

Millennium Development Goals ~ Micah Challenge~ Finish the Race @ St Andrew's Portarlinton

In September 2000, Australia joined 188 member states of the United Nations and signed on to the Millennium Development Goals— a set of eight targets which aim to halve world poverty by 2015.

These goals included reducing the number of children dying before their fifth birthday by 2/3, reducing the number of mothers dying in childbirth by 3/4, and halving the number of people without access to a toilet. We committed to 'spare no effort' to free people from extreme poverty.

St Andrew's Justice & Mission Ministry team are planning a small *Finish the Race* event during our worship on Sunday Sept 8th. We will hear about what has been achieved and what is yet to be done. We will be encouraged to sign a petition to ask our Federal government to do its fair share to halve poverty by 2015 and we will gather to have our photo taken to register our support to *Finish the Race*.

A heartfelt invitation to everyone at worship at St Andrew's on Sept 8th to join in and help make a difference.

Like more information? Check out <http://www.micahchallenge.org.au/campaign-story>

Music at the Basilica will present "Of Angels and Mortals", a concert by a cappella trio Grace Notes this afternoon at the Basilica of St. Marys of the Angels, at 3.00pm. Tickets \$25 full. \$20 concession at the door. Children under 12 no charge.



Rosters for 1 September

PORTARLINGTON

Managers: David & Elizabeth Thompson

Morning tea : Marg Hutcheon, Sue Handley, Sylvia Blegg

Pastoral Care : Dorothy Knights

Prayers : Dorothy Knights

Reader : Jan Hall

Power Point: Catherine Eagleson

DRYSDALE

W@9

Kitchen Wayne's team

Counting Margo Jones

10.45am

Communion Elder: Joy Krahe

Prayers: Jen Davis

Readings: Tony Freemantle

Door: Vince King

Morning tea: Lavina Howard

Flowers: Brenda Jacobs

ST. LEONARDS

Welcome: Marj Wilson

Reading: Margo Jones

Pravers: Marao Jones



St Leonards



Portarlinton



Drysdale

Pentecost 14

Sunday 25 August 2013

The power of speech pulls together these disparate scripture readings. Jeremiah is afraid to speak because of his youthful inexperience. The psalmist cries out for God to lean down and listen to our pleas. Hebrews warns us of the impending doom for those who do not listen when God's servant speaks. And God's servant-child Jesus speaks and a woman is healed. Laying hands on her, Jesus faces the condemning words of the synagogue leader, and yet Jesus speaks out for the woman's right to be healed and freed from bondage, even on the Sabbath day. The power of speech is a mighty power indeed. As God speaks to and through us, we are empowered to transform the world into that unshakeable realm of love and justice.

Abingdon Worship Annual

LECTIONARY

August 25	Jeremiah 1: 4-10	Psalm 71: 1-6
Pentecost 14	Hebrews 12: 18-29	Luke 13: 10-17
Sept 1	Jeremiah 2: 4-13	Psalm 81:1, 10-16
Pentecost 15	Hebrews 13:1-8,15-16	Luke 14: 1, 7-14

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THIS WEEK IN OUR CONGREGATIONS

SUNDAY 25 August

Portarlinton

9.00 am Drysdale Lay Team

Drysdale

9.00 am Rev Marion Latham
Wayne's team assisting

10.45 am Drysdale Lay Team

St. Leonards

5.00pm Drysdale Lay Team

MONDAY 26 August

9.30am KYB at Linda's

2.00pm St. Leonards U.C.A.F

TUESDAY 27 August

7.30pm Bible Study at Handley's

WEDNESDAY 28 August

9.30 am-12.30pm Drysdale mainly
music

10:00 am Drysdale Coffee and Chat

7.30pm @ Springdale Combined
Bellarine church's prayer meeting:

THURSDAY 29 August

9.00am Drysdale & Portarlinton
Choir Practice

SUNDAY 1 September

Portarlinton

9.00 am Rev. Margaret Manning

Drysdale

9.00 am Rev Marion Latham HC
Jenni's team assisting

10.45 am Rev. Marion Latham HC
Loose change at both services

St. Leonards

5.00pm Rev. Marion Latham

OUR CONGREGATIONS NEWS

ST.LEONARDS

St. Leonards U.C.A.F. will meet at the church on tomorrow at 2.pm to "car pool" then go to the "Dunes" at Ocean Grove for afternoon tea.

Further info Marj 5257 1096

DRYSDALE

Bible Studies

Tuesday August 27th 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.

N.B. Will those attending please park in
Wyndham Street.

(Mind the new 'No Parking' signs)

U.C.A.F.

Drysdale U.C.A.F. will meet on
Wednesday 28 August at 1.30pm.

Marguerite and Merrilyn will show us an
"English Country Garden" All welcome.

Thank you

I would like to sincerely thank my church family for their prayers, thoughtfulness and support to us and my family during Bob's illness; it was a great comfort to him. Also many thanks to all who helped with Bob's funeral and for the loving messages. May God bless you. Mary Grieve

ALL OUR CONGREGATIONS

Fellowship Breakfast Meeting

The next Breakfast Meeting will be held at Portarlinton on Saturday 14th

September, commencing at 7.30am.

Guest speaker will be Mr. John Norman. John has recently retired from working with Uniting World and will give us some insights into what projects he has been involved with.

All members of the Linked Congregations and their friends are warmly invited to attend. Acceptances please to Barry Ruler on 5259 3304 bt Thursday evening 12th. September.

Prayer Hour for Elections

The forthcoming Federal Election is surrounded by issues relating to social justice for Australians and the rest of the world.

In view of this, Portarlinton UC will hold a prayer meeting for all candidates presenting for the election. This meeting will, of course, be apolitical and we will be praying that all candidates who are elected, whether to Government, Opposition or to the Cross Benches will pursue a course of social Justice, remembering especially the disadvantaged, the poor, the disempowered and marginalised and to push hard for the elimination of world poverty and seek world wide peace.

The meeting, open to the public, will be held at the Portarlinton UC on Tuesday 27th August, commencing at 2pm. All are warmly invited to attend. Details from Barry on 5259 3304.

Combined Bellarine church's prayer

meeting: Nearly three months ago, about 80 folk from churches across the Bellarine joined together in the Springdale community hall to pray for the various local churches and their outreach into their communities, for the Geelong region and our nation as a whole. The next combined quarterly prayer meeting is to be held at Springdale on Wednesday 28th August (see notice). It would be good and very desirable if more members of our UCA congregations were involved in this combined prayer meeting. Put this date in your diary and plan to attend.



St Andrew's Justice & Mission team invite you to support newly arrived refugees.

Most asylum seekers who are being temporarily settled in the Geelong Region under the 'No Advantage Visa' arrive with very little in the way of personal items. Queenscliff Rural Australians for Refugees (RAR) has initiated a program to distribute "Welcome Packs" to them.

It is a wonderful way to show support and to say "Welcome to our Community"

Can you please help support this project?

There is a *take home list* of the items needed in the Church Narthex.

