

THE UNITING CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA

ALL OUR CONGREGATIONS

Another Thought on the lectionary

Divine and human judgment focus these readings. God uses a plumb line in Amos to judge Israel, finding it wanting. The psalmist calls upon God to take up the roll of judge once again, wondering whether God has ignored the sins of the wicked and the powerful to the detriment of the weak and the orphan. Paul has heard of the faith of the Colossians and has judged them worthy of their calling. Faithfulness leads to growth in grace, love, truth, and life. Asked by a lawyer, "Who is my neighbour?" Jesus tells the well-known parable of the Good Samaritan and asks the man to judge for himself who a neighbour is. Although we often react negatively to the idea of judging, these passages make clear that sound judgment can be a righteous enterprise. We are called to righteous judgment, without becoming judgmental.

Abingdon Worship Annual

Rosters for 21 July

PORTARLINGTON

Managers: Keith & Heather Pigdon
Morning tea: Ken & Elaine Farnell
Pastoral Care : Keith Pigdon
Prayers : Keith Pigdon
Reader : Lorraine Hughes
Power Point Preparer Pam Pryor

DRYSDALE

W@9
Kitchen Graeme's Team
Counting Jenni Nickelson

10.45am

Elder & Prayers: Joy Krahe
Readings: Bob Stevenson
Door: Vince King
Morning tea: Brenda Jacobs & Alma Milvain
Flowers: Jonnie Mander

ST. LEONARDS

Welcoming: Miriam Tobin
Reading : Marion McGillvray
Prayer: Marj Wilson
Brass & Flowers: Marj Wilson



St Leonards



Portarlington



Drysdale

Pentecost 8

Sunday 14 July 2013

The story of the Samaritan is told by Jesus to a teacher of the law, who is simply trying to determine who his neighbour is. This is no trivial question: until the time of Jesus, neighbour simply meant fellow Jew. But Jesus has widened that understanding to include people of other races as well as Jews who have been on the margins of society. It would appear the lawyer is serious in his intent. But is he ready for the response Jesus gives? "Go and be like the Samaritan," Jesus tells the lawyer. Go and respond to the needs of those you encounter; treat every human being with love and justice. Great ideas; how realistically might we do that?

Seasons of the Spirit

LECTIONARY

July 14	Amos 7:7-17	Psalm 82
Pentecost 8 (15)	Colossians 1:1-14	Luke 10:25-37
July 21	Amos 8:1-12	Psalm 52
Pentecost 9 (16)	Colossians 1:15-28	Luke 10:38-42

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THIS WEEK IN OUR CONGREGATIONS

SUNDAY 14 July

Portarlington

9.00am Rev. Marion Latham HC
Loose change and Food bank

Drysdale

Worship @ 9 Wayne's Team
10.45am Rev. Malcolm Campbell

St Leonards

9.00am Combined with Anglican
Rev. Malcolm Campbell .
Holy Communion UCA

MONDAY 15 July

9.30am KYB Bible Study

TUESDAY 16 July

10.30am Drysdale Grove Service

WEDNESDAY 17 July

9.30am-12.30pm Drysdale mainly music
10:00am Drysdale Coffee and Chat

THURSDAY 18 July

9.00am Drysdale & Portarlington
Choir Practice
11.00am Ann Nichol Service

FRIDAY 19 July

9.15-10.00am Drysdale Friday School

SATURDAY 20 July

8.00am Drysdale Prayer Breakfast

SUNDAY 21 July

Portarlington

9.00am John Norman

Drysdale

Worship @ 9 Denise's Team
10.45am John Norman

St Leonards

5.00pm Rev. Malcolm Campbell .
HC *Loose change and Food bank*

OUR CONGREGATIONS NEWS

DRYSDALE

Loose Change

Our offering for water supply in Papua New Guinea resulted in \$87.45 . Thanks to all.

U.C.A.F.

Drysdale U.C.A.F. will meet on Wednesday 24th July at 1.30 pm. Our speaker is John Norman who works for Uniting World New Guinea. Wilma and Jen are our hosts. All are welcome

Something to think about

Have you thought about what type of funeral you would like? Does your family know your wishes? You may have a favourite Bible passage, hymn or message you would like incorporated. Over the past year some of our church members have attended funerals of past members and have felt disappointed that the service did not adequately acknowledge their friend's deep faith and enjoyment of being part of the local church family. This has happened usually because the bereaved families are not involved with the church and tend to forget that their loved ones have been.

Other families have been grateful to their loved ones who have left them clear suggestions about favourite hymns, Bible readings and other arrangements that acknowledge the spiritual life of that loved one. In these cases arranging the funeral has been far less stressful for all concerned.

The Pastoral Care Team has decided to strongly suggest to you that you take some time to pray and think about how you would like your funeral to be conducted, to discuss it with your family, document your wishes and put with your will. Then you can forget about it and get on with living the rest of your life!

To help you, if you feel you may need it, we have developed a short list of questions and suggestions. A copy is available in the foyer for anyone who would like to take one. This document, of course, has no legal standing. It is an opportunity for you to give this your consideration and to express your wishes for you and your family if you wish to do so.

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 tea/coffee and biscuit afternoon tea. The film chosen is the highly acclaimed "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 - there are only 49 seats so buy your ticket early.

PORTARLINGTON

Loose Change Offerings from July 2013

2 very special projects will receive our support for the 2nd half of this year **Kids Plus** is an agency in Geelong which aims to provide specialist intensive therapy programs for children with neuro developmental disabilities (including children with cerebral palsy, brain injury, and stroke). They especially provided therapy to children who would not otherwise have access to the therapy either due to cost or distance.

Leer Community Midwifery Training School in South Sudan is a project training community midwives who provide ante and post natal care for women in one of the poorest places in the world. This is a UnitingWorld project in partnership with the Presbyterian Relief and Development Agency. Please take a flyer today to become more informed about this important work and how our offerings can assist.

ST. LEONARDS

Film Afternoon

The Anglican Church is holding a film afternoon on August 4th at the Leopold theatre , Arden St. The film is "Quartet" with Maggie Smith Time 1.30pm . Cost \$14.00 includes afternoon tea.

Tickets from Helen Steogen 52572294

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