

THE UNITING CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA



Order of Saint Stephen

Called to Serve

- If you are aged 18+, the Uniting Church provides opportunities for service to the Church and its wider missions through the Order of St. Stephen.
- Challenge yourself to give a year of supported service. May be served full or part time.
- Many ways and places to serve.
- Respond to God in practical and new ways.

To discuss skills, areas of interest and placement opportunities, please contact the Vic/Tas Synod Coordinator, Kerry Gosbell.

Contact details can be found on the CTM website.

A request from Marion

Often I come back to the Manse to find that the little red light on my answering machine is blinking madly. There have been several phone calls, but I have no way of knowing who has phoned or whether it is urgent. Most frustrating! Whereas, if you phone my mobile phone and I have been naughty and left my mobile phone at home or I am somewhere where it needs the sound turned off, I can often see the number of the person who has phoned.

If you phone me and I'm unable to answer, please leave your name so that I can phone you back. You have paid for the call: make it worth the money.

Rosters for 2nd March

Portarlington

Managers: David & Lorraine Hughes

Morning Tea: Keith & Heather Pigdon

Pastoral Care: Margaret Campbell

Prayers: Margaret Campbell

Readings: Malcolm Campbell

PowerPoint: Catherine Eagleson

Drysdale

9.00 am

Kitchen: Graeme's Team

Counting: Sue Polley

10.45 am

Communion Elder: Ken Handley

Duty Elder & Prayers: Pat Handley

Reading: Harvey Davis

Door: Wilma Mansell

Morning Tea: M & T Freemantle

Flowers: Lynda Smith

St Leonards

Welcoming: Marj Wilson

Reading & Prayers: Marj Wilson

Brass : Margo Jones

Epiphany 7

Sunday, 23 February 2014

Leviticus urges us to be holy, for God is holy. Paul takes this a step further by saying that because God's Spirit dwells within us, we are God's temple. And because God is holy, we are holy temples. We just need to start to acting like it. The psalmist suggests we do this by following God's precepts. Jesus suggests we do this through love—a love that makes us perfect, even as God is perfect. Such perfection is attained by loving our enemies and returning good for evil—for God makes the sun rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the unrighteous and the righteous (Matthew 5:45). For Jesus, perfection is found in love's perfection.

Abingdon Worship Annual

LECTIONARY

23 February	Lev 19: 1-2, 9-18	Ps 119: 33-40
Epiphany 7	1 Cor 3: 10-11, 16-23	Mt 5: 38-48
2 March	Ex.24: 12-18	Ps. 2 or 99
Transfiguration of Jesus	2 Pt. 1: 16-21	Mt. 17:1-9

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THIS WEEK IN OUR CONGREGATIONS:

Sunday, 23 February

Portarlinton

9.00 am Drysdale Lay Team

12 noon Fellowship Lunch

Drysdale

9.00 am Worship @ 9 Rev. Marion Latham (Graeme's Team Assisting)

10.45 am Drysdale Lay Team

St Leonards

7.00 pm Drysdale Lay Team

Monday, 24 February

9.00 am KYB

2.00 pm St Leonards UCAF

Wednesday, 26 February

9.30 am – 12.45 pm mainly music

10.00 am Drysdale Coffee and Chat

1.30pm Drysdale U.C.A.F.

Thursday, 27 February

9.00 am Drysdale & Portarlinton Choir practices

7.30 pm Corporate Prayer

Friday, 28 February

9.15 am – 10.00 am Friday School

Sunday, 2 March

Portarlinton

9.00 am Mrs Pat Williams

Drysdale

9.00 am Worship @ 9 Rev Marion Latham, Jenni's Team assisting

10.45 am Rev Marion Latham
HC, Loose change and Foodbank at both services

St Leonards

7.00 pm Rev Marion Latham

OUR CONGREGATIONS NEWS

DRYSDALE

Pancake Dinner

This year's pancake fundraising event will be held at the church on Tuesday, 4 March, 5.30 pm to 7.30 pm with an all you can eat pancake meal, \$15 adults, \$5 under 12.

The focus for funds raised this year is homeless Australians. How about you get a table of your friends to come along for wonderful food and fellowship and supporting a great cause?

While tickets can be purchased on the night we encourage you to purchase your tickets before hand to help with catering. Tickets available from Val Lestrangle or Jenni Nickelson.

Working Bee

8 am – Noon Saturday, 1st March
Garden & General Maintenance
All encouraged to do their bit!

Toolbox Parenting Program

A session for parents of 0-6 year olds will be held at the Drysdale Church Hall on Tuesday evenings for 6 weeks from 4 March. Please pass this information on to anyone you may think interested.

Further details available from the Facilitator, Val Lestrangle, 5251 3125.

PORTARLINGTON

Annual Elections and Annual Congregation Meeting will be held on

Sunday 9 March, immediately following worship, then morning tea.

Election of Office Bearers for the congregation will take place at the meeting and nominations will be taken from the floor.

After 11 years as our Presbytery Representative, Lorraine Hughes is retiring from this important position. Lorraine has been a wonderful representative, always bringing back to Church Council very full and interesting reports. Our thanks go to Lorraine for a job very well done. We are now calling for a new Presbytery Representative to be elected to that position. The job entails attending Presbytery Meetings during the year (these are generally held on a Saturday several times a year) and reporting back to Church Council. The Presbytery Rep becomes a member of Church Council.

Any member interested should speak to either Lorraine Hughes (Chair Congregation) David Hughes, (Chair Church Council) or Barry Ruler (Secretary.) Please give this position serious consideration.

There is no need for an election for Church Council this year (other than for the Presbytery Rep.) as no other church councillor's term expires.

Portarlinton Fellowship Breakfast

The March meeting will be held on Saturday, 8th March at 7.30 a.m. The Guest Speaker will be Mr. Wayne Myers who has had a lifetime involvement with the scouting movement

at the highest levels and will speak about the "Geelong & Nauru Scouting Connection".

Justice and Mission

The JAM Committee at St Andrew's in Portarlinton will begin a Justice letter-writing group, at St Andrew's on FRIDAY FEBRUARY 28TH at 10am. The inaugural morning tea will be a celebratory scones, jam and cream event! Please bring writing paper, envelopes and stamps. Information and assistance for letter writing will be offered. Bring your own laptop with battery if you prefer to send an e-mail or two. The letters will reflect the concerns outlined by the synod in the current February issue of "Just Focus". All welcome. Inquiries to Merilyn Bertram 5251 1102.

ST LEONARDS

Uniting Church Adult Fellowship

St Leonards UCAF will meet for a business meeting on Monday, 24 February at Church Hall.

Queries to Marj Wilson 52571096

FOR ALL CONGREGATIONS

Corporate Prayer

Corporate Prayer with the churches of the Bellarine is on Thursday night, 27 February at 7.30 pm in the Christian College assembly hall, Collins Street, Drysdale. All welcome.