

**PORTARLINGTON**

**Managers:** Barry Ruler & Alf  
 Cork

**Morning tea :** Cath & Alex  
 Eagleson

**Pastoral Care :** Barry Ruler

**Prayers, Reader :** Port Worship  
 Team

**Power point. :** Joan Kelly

**DRYSDALE**

**W@9**

**Kitchen** Jenni's Team

**Counting** Sue Polley

**10.45am**

**Elder:** Ken Handley

**Prayers:** Ken Handley

**Readings:** Pat Handley

**Door:** Sue Taylor

**Morning tea:** Irene & Bob  
 Stevenson

**Flowers:** Lesley Taylor

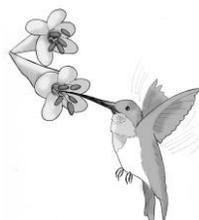
**ST. LEONARDS**

**Welcome:** Miriam Tobin

**Reading:** Kaye Baulch

**Prayers:** Marj Wilson

**Brass & Flowers:** Miriam Tobin  
 & Marj Wilson



St Leonards



Portarlington



Drysdale

**Pentecost 10**

**Sunday 11 August 2013**

It may come as a surprising thought that the 'blessings' we receive and enjoy have the potential to make us less Christ-like, but, depending on how we understand God's promises and the goodness God gives, this can be the case. When we view wealth, success or power as unquestionable signs of God's blessing, we are in danger of departing from the Gospel's call to align ourselves with the least, and to find God's blessing in community and sharing. This is the challenge of the readings this week.

Sacredi

**LECTIONARY**

August 11	Isaiah 1: 1, 10-20	Psalm 50: 1-8, 22-23
Pentecost 12	Hebrews 11: 1-3, 8-16	Luke 12: 32-40
August 18	Isaiah 5: 1-7	Psalm: 80: 1-2, 8-19
Pentecost 13	Hebrews 11: 29-12: 2	Luke 12: 49-56

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## THIS WEEK IN OUR CONGREGATIONS

### SUNDAY 11 August

#### Portarlington

9.00 am Rev. Marion Latham H. C.  
*Loose change & Food bank*

#### St. Leonards

9.00am H. C. combined Anglican

#### Drysdale

9.00 am Café Church  
10.45 am Mrs. Pat Williams

### TUESDAY 13 August

7.30 pm Property Committee

### WEDNESDAY 14 August

9.30 am-12.30pm Drysdale mainly  
music  
10:00 am Drysdale Coffee and Chat  
4.00 pm, Preaching Plan meeting,  
Pat Williams home

### THURSDAY 15 August

9.00am Drysdale & Portarlington  
Choir Practice  
11.00am Ann Nichol service  
7.30 pm Drysdale Church Council

### SATURDAY 17 August

8 am Prayer Breakfast at The Zoo.  
Looking at Zephaniah & prayer

### SUNDAY 18 August

#### Portarlington

9.00 am Rev. Marion Latham  
**Drysdale**  
Worship @ 9 Graeme's Team  
10.45 am Rev Marion Latham  
**St. Leonards**  
5.00pm Rev. Marion Latham  
*Loose change and Food bank*

## OUR CONGREGATIONS NEWS

### PORTARLINGTON

The UCAF will meet at the home of Elaine Farnell 317 The Esplanade, Indented Head for an afternoon of Fellowship on Monday 12 August at 2.00pm. Please note the later starting time for this meeting. All welcome.

### DRYSDALE

#### Film afternoon

Come along to our Film Afternoon at the Gaynor Leopold Theatre this afternoon. The film will commence at 1.30pm and be followed with afternoon tea. The film chosen is "The Last of the Blonde Bombshells" starring Judi Dench, Ian Holm, Leslie Caron and Joan Sims. Tickets costing \$14.00 are available from Margaret Freemantle and Wayne Myers

#### Bible Studies

There will be two bible studies/discussions held as follows:  
Tuesday August 20<sup>th</sup> at 7.30 pm  
Topic: Overview of the book of Genesis. The story of creation.  
Tuesday August 27<sup>th</sup> at 7.30 pm  
Topic: The book of Revelation. Does this book have a message for today. Everyone is welcome, come along and bring your ideas about these somewhat controversial subjects.  
Any questions contact Ken. 5251 3075  
Venue: Ken & Pat Handley's home, Unit 6, Bellview. 66 Wyndham Street. Drysdale 3222  
N.B. Will those attending please park in Wyndham Street.  
(Mind the new 'No Parking' signs)

### Loose Change

This month's loose change offering resulted in \$118.35 for the water project in Papua New Guinea. Over the four months this has produced over \$400.00 and will be rounded up by church council to \$500.00. Thank you all for your contributions to this important project by Uniting World.

## ALL OUR CONGREGATIONS

### White Elephant Auction at Central Baptist Church

Saturday August 17. Pre-viewing from 4 pm. Auction begins 6 pm.

Free hot dogs and sausages for kids. Moderately priced food available for adults. Any donations of goods in working order will be welcome. All proceeds for the church's community work.

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**Forward notice:** Thursday Aug 22, 7.30 – 9 pm Linked Worship Workshop. This is for anyone involved in preparing or presenting worship in any of our three congregations: lay teams, readers, prayers, powerpoint preparers – anyone! At this gathering we will be thinking about ways in which we can / already do use visual aids in worship, so that those of us who respond best to visual symbols are able to be better involved in the worship of God. We will also decide on scripture passages and themes for worship for October to December. Your ideas and suggestions will be valuable.

A quotation – credited to many over the years, but most likely from the medieval mystic Meister Eckhart – states, "If the only prayer you ever say in your entire life is *thank you*, it will be enough." Similarly, Psalm 50:23a states, "The one who offers thanksgiving is the one who honours me." It is faith that enables us to say the simple word "thanks"; this week's readings attest to that. Faith is more than mere belief. Rather, faith is about trust, and loyalty, and where we dare to invest ourselves. To say we have faith in God is to do more than simply say it – to have faith means to live a radically different way, trusting that tomorrow is taken care of in the hands of God. What does that say to how we live today? What impact might that have on your daily living?

Seasons of the Spirit

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Eschatology focuses this week's readings as we contemplate the coming of God's reign. Isaiah warns that God is not pleased with hollow worship and sacrifice. One must be cleansed by ceasing to do evil and by seeking justice. Likewise, the psalmist proclaims that salvation will be given to those whose sacrifice is praise and thanksgiving. In Hebrews, we are reminded of our ancestors' faith in things unseen, and of their hope in that which is yet to come. Luke tells us that God takes pleasure in opening God's realm to us. We must be alert, therefore, and ready to take action. God's reign is both here already and not yet fully realized. Such is the challenge of faith.

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