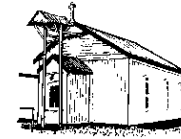


THE UNITING CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA



FOR ALL CONGREGATIONS

CRAG (Combined Refugee Action Group) public forum in Geelong on 18 February.

'We are One, but We are Many', Working Towards a Humane Refugee Policy

Tuesday 18 February 2014, 7.15 p.m. at Geelong West Town Hall (rear entry from car park), 153 Pakington Street, Geelong West.

Speakers

Kon Karapanagiotidis, CEO and Founder of the Asylum Seeker Resource Centre, now the largest provider of aid, advocacy and health services for asylum seekers in Australia.

Bishop Vincent Long, Auxiliary Bishop, Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne, Bishop for the Western Region and a former asylum seeker and refugee, who has enriched the fabric of our community.

Professor Louise Newman, Psychiatrist, Convenor of the Alliance of Health Professions for Asylum Seekers, and an advocate for the rights of asylum seekers and refugees.

Rosters for 16 February

Portarlington

Managers: Harold & Heather Gould

Morning Tea: David & Elizabeth Thompson

Pastoral Care & Prayers: Rev Ian Porter

Reader: Joy Porter

PowerPoint: Margaret Campbell

Drysdale

9.00 am

Kitchen: Jenni's Team

Counting: Lesley Taylor

10.45 am

Duty Elder & Prayers: Pat Handley

Readings: Joy Krahe

Door: Joy Krahe

Morning Team: Brenda Jacobs & Alma Milvain

Flowers: Marguerite Edgar

St Leonards

Welcoming: Miriam Tobin

Reading: Marion McGillivray

Prayers: Margo Jones

Brass & Flowers: Shirley Hadden

Thought for the day:

You are confined only by the walls you build yourself.

Epiphany 5

Sunday, 9 February 2014

Combining the salt and light passages from Isaiah and Matthew sheds a new perspective on the meaning of discipleship. Followers of Christ fulfil the law and the prophets by answering Isaiah's call to justice as the path to divine connection. When the Israelites turned their back on justice and compassion, they lost their connection with God. But in receiving the judgment that justice must be the centre of a godly life, we are all given the good news that God is with us in our justice-seeking and our compassion-giving. Our light breaks forth like the dawn and shines brightly upon the hill for all to see. Our lives are salty with Christ-like love and mercy when we feed the hungry, house the homeless, and break the yokes of injustice and oppression. Let the light shine!

Abingdon Worship Annual

LECTIONARY

9 February Epiphany 5	Isaiah 58: 1-9a (9b-12) 1 Cor 2: 1-12 (13-16)	Psalms 112: 1-9 (10) Matthew 5: 13-20
16 February Epiphany 6	Deut 30: 15-20 1 Cor 3: 1-9	Psalms 119: 1-8 Mt 5: 21-37

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THIS WEEK IN OUR CONGREGATIONS:

Sunday, 9 February

Portarlington

9.00 am Rev Ian Porter,
loose change and food bank

Drysdale

9.00 am Café Church
10.45 am Pat Williams

St Leonards

9.00 am Combined Anglican HC

Monday, 10 February

9.00 am KYB
1.30 pm Portarlington UCAF

Tuesday, 11 February

7.30 pm Portarlington Worship C'ttee
7.30 pm Drysdale Property Committee

Wednesday, 12 February

9.30 am – 12.30 pm mainly music
10.00 am Drysdale Coffee and Chat
4.00 pm Preaching Plan meeting @
Pat Williams
7.30 pm Portarlington Res. C'ttee

Thursday, 13 February

9.00 am Drysdale & Portarlington
Choir practices
7.30 pm Portarlington Church Council

Friday, 14 February

9.15 am – 10.00 am Friday School

Saturday, 15 February

8.00 am Drysdale Prayer Breakfast @
The Zoo, Drysdale

Sunday, 16 February

Portarlington

9.00 am Rev Marion Latham

Drysdale

9.00 am Worship @ 9 Graeme's Team
10.45 am Rev Marion Latham

St Leonards

7.00 pm Rev Marion Latham HC
Loose change & food bank

OUR CONGREGATIONS NEWS

DRYSDALE

Annual Meeting

Tony Freemantle and Colleen Diamond were re-elected as Congregation Chair and Secretary at the meeting last week along with elders Vince King, John Macgillivray, Ian McLaverty and Jenni Nickelson. The annual report has been added to the web site and the annual report and financial statements are available in the foyer for those unable to be at the meeting.

Loose Change Offering

The annual meeting agreed that our project for this year would be Samaritan House for Geelong's homeless men. Thank you to those who contributed to last week's offering.

Office Bearer Prayer Gathering

Come along on Wednesday 12 February at 7.30 pm to pray about the vacant Treasurer position. Wayne Myers is acting in this role following the resignation of Harvey Davis.

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.

Prayer Breakfast

The Prayer Breakfast is a monthly event held from 8 am to 9 am on the third Saturday morning at the Zoo cafe in Drysdale where we enjoy as hearty a breakfast as we wish, great fellowship, the hospitality of the Zoo staff and consider a variety of aspects of prayer.

This year we will be using as our guide a resource by Ann Siddall to help us reflect on practising the presence of God through the hours of the day. After breakfast is served, we will have time to pray together. We will welcome anyone who would like to share this time with us and is interested in enriching their own prayer life. Why not come and see?

The first Prayer Breakfast for 2014 will be on Saturday, February 15 at 8 am. Bring your Bible and a prayer diary or notebook.

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. A reminder to Ministry Team leaders that your annual report should be emailed to Barry Ruler (bruler@bigpond.com) by no later than 14 February 2014.

U.C.A.F.

The Commitment Service to start the U.C.A.F. year is on Monday, 10 February at 1.30 pm in the church. Everyone is invited to share in this start of activities for 2014. The offering will be donated to a clinic providing eye care in Vanuatu. Afternoon tea will follow the service. For any queries, contact Elizabeth on 5259 2442.

Portarlington Fellowship Lunch

A note for your diary - lunch at the Portarlington Golf Club on Sunday 23 February at 12 noon. Please let Jan Hall know if you will be attending.