

This night...

greed creeps  
in soft socks  
so as not to wake  
our sleeping soul  
dreaming of the sheer abundance  
of being held  
not holding on

greed seeps  
in incremental leaps  
till woven through  
our night and day  
the threads of scarcity and fear  
of loss, of less  
become the fabric

greed peeps  
through tiny holes  
pin-pricked along  
the lines, the paper times,  
the covenant we seek to keep  
until they perforate  
and it's too late

who sent me  
to be a judge  
and an arbitrator  
over you?  
look inside  
look at your life  
this night

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## Rosters for 11 August

### PORTARLINGTON

**Managers:** Marg Hutcheon & Sue Handley

**Morning tea :** Bob & Wendy Sharp

**Pastoral Care :** David Hughes

**Prayers :** David Hughes

**Reader :** Lorraine Hughes

**Communion:** Barry Ruler, David Hughes, Jan Dryden

**Power Point. :** Joy Porter

### DRYSDALE

**W@9**

**Kitchen** Graeme's Team

**Counting** Glenda Vuillermin

**10.45am**

**Elder:** Marguerite Edgar

**Prayers:** Marguerite Edgar

**Readings:** Harvey Davis

**Door:** Hazel & Lindsay James

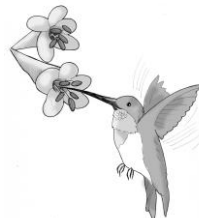
**Morning tea:** Win & Stan Baker

**Flowers:** Wilma Mansell

### ST. LEONARDS

**Combined - Anglican**

**Brass & Flowers:** June Blair & Joan Sadler



St Leonards



Portarlington



Drysdale

## Pentecost 10

**Sunday 4 August 2013**

A man in his 50s recently met his cousin for the first time. They had grown up only a few blocks apart but had been separated by a family feud – it seems their fathers had argued over the inheritance of an end table of no particular value. Such is the nature of covetousness. And yet such, too, is the nature of reconciliation. This week's scriptures address both issues. We are challenged to live rich toward God. Easier said than done, perhaps. Yet – albeit in perhaps a backhanded way – Jesus tells us that it can be as simple as remembering to share from our surplus. We simply do not have the right to hoard; when we remember that, everyone benefits.

*Seasons of the Spirit*

## LECTIONARY

August 4	Hosea 11: 1-11	Psalms 107: 1-0, 43
Pentecost 11 (18)	Colossians 3:1-11	Luke 12: 13-21
August 11	Isaiah 1: 1, 10-20	Psalms 50: 1-8, 22-23
Pentecost 12	Hebrews 11: 1-3, 8-16	Luke 12: 32-40

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## THIS WEEK IN OUR CONGREGATIONS

### SUNDAY 4 August

#### Portarlington

9am Rev Ian Porter

#### Drysdale

10.45 am Rev, Marion Latham H.C.

9.00 am W@9 Rev. Marion Latham H.C.

Graeme's team assisting

*Loose change & food bank @ both services*

#### St. Leonards

5.00 pm Rev. Marion Latham

### MONDAY 5 August

7.30 pm Grow & Learn team

### WEDNESDAY 7 August

9.30 am-12.30pm Drysdale mainly music

10:00 am Drysdale Coffee and Chat

### THURSDAY 8 August

9.00am Drysdale & Portarlington Choir Practice

### 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

Worship @ 9 Café Church

10.00 am Mrs. Pat Williams



## OUR CONGREGATIONS NEWS

### ST. LEONARDS

Don't forget the **film afternoon today** at the Leopold theatre , Arden St.

The film is "Quartet" with Maggie Smith

Time 1.30pm . Cost \$14.00 includes afternoon tea.

**St. Leonards UCAF** has received an invitation from Geelong East UCAF. to attend a Danny Blume afternoon at 2pm on Monday August 5<sup>th</sup>. Entry \$7.00. Afternoon tea. If anyone is interested in going please ring Marj Wilson on 5257 1096, Marj will supply transport.

### DRYSDALE

#### Film afternoon

Come along to our Film Afternoon at the Gaynor Leopold Theatre on Sunday 11 August. 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

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

(Mind the new 'No Parking' signs)

## ALL OUR CONGREGATIONS

### Portarlington Fellowship Breakfast.

The August Meeting will be held on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> August, at 7.30am. We will be showing a DVD entitled 'Between the Devil and the Deep Blue Sea'. Human rights worker Jessie Taylor travelled across Indonesia and talked to 250 Asylum Seekers in jails, detention centres and hostels to explore what pushed them to get on leaky boats and come across to Australia. The DVD takes about 55 minutes so we will be starting right on 7.30am and moving along so we can have questions and comments and be finished by our usual time of 9.00am.

All members of the linked Congregations and their friends are warmly invited to attend.

Acceptances to Barry Ruler on 5259 3304 by Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> August

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### 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.

This week's readings starkly contrast a life of reliance on wealth with a life of dependence upon God and God's abundant blessings. Hosea prophesies judgment against Israel's idolatry and unfaithfulness; yet from a loving parent, forgiveness is offered and deliverance is promised. The psalmist calls for praise and thanksgiving in response to the Lord's abundant acts of love on behalf of God's people. Colossians reveals that through Christ's life in us, Christians are called to seek the values of heaven over the values of earth. Greed in any form is to be avoided. Because we are the same in Christ, we are to discover our life in Christ and seek to become like God. In the parable of the rich fool, Luke likewise offers a warning against greed. Although the wealthy man feels secure and comfortable in his earthly riches, such wealth becomes meaningless in death. Christ challenges his followers to seek a rich relationship with God instead of material wealth.

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