

When
 we would take our
 fears, doubts, broken dreams
 and set them to death's
 mournful dirge,
 you take them, rearranging the notes
 and rewriting the lyrics for
 drums, electric guitar, tambourines
 and keyboard,
 singing a new song
 of joy
 to us.

Composer of Creation,
 we give you the glory!

When
 the world considers us
 second-rate,
 putting us out on the
 BOGO clearance table
 on the sidewalk,
 you come under the awning,
 telling the proprietor
 to put us on your
 card
 (which you will
 pay in full
 before the next billing cycle
 begins).

Liberator of our lives,
 We give you the glory!

When
 day after day,
 we cannot seem
 to break the cycles of
 legalism,
 cynicism,
 apathy,
 you come, proclaiming
 the good news,
 speaking the Word
 which heals
 us.

Spirit of Peace, we give you the glory!

Thom M. Shuman

Rosters for 9 June

PORTARLINGTON

Managers: Keith & Heather Pigdon
Morning tea: Cath & Alex Eagleson
Pastoral Care: Elaine Farnell
Prayers: Celtic Festival Service
Power Point Preparation: Margaret Campbell

DRYSDALE_ W@9

Kitchen: Graeme's Team
Counting: Glenda Vullermin

DRYSDALE 10.45am

Duty Elder/Prayers: Bob Stevenson
Readings: Vince King
Door: Wilma Mansell
Morning Tea: Margaret Jeffery & Val Place
Flowers: Pat Handley

ST.LEONARDS

Combined Anglican
Brass & Flowers: Helen Steogen

Some thoughts on getting old:

Some people, no matter how old they get, never lose their beauty - they merely move it from their faces into their hearts.

Martin Buxbaum

You know you're getting old when everything hurts. And what doesn't hurt doesn't work.

Hy Gardner

There is always a lot to be thankful for, if you take the time to look. For example, I'm sitting here thinking how nice it is that wrinkles don't hurt.

Anonymous

THE UNITING CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA



St Leonards



Portarlington



Drysdale

Pentecost 3

Sunday 2 June 2013

Even those who profess God with their lips often reject God's gifts and grace through their actions. The Israelites fell into idolatrous worship of Baal. The Galatians were confused by new teachings that rejected the grace and guidance of Christ. The scribes and Pharisees rejected Jesus, even as a centurion turned to him for a healing miracle. Who is this Jesus who would heal the slave of a Roman leader? Who is this God who would send down fire to show even the prophets of Baal that Yahweh is God of all creation, Saviour of all the nations, Lover of all peoples? This is our God. This is the God we worship. This is the God we serve. But the gifts and grace of God are not for us alone, they are for all of God's creation and all of the earth's peoples.

Abingdon Worship Annual

LECTIONARY

June 2	1 Kings 18:20-21 (22-29) 30-39	Psalm 96
Pentecost 2 (9)	Galatians 1:1-12	Luke 7:1-10
June 9	1 Kings 17:8-16 (17-24)	Psalm 146
Pentecost 3 (10)	Galatians 1:11-24	Lk 7:11-17

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THIS WEEK IN OUR CONGREGATIONS

SUNDAY 2 June

Portarlinton

9.00am Rev. Margaret Manning

Drysdale

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

10.45am Rev. Marion Latham
Holy Communion, Loose Change and Food Bank both services

St Leonards

5.00pm Rev. Marion Latham

MONDAY 3 June

9.30am KYB Bible Study

1.30pm Portarlinton UCAF

WEDNESDAY 5 June

9.30am -12:30pm Drysdale mainly music

10:00am Drysdale Coffee and Chat

THURSDAY 6 June

9.00am Drysdale & Portarlinton
Choir Practice

FRIDAY 7 June

9.15-10.00am Drysdale Friday School

SUNDAY 9 June

Portarlinton

9.00am Celtic Service Rev. Al MacRae

Drysdale

9.00am Worship @ 9 Cafe Church
Wayne's Team assisting

10.45am Mr Martin Kent

St Leonards

9.00am Combined HC Anglican

OUR CONGREGATIONS NEWS

DRYSDALE

Fundraising Dinner and Concert

Members of all congregations are invited to attend Drysdale's Annual Fundraising Dinner and Concert to be held on Saturday, 22 June, 6.00m for 6.15pm in the church hall.

A delicious 3 course meal will be followed by entertainment from the *Coryule* Chorus, and not to be missed. We have lost our stalwart, Claude Stanley, who has organised the concert for many years, so let's make this a night to remember and a tribute to Claude.

Tickets are now available from Val Lestrangle or Harvey Davis at only \$15 each. Please get your tickets early so we know our numbers.

PORTARLINGTON

UCAF

The June meeting of the Portarlinton UCAF will be on Monday, 3 June, early due to the June long weekend. The meeting will be held in the meeting room at 1.30pm for a time of Fun and Games.

Everyone is welcome. For any enquiries, contact Margaret Campbell on 52592521.

Portarlinton Fellowship Breakfast

Saturday 15 June

The next breakfast meeting at Portarlinton will be on Saturday 15 June at 7.30am. This is one week later

than usual, due to the Celtic Festival at Portarlinton over the long weekend.

Guest Speaker will be Mr. Geoff Pryor and his topic will be "IS Family History?" Knowing Geoff as we do, this is bound to be a very interesting address. All members of the Linked congregations and their friends are warmly invited to attend.

Acceptance please to Barry on 52593304 by Thursday evening 13 June.

Please disregard the incorrect entry in the last edition of the Newssheet – I just got the date wrong! The meeting is on Saturday 15 June, at 7.30am. Thanks Barry Ruler.

ST. LEONARDS

St. Leonards UCAF

St Leonards UCAF would like to thank all who attended our musical afternoon with Peter Breen on Monday 26 May.

It was a time of fellowship and blessing.

FOR ALL CONGREGATIONS

Some truth about Asylum Seekers and Refugees

Boat People Should Join the Queue – or should they?

The most common and dangerous myths about asylum seekers who arrive by boat are that they should 'join the queue' and that they are taking the place of 'real' refugees. In countries like Iraq and Afghanistan, there is no 'queue' for

asylum seekers to join, as there is nowhere to have their applications assessed. Australia is the only country in the world that has a policy of reducing its offshore refugee intake for every one person who is accepted as a refugee after making a claim onshore. This link has contributed significantly to the perception that asylum seekers arriving by boat are 'queue jumpers' taking the place of more deserving and legitimate refugees residing in refugee camps overseas.

The Uniting Church has been advocating for many years that one of the most important contributions the Government can make to end the myth of the 'queue' would be to break the link between the onshore protection program and the offshore resettlement program. The onshore and offshore programs are designed to serve very different purposes. As a signatory to the Refugee Convention and Protocol, Australia has a responsibility to process the claims of asylum seekers seeking protection within our jurisdiction. The offshore resettlement program is a voluntary contribution Australia makes to the international effort to resettle refugees for whom no other durable solution is available.